From

Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004. Tο

The Spl.Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi.

#### Rc.no. EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21/08/2020.

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It is to submit that, the Government of India in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited have accorded Stage-I approval for diversion of 365.66 ha. (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment no.113, 114, 115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in f/o M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad subject to certain conditions stipulated therein and requested to furnish the compliance report for according final approval for the

project.

Accordingly, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool in the reference  $8^{th}$  cited has submitted the condition-wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government.

The condition-wise compliance report is as follows.

SI. no.	Conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated: 23.04.2020.	Compliance
İ	Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion will remain unchanged. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-1)</b>
ii	the approved Detailed Project Report (DPR)	The user agency has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) approved by the Central Electrical Authority (CEA) as well as Central Water Commission (CWC). (Copy enclosed as Annexure-1a & 1b)
iii	(compartment no.113, 114, 115, 116 and 117), which are getting adversely affected will be taken care of and afforestation (for improving canopy density from "open" to moderately dense forest) will be taken up by the	

iv		The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-22)</b>
V	report, over an extent of 8.15 ha. within the 408.68 ha. of non-forest land surveyed for compensatory	
vi		an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-15</b> )
vii	Compensatory Afforestation:	
	Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 400.53 ha. Non-forest land (land in Mangupalli Village, Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu village in Sy.no.3 to 170 Ananthasagaram Mandal, of SPSR Nellore District) at the cost of the User Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and	
		has furnished an undertaking. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-23)</b>

proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. 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	
afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	The DFO, SPSR Nellore has prepared the scheme for CA on non forest land i.e., 400.53 ha. including water bodies identified in Mangupalli Village in Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu village in Sy.no.3 to 170, Ananthasagaram Mandal of SPSR Nellore District at a cost of ₹35,92,00,000/  The user agency has expressed that due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic in the State, the survey of the non forest land and mutation of the non forest lands in favour of Forest Department are getting delayed. Hence the CA cost as proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore could not be deposited under "State CAMPA Fund" of A.P State. Further, the user agency is under the opinion that depositing CA funds without demarcation of non forest land identified for CA and mutation in favour of the Forest Department may not be appropriate. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-23)
 NPV:	
shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 365.66 ha. forest area to be diverted under this	The user agency has deposited an amount of ₹22,89,03,160/- (Rupees twenty two crore eighty nine lakh three thousand one hundred and sixty only) towards Net Present Value (NPV) in "State CAMPA Fund" of A.P State through e-challan vide application

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		no.5635371040, Dt.14.08.2020 vide UTR
		No.SBIN220227550707. (Copy enclosed as
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	30/10/2002, 01/08/2003,	
	28/03/2008, 24/04/2008	
	and 09/05/2008 in IA	
	No.566 in WP (C)	
	No.202/1995 and as per	
	the guidelines issued by	
	the Ministry vide letters	
	No.5-1/1998-FC (pt.II)	
	dated 18/09/2003, as well	
	as letter No.5-2/2006-	
	FC dated 03/10/2006 and	
	5-3/2007-FC dated	
	05/02/2009 in this	
	regard.	
	b) Additional amount of	The user agency has furnished an
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		undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as
	forest land, if any,	
	becoming due after	
	finalization of the same by	
	the Hon'ble Supreme	
	Court of India on receipt	
	of the report from the	
	Expert Committee, shall	
	be charged by the State	
	Government from the	
	User Agency. The User	
	Agency shall furnish an	
	undertaking to this effect.	
X	The State Government	' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' ' '
		Nellore in the land suitability certificate, the
	, ,	land is free from all sorts of encumbrances
	schemes/programmes	and encroachments.
	with respect to plantation	
	have been proposed or	
	undertaken in the land	
	identified for taking up	
	Compensatory	
	afforestation in last 10	
	1	
	years;	
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xi	_	The plan for extraction of tree growth is
	1	under preparation. After completion of the
		same, the cost required for felling trees will
		be known and demand will be raised on
		the user agency. In this regard, the user
		agency has furnished an undertaking to this
		effect. (Copy enclosed)
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xii	Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan, <b>if applicable</b> shall be submitted in accordance	Government of India has exempted in their letter MoEF & CC F.No.4-APA097/2019-CHN/071, Dt.16.01.2020. (Copy enclosed as
xiii	of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;	The user agency has completed the compliance of FRA, 2006 in the prescribed certificates from the District Collector, Kurnool. copies of the same were submitted along with proposals at the time of processing. (A copy of the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure-7</b> )
xiv	from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/)	The user agency has deposited an amount of ₹22,89,03,160/- (Rupees Twenty two crore eighty nine lakh three thousand one hundred and sixty only) towards NPV in "State CAMPA fund" of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide application no.5635371040, dt.14.08.2020 vide UTR No.SBIN220227550707. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-4)
xv	purpose of CA shall be	The user agency has furnished the Survey of India topo-sheet of CA land in 1:50,000 scale. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-8)</b>
xvi	land shall be identified for raising compensatory afforestation and the same shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance. The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve	The user agency has not mutated the non- forest land identified for CA in SPSR Nellore District in f/o Forest Department. In this regard, the user agency has stated that, due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, acquisition of 365.66 ha. land towards Compensatory afforestation and mutating the same in favour of Forest Department has become a huge challenge. The Agreements of Sale for the entire proposed CA land were completed in the past, but transfer requires registration of Sale Deeds from-286 individual land parcels involving 374 farmers and their descendants, legal heirs etc. Further, increasing daily COVID-19 cases and declaration of large parts of SPSR Nellore

