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Dated 09<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Andhra Pradesh. Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravathi

Subject: Diversion of 0.490 ha of protected Forest land in Odalarevu village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14' dia Duel pipeline & Umbilical from Land fall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 3227/Section.II/2015 dated 15.07.2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 21.08.2015. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No.3227/Section.II/2015 dated 20.12.2016 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.490 ha of protected Forest land in Odalarevu village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14' dia Duel pipeline & Umbilical from Land fall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall undertake planting of 10 times of the trees proposed to be felled in degraded forest land by the amount remitted by the User Agency.

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- (iii) Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted 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 the User Agency.
- (iv) The pipeline shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying of the pipeline.
- (v) User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 before commencement of the work.
- (vi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (vii) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in construction activity do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- (viii) The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove.
- (ix) Work shall be taken up during day time only. No work shall be carried out during night time.
- (x) User Agency shall undertake soil conservation measures or any other specific measure as specified in the future by the State Forest Department around the forest area proposed for diversion at the project cost.
- (xi) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sub lease to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
- (xii) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.49 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.
- (xiii) User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xiv) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

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- (xv) The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the DFO in Sl No 12 (V) of part II i.e. in forest land 112.087 ha and non forest land 1579.294 ha shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal.
- (xvi) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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