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Dear Divine Devotees and Well-wishers,

Namaste. With gratitude I offer my humble pranams at the Lotus Feet of Sri Ramakrishna Deva, Ma Sarada Devi and Swamiji Maharaj for the welfare of you all. May the Supreme Lord of the Universe fill your pure heart with everlasting Peace, Pure Love for the Divine and unending Bliss of Spiritual Enlightenment. My love and blessings to you and your family.

We feel delighted to think of our well-wishers, for, apart from their status and greatness, they have enshrined in their hearts the highest human ideal of seeking man's evolution to god-hood and the global welfare. We are thankful and feel extremely grateful to you for having shown your timely support at many times for the Global Monument of Swami Vivekananda, the 100Feet Monolithic Statue of His in standing form and for your willingness to be with us in this Divine Mission.

Through this letter we wish to update you the various developments and work progress, of Global Monument of Swami Vivekananda project that has happened to date. As you know, a suitable stone was identified in a quarry near Jarkala, on the Udupi-Hiriadka-Karkala district road and the first two layers of debris that was covering the stone was removed and on getting the confirmation about the availability of the stone, an application for the quarrying permission was given to Department of Mines and Geology in October 2012. After one and a half years of constant follow on 05.03.2014, the Honourable State Government of Karnataka finally granted permission for stone extraction under special category. However, during the technical clearance process of re-survey and demarcation, it was found that there was an error in the revenue sketch given by government surveyor and the area allotted to us was already leased to some other person.

Also a suitable land for erection of the Monument was identified at a distance of 1.5Kms from the quarry site. After the necessary technical and feasibility study by a team of experts, it was planned to transport the statue to erection site by widening this 1.5Kms stretch of road with the help of a 720 wheeled custom made trailor. The execution of this plan of land acquisition, road making, trailor for transport, statue carving and erection was estimated to cost approximately around Rs.120crores, with almost 60% of the total estimated cost going towards the road widening and trailor. The advisory committee for the Global Monument of Swami Vivekananda was of the opinion that we have to reduce the cost of project and the only possible way to do so was to avoid the widening of road and the transportation of statue by trailor. Taking all the above factors into consideration and relying on the Divine, fresh efforts were started around July-2014 for searching a suitable new quarry for stone extraction with an option of purchasing the immediate adjacent land for the erection of the Monument.

As the time tested proverb says "Anything that happens, happens for good. Accept whatever that happens to be a definite Divine Will and keep putting your effort", so did this proverb prove itself true once again. Finally after a yearlong search and constant efforts, by infinite grace of SRI RAMAKRISHNA DEVA, HOLY MOTHER SRI SARADA DEVI and SWAMIJI MAHARAJ, a suitable new quarry for extraction of the stone block for Monument was identified, just 4.5Kms from the famous heritage town of Karkala. After a thorough study to ensure that, the newly identified quarry is completely free from occupation and not leased or allocated to anybody else, it was applied to The Honourable State Government of Karnataka for revision of the permission previously given to the new quarry. We are pleased and happy to inform you that the Honourable State Government of Karnataka has considered our request and granted the revised permission under special

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category for the stone extraction in the new quarry and the process of technical clearances like Environment Clearance, survey & demarcation etc. is under progress. Everything going well as planned, these processes are expected to get completed in another four months.

Also just adjacent to quarry agricultural land to the extent of 10.5 acres, has been identified for erection of monument and agreement has been made with the present owner for the purchase of the same. The land identified is gifted with a natural solid rock platform, ideal for the erection of the monument and picturesque background view of the Nakre Kallu hillock adds to the aesthetic beauty of the land. We have applied to the District Commissioner of Udupi District to grant special permission for purchase of the agricultural land in the name of the Trust. The approval process is under progress. This new plan of erecting the statue on the land just adjacent to stone extraction site has brought down the project cost by 60% to approximately Rs.50 crores.

As a first stage of project execution, the Board of Trustees are of opinion that the land acquisition has to be completed first. All positive efforts are being made for raising the amount of Rs.3.5 crores required for the purchase of the land, by means of donation and we hope that the land acquisition should be completed in another 6 months with the help of the well-wishers and generous public. On completion of land acquisition we intend to execute the second stage of cutting the quarry to prepare the required stone block of 110 feet X 32 feet X 20 feet for the Monument carving.

We shall keep you updated about the progress of this Divine work at regular intervals. This is a project of historical importance, which is possible only by the power of unremitting Spiritual Grace of the Lord. We request you to pray to the Almighty, so that this Global Monument of SWAMI VIVEKANANDA will stand tall very soon, to bless the entire world. Please do visit the Ashrama once, so that we can take you to the Monument site and show the quarry and land in person.

We thank you once again for your patronage and ever extended support.

With lots of love and blessings,

Date : 29.02..2016

Place : Bailur Math

ever yours in the service of the lord

Sw. Vinayakananda

(Swami Vinayakanandji Maharaj)
Spiritual Mentor



An artist's imaginary view of Global Monument of Swami Vivekananda with actual background of Nakre Kallu Hillock