	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 a	District as "Red Zones" and Containment Zones where the proposed CA lands are located is preventing land owners from completing necessary formalities for transfer and registration of land and which in turn is affecting the project timelines and as a result Stage-2 clearance is being delayed and requested to allow construction work in forest land with a condition to transfer nonforest land identified for CA over an extent of 365.66 ha. in Nellore Division to Forest Department on or before commissioning the Project. (Copy enclosed)
xvii	transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for	
xviii		undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as <b>Annexure-5</b> )
xix	be for a period	

	specified in the lease	
XX	agreement;  The user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government /Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones, if applicable;	<ul> <li>With regard to the applicability of the provisions relating to R&amp;R for the Project as per Section 2 (3)         <ul> <li>(a) of The Right to Fair</li> <li>Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the Act and its provisions apply in case:</li> </ul> </li> <li>(a) a private company purchases land, equal to or more than such limits in rural areas or urban areas,</li> </ul>
		As per A.P State Govt. rule (29), "The limits on extent of land beyond which provisions of Rehabilitation and Resettlement under the Act apply, in Cases of purchase by a private company through Private Negotiation with the owner of the land shall be five thousand acres of dry land or equivalent extent of Irrigated Dry or Wet lands in rural areas subject to any further notification as may be notified by Government. However, the provisions of Rehabilitation and Resettlement shall be applicable wherever any habitation is part of such land".  • In view of the above, the total private land proposed to be purchased through private negotiations for the Stand alone Pumped storage component of Pinnapuram IRE Project is well

		specified above. Further, the land procured for the Project does not involve any habitation.  • Based on the provisions of RFCTLARR, 2013 and Rules issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as specified above, the provisions relating to Rehabilitation and Resettlement are not applicable to the proposed Project.
		Copy enclosed at <b>Annexure-9(a&amp;b)</b>
xxi	Clearance as per the provisions of the	the Environmental Clearance. A Copy of the Environmental Clearance letter no.J-12011/12/ 2018-IA-I(R) dated 14.07.2020 is enclosed at <b>Annexure-10</b> .
xxii	carry out muck disposal	The user agency has stated that they will carry out the muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down.
xxiii	muck disposal shall be stabilized and reclaimed by planting suitable species by the user agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department.  Retaining walls and	

xxiv	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that the tress available between full reservoir level (FRL) and FRL-4 meters are not felled;	
xxv		The user agency will undertake afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir.
xxvi		The user agency has agreed to provide free water for all forest related projects.
xxvii		an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed herewith as <b>Annexure-11</b> .
xxviii	- I	boundary of the diverted forest land demarcation on ground is under progress.
xxix		an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure-16</b> .

	in the proposal;	
xxx	to be diverted shall	
xxxi	and fauna of the	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure-18</b> .
xxxii	explore the possibility of translocation of maximum	department wherever required.
xxxiii	himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities. The plan for plantation and SMC	
xxxiv	compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the	annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions stipulated to the State Government concerned, Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year regularly after getting stage-II approval.

xxxv	The violation of any of the The user agency has furnished conditions will amount to an undertaking to this effect and the same is violation of Forest enclosed herewith as <b>Annexure-19</b> . (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F.no.5-2/2017-FC dt.28 <sup>th</sup> March, 2019;
xxxvi	Any other condition that The user agency has furnished the concerned Regional an undertaking to this effect and the same is Office of this Ministry may enclosed herewith as <b>Annexure-20</b> . stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and
xxxvii	The user agency shall comply all The user agency has furnished the provisions of the all Acts, an undertaking to this effect and the Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Same is enclosed herewith as Hon'ble Court order(s) and NGT Annexure-21. order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
xxxviii	The compliance report shall be Not complied. uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/);

Further, as desired by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in the reference  $3^{\rm rd}$  cited, the condition-wise compliance is as follows.

Sl.no.		Government of India condition to that of State Government condition.
	conditions mentioned by the PCCF (HoFF) in his proposal, that the conditions imposed in the G.O. Ms. No. 24, E,I & I	It is submitted that, the G.O. Ms. No. 24, E,I& I (Power.II) Dept., dated: 19.07.2018 does not pertain to Forest Department as the Government have issued orders to the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh for implementation of the

