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Date 28th September, 2017

To,

The Principle 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, Guntur District-522238

Subject: Renewal of mining lease over an extent of 5.43 ha of forest land (i.e. 3.02 ha for mining + 0.85 ha for dumping + 0.83 ha for safety zone + 0.73 ha for road) in Compt.No.213 of Paradarami RF of Chittoor (West) Division for black Granite Quarry lease, in favour of M/s Vaishnav Granites, Chittoor-reg

Sir,

Please refer to State Government's letter No.1252/Section-II/2017 dated 30.06.2017 and online Proposal No. FP/ AP/MIN/21611/2016 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

As recommended by the Regional Empowered Committee, I am hereby directed to convey Central Government's in-principle approval (*Stage-I*) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of mining lease over an extent of 5.43 ha of forest land (i.e. 3.02 ha for mining + 0.85 ha for dumping + 0.83 ha for safety zone + 0.73 ha for road) in Compt.No.213 of Paradarami RF of Chittoor (West) Division for black Granite Quarry lease, in favour of M/s Vaishnav Granites, Chittoor, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency. User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the outer boundary within the mining lease area);

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3. Fencing around the entire area including safety zone and regeneration of the safety zone shall be carried out at the project cost so as to maintain it as green belt;
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV), if not realized earlier in lieu of forest land being diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard;
5. 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. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
6. The funds received from the User Agency under this project shall be deposited in the respective bank account of the Andhra Pradesh State CAMPA. The User Agency shall compulsorily deposit the NPV and other levies, only by generating challan through the Ministry's website;
7. The mining shall be done in the forest area in accordance with the approved mining plan from the competent authority;
8. User agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
9. Period of diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period of 10 years or co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under **whichever is earlier;**
10. The consent of State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed annually;
11. The reclamation work in the mining area shall be taken up by the user agency in a phased manner. Reclamation plan shall be prepared and submitted to the State Forest Department and the State Forest Department shall ensure that reclamation is being implemented in a phased manner.

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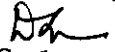
12. User agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease;
13. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
15. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
16. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.43 ha (including safety zone area). User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
17. State Government shall comply with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006, and shall settle the rights on the forest land to be diverted;
18. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
19. All other conditions proposed by the State Government at the time of submission of the proposal to the Central Government shall be complied with by the user agency.
20. The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the Regional Office of the Ministry and to the State Government;
21. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), 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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22. 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;

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,



(D.Sathiyam)

Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, , Sankuratri Residency, M.G.Inner Ring Road, Agatavarapadu, Guntur-522509.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. M/s. Vaishnav Granites, 1-564, Reddy Street Katta Manchi, Chittoor District, Andhra Pradesh-517001.
6. Guard file.



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