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वन और पर्यावरण विभाग / Forests & Environment Department,
शिलांग / Shillong.

Sub : Diversion of 6.55 ha of deemed private forest land for Limestone Mining Project at Madan Pyrda, Chiehruphi village in East Jaintia Hills District Meghalaya of M/s Green Valley Industries Limited .

Sir,

This has reference to the State Govt letter No. FOR.14/2017/340 dated 13.03.2018 and No. FOR.14/2017/544 dated 30.05.2019 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Govt of Meghalaya by the Regional Empowered Committee in its meeting held on 30.04.2019 and its recommendation and subsequent approval of Ministry, New Delhi vide letter dated 04.09.2019, In-Principle approval was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 14.10.2019 subject to fulfilment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-Principle Approval and has requested the Central Government to grant final approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government letter No.FOR.14/2017/631 dated 22.01.2021 and even no. 657 dated 20.03.2021 of Govt of Meghalaya and online payment made by user agency under CAMPA and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan dated 19.10.2020, 'Final Approval' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **6.55 ha** of deemed private forest land for Limestone Mining Project at Madan Pyrda, Chiehruphi village in East Jaintia Hills District Meghalaya of M/s Green Valley Industries Limited, subject to fulfilment of the following conditions:

- (1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (2) Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **6.55 ha** in single patch equivalent non-forest land located to Nongumiang in West Khasi Hills District adjacent to Nongumiang Reserved Forest as per the fund deposited by the User Agency & scheme furnished by the State Govt. As far as

possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

(3) The non-forest land transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest/Protected Forest under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act latest within a period of six months from the date of issue of Stage-II approval. The Nodal Officer shall report compliance in this regard along with a copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act as the case may be, within the stipulated period to the Central Government for information and record.

(4) The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from the pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.

(5) The approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.

(6) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

(7) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.

(8) The mining lease period under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be coterminous with the current lease granted under MMRD Act, 1957 or any other Act, or for 20 years, whichever is earlier.

(9) Reclamation plan shall be implemented as per the Mining plan approved by the Indian Bureau of Mines. The progress of the implementation of the Reclamation Plan shall be monitored regularly by the State Forest Department and the IRO, Shillong.

(10) Demarcation of mining lease area shall be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar at every 20 meter.

(11) The user agency shall maintain a strip of at least 100 meter of forest area on the boundary of mining area as a green belt.

(12) Top soil shall be protected at the project cost.

(13) Other standard conditions as applicable to proposals related to mining shall be applicable in this instant case.

(14) The User Agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.

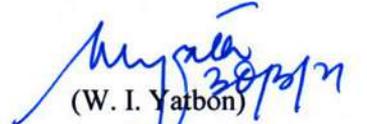
(15) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any, shall be done under the supervision of the Forest Department.

(16) The layout plan shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.

(17) The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora and fauna in the surrounding. Any damage done in this regard shall be compensated by the user agency from the project cost as per assessment of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

- (18) The proposal will be implemented under the overall supervision of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (19) No labour camp shall be established on forest land. In order to avoid pressure on neighboring forests, the user agency should arrange for fuel, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers working at site.
- (20) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.
- (21) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (22) All other clearance/NOCs under different applicable rules/regulations /local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
- (23) User agency shall submit an annual self-monitoring report indicating status of the implementation of the conditions stipulated in the approval accorded for diversion of said forest land to the State Government and IRO, MoEF & CC, Shillong.
- (24) This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Shillong.
- (25) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Shillong may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

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