19.07.2018 shall be sai followed.	id project.
that the User Agency has subnot yet prepared the DPR. app Hence, while preparing Conthe DPR, Maximum care Conshould be taken to cause the least disturbance to the forest areas.  RF  Kun Int Pin Ltd	is submitted that, the user agency has bmitted Detailed Project Report (DPR) proved by the Central Electricity mmission (CEA) and Central Water mmission (CWC). Further, it was stated by User agency that the proposed diversion of est area to an extent of 365.66 ha. in Gani Compartment no.113, 114, 115, 116 & 117, rnool Division for "Establishment of tegrated Renewable Energy Projectinapuram in f/o M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. d., Hyderabad is unavoidable and for the oject it is the barest minimum.
Social Responsibility, the has Company shall also be the asked to take up intense no. afforestation over a period get of 5 years to improve of forest density to more der than 0.5 in the 5 for compartments De (Compartment numbers sta 113, 114, 115, 116 & fro 117 of Gani RF) for surrounding this project be area.	is submitted that, the Government of India is imposed that in regard to this condition at the forest compartments (compartment in 113, 114, 115, 116 & 117) which are string adversely affected will be taken care and afforestation (for improving canopy insity form 'open to moderately dense rest') will be taken up by the Forest epartment at the cost of User Agency only to abilize the rim of the reservoir i.e. 100 m. In the periphery of the HFL. Rest of the rest areas of affected compartments shall taken up for improving canopy density rough NPV collected from the project. The me will be complied with, as stated above in a compliance at condition no (iii)

In view of the above, it is to inform that the user agency has complied with the conditions, except a few relating to handing over CA land, payment of CA levies etc. Further, the user agency requested to allow construction work in forest land duly permitting to transfer non-forest land identified for CA over an extent of 365.66 ha. in Nellore Division to Forest Department on or before commissioning the Project in view of COVID 19 pandemic.

In view of the unprecedented situation arising out of COVID19 pandemic and the fact that it is a clean energy project which would help jump start economy through large scale employment in construction activity in the backward district of the state, Government are requested to consider the request of the User Agency favourably and submit to the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi for favour of kind consideration.

Encl: As above.

### Yours faithfully, N.PRATEEP KUMAR

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force

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Digitally signed by Proteep Kumar Nelli

Date: 2020.0<mark>8.21</mark> 9:43:45 IST

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- 10.Govt. of A.P Lr. no. 1926/Section.II/2019, EFS &T (Section.II) Dept., dated: 25.08.2020.
- 11.Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad ref.GEPL/MoEF&CC/FC/2020 dt. 03.09.2020.

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In continuation to the reference  $9^{th}$  cited, it is to submit that, the Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad in the reference  $11^{th}$  cited has submitted additional undertakings in respect of the

following conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval, accorded by the Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi in the reference  $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  cited.

SI. no.	Conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated: 23.04.2020.	Compliance
ix	NPV:	
	of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	
xi	deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the cost of felling of trees, with the Forest Department as and when demand is raised by the State Forest Department. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed).
xix	period coterminous with the lease period specified in the lease agreement. The State Government will submit the lease agreement document specified in the lease agreement;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to follow the terms and conditions specified and approved by the State Government regarding lease period. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxii	muck disposal at pre designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to dispose the muck disposal activities at pre-designated sites as per the muck management plan approved in environmental clearance and in such a manner so as to avoid rolling down. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxiii	The dumping area for muck	The user agency has furnished an

	reclaimed by planting suitable species by the user agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department. Retaining walls and terracing shall be carried out to hold the dumping material in	completion of the muck disposal activities, the muck disposal sites shall be appropriately stabilized and reclaimed in consultation with the State Forest Department. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxiv	user agency shall ensure that the tress available between full reservoir level (FRL) and FRL-4	The user agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the trees available between Full Reservoir Level (FRL) and FRL-4 meters shall not be felled. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxv	afforestation along the periphery	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to raise Afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir after construction of the reservoir. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxvi	water for the forestry related	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to provide free water for all forest related projects. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxviii	forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed	has furnished an undertaking to this
xxxii	possibility of translocation of	The user agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the possibility of tree translocation

	ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State	would be evaluated and implemented in consultation with the local forest department, wherever required. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
xxxiv	annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;	The user agency has submitted an undertaking to submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions stipulated to the State Government concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year regularly after getting stage-II approval. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect (Copy enclosed).
		The user agency has furnished an undertaking stating that, the compliance report shall be uploaded online once mutation of Non-forest land identified for compensatory Afforestation is completed in f/o State Forest Department. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect(Copy enclosed).

In view of the above, Government are requested to forward the same to Government of India, MoEF &CC, New Delhi for favour of kind consideration.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully,

N.PRATEEP KUMAR

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests

(Head of Forest Force)

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Kind attention is invited to the references 4th & 5th cited.

It is submitted that, the shortcomings communicated by the Government in the reference 5th cited have been communicated to the Conservators of Forests, Guntur and Kurnool Circles, for compliance report. On receipt of the information from them, further report will be submitted.

In the meantime, the User Agency in the reference 5th cited, duly quoting the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC(FC Division) File no.8-32/2019-FC, dt.14.09.2020, has submitted the following undertakings.

- I. It is certified by the User Agency that there are no schemes/ programmes with respect to plantation have been proposed / undertaken by the State Forest Department in the non-forest land identified for the purpose of CA, in the last 10 years.
- II. The user agency had given undertaking regarding Muck Disposal sites. It will be appropriately stabilized as per Muck Disposal Plan approved in Environmental Clearance and shall be reclaimed in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- III. The User Agency has requested 12 months time for transfer and mutation of non-forest land identified for CA purpose, in favour of State Forest

Department after the grant of Stage-II Forest Clearance. Accordingly, undertaking given by the User Agency.

