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Date 7th February, 2022

To,

The Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-
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Subject: Diversion of 0.11 ha. of forest land falling in Compt. No. 973, K. Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 m. with a width of 2 m. in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for the hatchery- Reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 997 /Section.II/2020 dated 22.07.2021 and online proposal No FP/AP/Pipeline/42197/2019 seeking prior approval of the Government of India 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 18.08.2021. The State Government vide letter No. 997 /Section.II/2020 dated 28.01.2022 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.11 ha of forest land falling in Compt. No. 973, K. Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of Yellamanchili Range of Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipe line from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of Bengal through the forest area to a length of 460 mtrs with a width of 2 mtr in Gudivada (V), S.Rayavaram (M), Visakhapatnam to draw sea water required for the hatchery, subject to the following conditions:-

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- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Ten times the number of trees to be felled under the project shall be planted by the State Forest Department in the Compartment No 634, Vempadu RF, near D.L. Puram (V), Yellamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam to plant 400 no. of NTSH seedlings towards Compensatory Afforestation from the amount already been realized from the User Agency. **Details like CA scheme, map with DGPS co-ordinates etc of identified degraded forest area for compensatory afforestation may be submitted to IRO Vijayawada for record and monitoring purpose;**
- (iii) **Appropriate mitigation measures as proposed and in the identified 0.57 hectares of forest land, the State Forest Department may carry out plantation and its maintenance of 400 Number of Casuarina seedlings as proposed to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc. in the Shelter Belt forest area at Compartment no.973 of K.Polavaram Forest Block at the project cost;**
- (iv) 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 User Agency;
- (v) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;
- (vi) The State Government shall ensure that all approvals including CRZ clearance, required if any before handing over of the forest land;
- (vii) Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned;
- (viii) Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees at the cost of the user agency;
- (ix) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;



- (x) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xi) 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 execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;
- (xii) The total forest area to be utilized for the project shall not exceed **0.11** 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 Regional Officer, IRO, Vijayawada 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;
- (xv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as provisions of rules /guidelines made under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully,



(N.S.Murali)

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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