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Dated the 30th September, 2015

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 1.5383 ha. deemed 'forest' land with private ownership in Sy. No. 146/57 A1 E1 of Neriya village in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for establishment of 24 MW Mini Hydel Scheme in favour of M/s SLV Power Private Ltd.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No.FEE 57 FLL 2014 dated 30/03/2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval in-principle (**Stage-I**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.5383 ha. deemed 'forest' land with private ownership in Sy. No. 146/57 A1 E1 of Neriya village in Belthangady Taluk, Dakshina Kannada District for establishment of 24 MW Mini Hydel Scheme in favour of M/s SLV Power Private Ltd., Mangalore, for a period of 20 years, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) The status of land as "deemed forest" shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the deemed forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) The cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over equivalent non-forest land (1.5383 ha.) in Sy.No.146/57/A3/D9 of Neriya village, Belthangady Taluk shall be deposited by the user agency.
- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted deemed forest land of 1.5383 ha. from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- (v) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted deemed forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

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- (vi) The cost of execution of the Catchment Area Treatment plan shall be deposited by the User Agency.
- (vii) The User Agency shall make online payment of the cost of CA, NPV and CAT Plan with Adhoc- CAMPA through e-payment module of Forest Clearance portal- forestclearance.nic.in.
- (viii) Only minimum number of trees shall be cut based on the actual requirement of the project, as proposed by State Government.
- (ix) The weir should be kept open for drinking of water by wild animals. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (x) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.5383 ha.
- (xi) Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

After receipt of the compliance report on the above conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Use of forest land for non-forest use by User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



(S.M. Somashekar)

Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. M/s SLV Power Private Ltd., YMK Compound, Ashok Nagar, Mangalore – 575 006 (Karnataka).
5. Guard file.



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Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

o/c 30/9/15 20/9/15