IV. The User Agency has given undertaking requesting 6 months time after grant of Stage-II forest clearance for depositing cost of Compensatory Afforestation for Rs.35.92 crore.

A copy of the reference 5th cited along with the above undertakings is submitted herewith.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above

N Prateep Kumar
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force

Signed by N Prateep Kumar Date: 25-09-2020 17:59:18

Reason: Approved

From To
Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S., The Spl. Chi
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Environmen
Head of Forest Force, and Technol
Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Andhra Prade
K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Velagapudi.
Guntur-522004.

To
The Spl. Chief Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi.

# Rc.no. EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 29/09/2020

Sir,

Sub:APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 365.66 ha. (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower - Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment no.113, 114, 115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range , Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in f/o M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded -Further information submitted - Reg.

Ref:

- 1. GoI, MoEF &CC (FC Division), New Delhi F.no.8-32/2019-FC, dated: 23.04.2020, 28.04.2020 & 13.05.2020.
- 2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc.no.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21.08.2020.
- 3. Govt. of A.P letter no.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.25.08.2020 (addressed to MoEF&CC, GoI)
  - 4. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc. no. Rc.no.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:05.09.2020.
  - 5. Govt. of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), File no.8-32/2019-FC,Dt.14.09.2020
  - Govt. of A.P Memo no.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.21.09.2020
  - 7. Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad Ref.GEPL/Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests/EF/Pinnapuram/20200922, dated: 22.09.2020.
  - 8. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Rc. no. Rc.no.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:25.09.2020.

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Kind attention is invited to the references 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Cited.

It is submitted that the Government of A.P in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, while returning the compliance report along with undertakings furnished by the User Agency submitted by this office in the reference 4th cited, observed certain shortcomings and requested to attend to the shortcomings.

It is submitted that, the shortcomings communicated by the Government in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited have been forwarded to the Conservators of Forests, Guntur and Kurnool Circles, in the reference 8<sup>th</sup> cited, for compliance report. On receipt of the information from them, further report will be submitted separately.

In the meantime, the User Agency in the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited, duly quoting the Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division) File no.8-32/2019/FC, dt.14.09.2020, has submitted the following undertakings.

- I. It is certified by the User Agency that there are no schemes/ programmes with respect to plantation have been proposed / undertaken by the State Forest Department in the non-forest land identified for the purpose of CA in the last 10 years.
- II. The user agency had given undertaking regarding Muck disposal sites that they will be appropriately stabilized as per Muck Disposal Plan approved in Environmental Clearance and shall be reclaimed in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- III. The User Agency has requested 12 months time for transfer and mutation of non-forest land identified for CA purpose, in favour of State Forest Department, after the grant of Stage-II Forest Clearance. Accordingly, undertaking was given by the User Agency.
- IV.The User Agency has given undertaking requesting 6 months time after grant of Stage-II forest clearance for depositing cost of Compensatory Afforestation for Rs.35.92 crore.

A copy of the reference 7<sup>th</sup> cited along with above undertakings and also a copy of the report already submitted by this office on 05.09.2020 (reference 4th cited) with enclosures/undertakings furnished by the User Agency

on 03.09.2020, are submitted herewith.

In this regard, it is submitted that while submitting compliance report in the reference 2nd cited, it was requested to consider the request of the user agency favourably and submit to the Government of India, MoEF & CC (FC Division) for their consideration in view of the unprecedented situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic and in view of the fact that it is a clean energy project which would create large scale employment in construction activity in the backward district of the State.

This is submitted for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above

N Prateep Kumar
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force
Andhra Pradesh

Signed by N Prateep Kumar Date: 29-09-2020 13:50:51

Reason: Approved

From To

Sri N. Prateep Kumar, Technical Officer,

I.F.S., Forest Conservation Division,

Prl. Chief Conservator of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,

Forests & Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan,

Head of Forest Force, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110003

Andhra Pradesh, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.

#### Rc.no. EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:11/11/2020.

Sir,

Sub APFD - F(C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 365.66 ha. (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower: - Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment no.113, 114, 115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in f/o M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - In-principle (Stage-I) approval accorded -Further information submitted - Reg.,

Ref:

- 1. Govt. A.P. letter no. 1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS &T (Sec.II) Dept., dt. 16.10.2020 (addressed to MoEF &CC, GoI).
- 2. E-Mail received from J.S. Jiju, Technical Officer, Forest Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi dated: 10.11.2020.

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With reference to the mail received from the Technical Officer, FCD, MoEF & CC in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup>cited, replies to the two points raised therein are as follows:

## (I) Whether any proposal was considered on this basis as requested in this instant proposal of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad?

It is informed that there are no precedent cases in which Stage-II approval was accorded based on the undertaking(s) given by the User Agency, without complying with the conditions of Mutation and Transfer of non-forest land in favour of Forest Department for CA purpose and payment of CA amount stipulated in Stage-I approval.

# (II) Kindly share the information regarding mutation of Non Forest Land (NFL) in other forest diversion proposal during COVID period.

