No. A5(2).GFL.CR-03/2014-15

Office of the
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force),
AranyaBhavan, Malleswaram,
Bengaluru - 560 003, dated: \0-12-2015.

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Ecology Department, M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001.

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 1.5383 ha. of **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 Limited, Mangaluru – regarding.

Ref: 1) Letter No.4-KRB1050/2015-BAN/7523 dated 30-09-2015 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru.

2) Letter No. FEE 57 FLL 2014 dated 17-10-2015 of the Government of Karnataka.

3) This office letters of even No. dated 20-10-2015 (addressed to field officers).

4) Letters No. CR:78::SLV/NOC-FC:2013-14 dated 17-11-2015 Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru.

5) Letter No. A3/F(C)A/CR-94/2014-15 dated 18-11-2015 Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru.

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The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru vide its letters dated 30-09-2015 under reference (1) above has accorded in-principle (Stage-I) approval for diversion of 1.5383 ha. of **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 Limited, Mangaluru under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for a period of **20 years**, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. Accordingly, the field officers were directed to submit the compliance vide this office letters under reference (3).

In response, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru division, Mangaluru vide his letter dated 17-11-2015 under reference (4) has submitted the compliance for the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval as accorded by Ministry of Environment and Forests, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bangalore and the same was endorsed by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru vide letter dated 18-11-2015 under reference (5). Copies of the said reports are enclosed for your kind reference and the same is briefed as follows:

- 1. Condition No:1: The legal status of the land will remain as "Deemed Forest Land".
- 2. Condition No:2: The User Agency has submitted an undertaking stating that "demarcation of the deemed forest area will be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 mtrs. at therir cost and this will be done after the tree growth is cleared".
- 3. Condition No:3: The User Agency has paid Rs.2,33,822/- towards the Compensatory Afforestation by e-payment module of forest clearance portal-forest-clearance.nic.in through RTGS in favour of KARNATAKA CAMPA, Corporation Bank, FCS Bengaluru, 21/1, 3rd floor, Jelitta Towers Mission Road, Bengaluru-560 027 (documents enclosed).
- 4. Condition No:4: The User Agency has paid Rs.16,04,447/- towards the Net Present Value (NPV) by e-payment module of forest clearance

- portal-forest-clearance.nic.in through RTGS in favour of KARNATAKA CAMPA, Corporation Bank, FCS Bengaluru, 21/1, 3rd floor, Jelitta Towers Mission Road, Bengaluru-560 027 (documents enclosed).
- 5. Condition No:5: The User Agency has given an undertaking saying that "Additional payment 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, charged by the State Government will be paid by them".
- 6. Condition No:6: The User Agency has paid Rs.3,50,000/- towards the execution of the Catchment Area Treatment Plan by e-payment module of forest clearance portal-forestclearance.nic.in through RTGS in favour of KARNATAKA CAMPA, Corporation Bank, FCS Bengaluru, 21/1, 3rd floor, Jelitta Towers Mission Road, Bengaluru-560 027.
- 7. Condition No:7: Complied as explained above.
- 8. Condition No:8: It is stated that as per the requirement of the project, minimum number of trees will be felled.
- 9. Condition No:9: The User Agency has given an undertaking stating that "the weir constructed for the project will be kept open for drinking of water by wild animals.
- 10.Condition No:10: With regard to utilization of forest land not exceeding 1.5383 ha. is concerned it is reported that "This will be monitored".
- 11. Condition No:11: The User Agency has given an undertaking stating that "they will abide by any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bengaluru may impose from time to time for protection of

improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience" (copy enclosed).

Under the above circumstances, while enclosing copies of letters mentioned at ref. (4 & 5), it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office (Southern Zone), Bengaluru to accord final approval (Stage-II) for diversion of 1.5383 ha. of **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 Limited, Mangaluru under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

This is for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Bangalore.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division, Mangaluru for information and necessary action.

Copy to the M/s. SLV Power Private Limited, YMK Compound, Ashok Nagar, Mangaluru-575 006 for information and necessary action.