It is informed that no such proposal has been processed for Stage-I compliance involving mutation and transfer of non forest land for CA purpose during the Covid pandemic period.

It is further informed that, the State Government of A.P in the reference  $1^{\text{st}}$  cited have recommended to consider the request of the User Agency i.e., Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., in view of the unprecedented situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic and on grounds that it is a major renewable energy project, which may please be considered favourably.

This is submitted for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully, N Prateep Kumar Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force

Copy submitted to the Spl. Chief Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, along with a copy of the e-mail 2nd cited, for favour of information.

Copy to the Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad for information.

Signed by N Prateep Kumar Date: 11-11-2020 22:25:01

Reason: Approved

From
Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan',
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Guntur -522004

The Secretary to Government, Environment, Forests, Science and Technology Department, Andhra Pradesh Secretariat Velagapudi.

# Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: .12.2020

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 365.66 ha, (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment nos. 113,114,115, 116 & 117 of Ghani RF, Kurnool Range , Kurnool Division for establishment of Intergrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - Stage-I compliance report submitted - Short-comings communicated - Report submitted - Reg.

P.411, 483 & Ref:-491/07 p.571/07

- GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.23.04.2020, 28.04.2020 & 13.05.2020.
- PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 21.08.2020.
- p.58/ce 3. Govt.Memo.no.1926/Section.II/2019,EFS&T(Section.II)De pt., Dt.25.08.2020.
- P.591/CF 4. Authorized Signatory, M/s. Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Ref. GEPL/MoEF&CC/FC/2020, Dt.03.09.2020.
- P. 623 CF 5. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 05.09.2020.
- 6. GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.14.09.2020 received through Govt.Memo.no.1926/Section.II/2019,EFS&T(Section.II)De pt., Dt.21.09.2020.
- 7. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA\*3, Dt. 29.09.2020.
- p. 659/G 8. Govt. Memo.no.1926/Section.II/2019, EFS&T (Section.II) De pt., Dt.16.10.2020
- 9. GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt. 24.12.2020.
- ρ. 69 μc 10. Authorized Signatory, M/s. Greenko Energy Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Ref.no.GEPL/PSP/FC/201229, Dt.29.12.2020 ρ. μμ c 11. CF, Kurnool, Rc.no.2825/2018-TO, Dt.31.12.2020 -

It is submitted that, the Government of India in the reference 9<sup>th</sup> cited observed have raised the following short-comings pertaining to the subject proposal and requested to furnish the information for further consideration of the proposal for grant of Stage-II approval.

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- The State Govt./User agency has not submitted the approved copy of muck disposal plan in accordance with EIA/EMP report. The copy of the same is still awaited.
- 2. The Govt. of AP has not provided point wise complete information in respect of this Ministry's letter dated 14.09.2020 specifically with respect to points (i) to (iv).
- 3. The user agency has not deposited the CA amount neither has mutated the CA land in favour of State Forest Department. Instead the user agency has submitted undertaking stating that within six months the CA amount will be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department after grant of Stage-II.
- 4. The State Govt./user agency has not uploaded complete compliance along with payment of all fund, undertakings and plans/schemes of the Stage-I approval letter dated 23.04.2020 on the e-portal (<a href="https://parivesh.nic.in">https://parivesh.nic.in</a>). Before consideration of instant proposal for Stage-II approval the State Government has to upload the complete compliance report on PARIVESH portal of this Ministry.

In the reference 11<sup>th</sup> cited, the CF, Kurnool have submitted the reply to the above points, which is as follows.

	Observed	<i>fre</i>
SI.	Short-comings raised by GoI	Reply submitted by Conservator of
no		Forest, Kurnool
i	The State Govt./ User agency	The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool
	has not submitted the	has reported that that the user
	approved copy of muck	agency identified muck dumping
	disposal plan in accordance	areas located in non-forest land
	with EIA/EMP report. The copy	and no forest land is envisaged for
	of the same is still awaited.	<b>M</b> uck disposal.
		Further, it is also reported that the
		User agency will construct the
		retaining wall and terracing to hold
		the dumping material as proposed
		under EMP in the non-forest land.
		The relevant abstract of approved
		Muck Disposal Plan under EMP by
		GoI, MoEF&CC (IA.I Division), New
		Delhi, in F.no.J-12011/12/2018-IA-
		I, Dt.14.07.2020 is enclosed as
		Annexure-1

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The Govt. of AP has not provided point wise complete information in respect of this Ministry's letter dated 14.09.2020 specifically with respect to point (i) to (iv).

(i). The State Government has submitted approved scheme for improving canopy density from "open" "moderately dense forest" to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e. 100 mts from the periphery of the HFL. The above scheme with the deposition of the admissible fund is required prior to Stage-II approval.

(ii) The User Agency has not complied the condition No. (vii) of the stage-I letter dt 23.04.2020 with respect to Compensatory Afforestation.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has reported that Divisional Forest Officer prepared the scheme for improving the canopy density from "open" to "moderately dense forest" stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e., 100 mts from the periphery of for. Rs.319.253 the HFL proposed for 12 years from 2021-22 to 2032-33 which is enclosed as Annexure-2.

The Conservator of Forests, Kurnool has reported that the CA land has been identified in Nellore Distric Division of Guntur Circle. The Divisional Forest Officer, **SPSR** Nellore has prepared the scheme for Rs.35.92 crores to take up the CA with mixture of local indigenous species over an area of 400.53 hectares which includes water bodies identified Mangupalli village, Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu in Sy.no3 to 170, Anantapuram Mandal of SPSR Nellore district. It is further stated that the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.35,92,00,000/-Rupees thisty for Compensatory of Afforestation Scheme through **RTGS UTR** 

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29.12.2020 and a copy of the same is enclosed at Annexure-3. (iii) The State Government has The Conservator of Forests, not submitted a copy of Kurnool has reported that the Divisional Forest Officer, certificate of the land is free from all sorts of encumbrances has submitted that the Divisional and encroachments. Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore, while issuina the land suitability certificate, reported that the land is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments. Copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure-4. (iv)The compensatory levies The Conservator of Forests. has not been transferred by Kurnool has reported that the user the user agency into CAMPA agency deposited the cost of CA account through e-portal yet. scheme for Rs.35,92,00,000/-/into CAMPA account through RTGS UTR Purpus shirty ( No.SBINR52020122904000831. Dated 29.12.20. A copy is enclosed as Annexure-3. Further, it is also reported that the user agency has deposited Rs.22, 89, 03, 160/- towards NPV into CAMPA account which is enclosed as Annexure-5. (iii) The User Agency has not The Conservator of Forests, deposited the CA amount Kurnool has reported that the user neither has mutated the CA agency deposited the cost of CA land in favor of State Forest scheme for Rs.35,92,00,000/- into Dept. Instead the User Agency CAMPA account through RTGS UTR has submitted undertakings No.SBINR52020122904000831, stating that within six months Dated 29.12.20. A copy is enclosed CA amount will as Annexure-3. be transferred and within 12 Further, it is reported that the User months the CA land will be Agency is ready to mutate 120 transferred and muted in favor acres of land out of 400.53 ha of Forest Department after the (981.71 acres) in favour of State grant of Stage-II. Forest Department. The transfer of

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non-forest land towards CA in favour of Forest Department is getting delayed due to prevailing pandemic situation of COVID and informed that, the CA lands would be mutated in favour of Forest Department at the earliest. Conservator of Forests, The State Govt./User agency The Kurnool has reported that the user has not uploaded complete agency stated that the compliance compliance along with repot will be uploaded in e-portal payment of all fund, undertakings and https://parivesh.nic.in once plans/schemes of the Stage-I mutation of non-forest land is completed in favour of Forest approval letter dated 23.04.2020 on the e-portal Department. (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Before consideration of the instant proposal for Stage-|I the State approval Government has to upload the complete compliance report on PARIVESH portal of this Ministry.

Further, it is submitted that, the user agency in the reference 10<sup>th</sup> cited, requested to allow them to start construction in the proposed diversion area for critical components of their project like "power house & TRC outlet (22.50 ha.), Pen stock (6.96ha), intake structure (8.02 ha), tail race channel (2.43 ha.) and internal roads (6.73 ha.) altogether in 46.64 ha.out of 365.66 ha. required for the brokest.

In view of the above, the Government are requested to consider the above information favorably and submit the same to Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi in view of unprecedented situation arising out of Covid-19 pandemic and in view of the fact that clean energy project which would create large scale employment in construction activity in the backward district of the State.

Encl:- As above.

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Prl. Chief Conservator Forests & Head of Forest Force

Yours faithfully,

31/12/2020

Copy to the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officer, Kurnool for information.

Copy to the Authorized Signatory, M/s. Greenko Engergies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad for information.

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From
Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S.,
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &
Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan',
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Guntur -522004

To
The Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi.

### Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 21-01-2021

Sir,

Sub: - APFD - F (C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 365.66 ha, (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment nos. 113,114,115, 116 & 117 of Ghani RF, Kurnool Range , Kurnool Division for establishment of Intergrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - Stage-I compliance report submitted - Further communication submitted - Reg.

Ref:-

- GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.23.04.2020, 28.04.2020 & 13.05.2020.
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- 3. Govt.Memo.no.1926/Section.II/2019, EFS&T(Section.II)Dept., Dt.16.10.2020.
- 4. GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt. 24.12.2020.
- 5. Authorized Signatory, M/s. Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, Ref.no.GEPL/PSP/FC/201229, Dt.29.12.2020
- 6. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 31.12.2020.
- 7. Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad ref. GEPL/PCCF/WL-NOC/2020-02, dated: 15.01.2021.
- 8. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 19.01.2021.
- 9. DFO, SPSR Nellore Rc. no. 1937/2018-F11, dated: 21.01.2021.

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It is submitted that, in the reference 9<sup>th</sup> cited, the Divisional Forest Officer ,SPSR Nellore has informed that the authorized signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd, Hyderabad has registered an extent of 120.65 Acres or 48.80 ha. (101.56 Acres in Kamireddypadu village and 19.09 Acres in Mangupali village) in favour of Governor of Andhra Pradesh (State Forest Department) vide document no. 150 of 2021, dated: 19.01.2021 registered at Joint Sub – Registrar, Atmakur towards part CA on the subject proposal.

Further, it is submitted that, the User Agency in the reference 5<sup>th</sup> cited requested to allow them to start construction in the proposed diversion area for critical components of their project like "Power house & TRC outlet (22.50 ha.), Pen stock (6.96 ha.), Intake structure (8.02 ha.), Tail race channel (2.43 ha.) and Internal roads (6.73 ha.) altogether in 46.64 ha, out of 365.66 ha. required

In view of the above, Government are requested to consider the above information favorably and submit the same to Government of India, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi in view of transfer of CA land to an extent of 120.65 Acres or 48.80 ha. and allow them to start construction in the said forest land in view of unprecedented situation arising out of Covid-19 pandemic and the fact

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully Sd/- N. Prateep Kumar Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force

Copy submitted to the Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110003 for favour of information.

Copy to the Conservators of Forests , Kurnool & Guntur for information.

Copy to the Divisional Forest Officers, Nellore & Kurnool for information and

Copy to the Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad. He is requested to mutate the non- forest land to an extent of 120.65 Acre or 48.80 ha. towards CA on the subject proposal, to A.P., State Forest Department for taking further action in the matter.

//t.c.b.o.//

From Sri N. Prateep Kumar, I.F.S., Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, 'Aranya Bhavan', K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur -522004 To
The Secretary to Government,
Environment, Forests, Science
and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat,
Velagapudi.

#### Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:03/02/2021.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C)Act, 1980 - Diversion of 365.66 ha. (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower - Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment no. 113,114,115,116 & 117 of Ghani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - Stage-I compliance report submitted - Further information submitted - Reg.

Ref:

- 1. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt.31.12.2020.
- 2. Authorized Signatory, M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad Ref.GEPL/PCCF/WL-NOC/2020-02, Dt. 15.01.2021.
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- 5. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 21.01.2021.
- 6. GoI, MoEF&CC (FC Division), F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.01.02.2021.
- 7. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 02.02.2021
- 8. DFO, SPSR Nellore Rc.no.1937/2018-F11, Dt.02.02.2021.
- 9. DFO, Kurnool, Rc.no.1100/2018/H5, Dt.03.02.2021.

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that, Government of India in the reference 6<sup>th</sup> cited, have raised the following short-comings pertaining to the subject proposal and requested to furnish information for further consideration of the proposal.

i. The user agency has not deposited the amount pertaining to the Scheme of Stabilization of the rim of the reservoir as per condition (iii) of this

- Ministry's Stage-I letter dated 23.04.2020 in the CAMPA account.
- ii. The Stage Govt. has informed that the user agency has registered an extent of 48.80 ha. in favour of Governor of Andhra Pradesh (State Forest Department). But as per this Ministry's letter dated 23.04.2020, the condition vii (b) stipulated was "the non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of the Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval". In this regard the copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, has not been submitted by the State Government.
- iii. The State Govt. is requested to upload the compliance along with payment of all fund, undertaking and plans/schemes of the Stage-I approval letter dated 23.04.2020 on e-portal(parivesh.nic.in)

In the references 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> cited, the Divisional Forest Officers, Kurnool and Nellore have furnished information in respect of the short-comings observed by the Government of India, which are as follows.

Sl.no.	Short-comings observed by GoI		Information su	bmitted
1.	deposited the amount pertaining to the Scheme of Stabilization of the rim of the reservoir as per condition (iii) of this Ministry's Stage-I letter dated 23.04.2020 in the	1 ' '		
		SI.no.	Scheme	Amount (Rs.)
			Scheme for afforestation (for afforestation (for a for	n' se se n. ry n

			Gap planting and soil moisture conservation activities (Condition no.xxxiii of Stage-I approval)	
			Total:	5,73,24,700
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3.	along with payment of all fund,	user report balanc in favo	agency stated that t would be uploaded e CA land is registere	he compliance online once d and mutated

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Government are requested to consider the above information favorably, and submit the same to Government of India to allow the user agency to start construction work in the proposed diversion area for the critical components of the project like "Power house & TRC outlet (22.50 ha.), Pen stock (6.96 ha.), Intake structure (8.02 ha.), Tail race channel (2.43 ha.) and internal roads (6.73 ha.) altogether in 46.64 ha, out of 365.66 ha. required for the project in view of the fact that it is a clean energy project which would create large scale employment in construction activity in the backward district of the State.

Yours faithfully,

Encl:- As above

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#### **GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**

#### **FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To
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and Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat
Velagapudi.

## Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:08/04/2021.

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 365.66 ha. (i.e. 319.02 ha. for Lower - Reservoir + 22.50 ha. for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 ha. for Penstock + 8.02 ha. for Intake Structure + 2.43 ha. for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 ha. for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compartment no. 113,114,115,116 & 117 of Ghani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - Stage-I compliance report submitted - Further information requested - submitted - Reg.

Ref:-

- 1. Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Divison), New Delhi F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.01.02.2021.
- 2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 03.02.2021
- 3. Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi, F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt. 11.02.2021 received in Govt. Memo.no.1926/Section.II/2019, E,F,S&T (Section.II) Dept., Dt. 24.02.2021.
- 4. CF, Guntur, Rc.no.3019/2018-TO, Dt.01.04.2021.

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that, Government of India in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited have communicated certain short-comings on the Stage-I compliance report submitted in respect of the subject proposal.

The Conservator of Forests, Guntur in the reference 4<sup>th</sup> cited has submitted replies to the short-comings communicated by the Government of India, which are as follows.

Information sought by the Government	Information submitted by the CF, Guntur
	The Conservator of Forests, Guntur reported that,
acquired non-forest land	the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore had stated
to an extent of 48.82	that the User Agency so far has handed over 62.99

	Ha. proposed for CA.	ha. physically to the Forest Department in various survey numbers, after completion of mutation of the lands by the Revenue Department in favour of Forest Department.  The KML file for 62.99 ha. of CA block is submitted in CD for information.
2	land proposed for CA	The Conservator of Forests, Guntur reported that, as per the information furnished by the DFO, Nellore, the CA land to an extent of 62.99 ha.,
3	vide which the proposed	It is submitted that the proposals for notification of the CA area over an extent of 62.99 ha. as Kamireddipadu protected forest U/s 24 of A.P Forest Act, 1967 was submitted to Government in Prl.CCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Lr.no.2473/2021/WLR-1, dt.01.04.2021.  Hence, a copy of the notification of the proposed block may be forwarded to Government of India,
4	Status of Physical possession of the acquired CA lands by the Forest Department.	after notification of the block by the Government.  The CF, Guntur has reported that out of the identified CA area of 400.53 ha, the User Agency had physically handed over an of 62.99 ha. and mutation and physical handing over of the balance CA area is under process.
5	State Government is again requested to upload the compliance in PARIVESH Portal.	INDCACCARY ACTION WILL NO TAKAN TO LINIDAD THAI

Government are requested to consider the above reply favorably and forward the same to Government of India to allow the User Agency to start construction work in the proposed diversion area for the critical components of the project like "Power house & TRC outlet (22.50 ha.), Pen stock (6.96 ha.), Intake structure (8.02 ha.), Tail race channel (2.43 ha.) and internal roads (6.73 ha.) altogether in 46.64 ha., out of 365.66 ha. required for the project in view of the fact that it is a clean energy project which would create employment in construction activity in the backward district of the State.

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## GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH FOREST DEPARTMENT

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### Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3(i), Dated: 17/04/2021.

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Ref:-

- 1. Gol, MoEF&CC (FC Division), New Delhi F.no.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.23.04.2020 received in Govt.Memo.no.1926/Section.II/2019, E,F,S&T (Section.I), Dept., Dt.05.06.2020.
- 2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 21.08.2020, 05.09.2020, 25.09.2020, 29.09.2020, 31.12.2020, 21.01.2021, 03.02.2021 & 08.04.2021

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

It is submitted that, Government of India in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited communicated Stage-I approval for diversion of 365.66 ha. of forest land in Compartment no. 113,114,115,116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad through State Government for compliance report.

The compliance report was submitted by this office at various intervals in the reference 2nd cited, replying to the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval and also shortcomings raised by the Government of India.

Further, it is submitted that, for condition no.x , the GoI have requested the following information ;

"The State Government shall submit a certificate certifying that no scheme / programmes with respect to plantations have been proposed or undertaken in the land identified for taking up Compensatory Afforestation in the last 10 years".

A reply to the above condition was submitted to the State Government in

the reference 2nd cited even no.dt.25.09.2020 without enclosing certificate. Now the Divisional Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore has submitted certificate stating that no schemes / programmes with respect to plantation were proposed or undertaken in the last (10) years in the land identified for Compensatory Afforestation in respect of the subject proposal.

A copy of the certificate is submitted herewith for favour of information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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# Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3 (ii), Dated:17/04/2021.

Sir.

Guntur -522004.

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- 4. PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur Ref.no.EFS02-15036/2/2018- FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dt. 08.04.2021.
- 5. CF, Kurnool, Rc.no.2865/2018-TO, Dt.16.04.2021.

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

In continuation of the reference  $4^{th}$  cited, it is submitted that, the Conservator of Forests, Kurnool in the reference  $5^{th}$  cited (copy enclosed), has submitted the following reply with regard to point no.5 as sought by Gol/GoAP in the reference  $3^{rd}$  cited pertaining to the subject proposal.

Poin no.	Information sought	Reply submitted by the CF, Kurnool
5.	again requested to upload the compliance in the Parivesh portal.	The CF, Kurnool has reported that, the User Agency had uploaded the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by GoI in the Stage-I approval and also submitted the hard copy of the compliance report.

Government are requested to consider the above reply favorably and forward the same to Government of India to allow the User Agency to start construction work in the proposed diversion area for the critical components of the project like "Power house & TRC outlet (22.50 ha.), Pen stock (6.96 ha.), Intake structure (8.02 ha.), Tail race channel (2.43 ha.) and internal roads (6.73 ha.) altogether in 46.64 ha., out of 365.66 ha. required for the project in view of the fact that it is a clean energy project which would create employment in construction activity in the backward district of the State.

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