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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 1.645 ha. of forest land in SM Block, DM and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section -4 proposed area) in Bellary district for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW plant in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Bellary District - reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 14 FFM 2018 dated 01/03/2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 28th May, 2018. The State Government vide letter No.FEE 14 FFM 2018 dated 21/06/2019 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.645 ha. of forest land in SM Block, DM and Sy. No. 224 of Bannihatti Village (Section-4 proposed area) in Bellary district for proposed Main Pipe Conveyor Belt Corridor from Nandihalli Railway Yard to JSW plant in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. Vidyanagar, Bellary District, subject to fulfillment of the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. The compensatory afforestation shall be raised over 1.645 ha. of non-forest land in Sy.No. 2B/2 of 61 in Gonal village, Hospet taluk, Bellary District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of compensatory afforestation, if any.
4. The Non-forest land for Compensatory afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF/PF under Indian Forest Act, 1927 or the State Forest Act within a period of 6 months and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
5. The 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,

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shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency and the same shall be transferred to the designated Adhoc CAMPA Account.

6. In order to safeguard Wildlife and free movement of wild animals during the night, transportation of ore through conveyor belt shall be restricted from sunrise to sunset.
7. Suitable soil moisture conservation measures and plantation of native herbs, scrubs, and trees shall be done on both sides of the conveyor belt up to a distance of 15 meters at the cost of user agency.
8. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
9. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.645 ha. The Forest land shall be used only for the purpose for which it is diverted.
10. The approval is valid for a period of 30 years.
11. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.
12. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
13. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F.No.11-42/2017-FC dated 29/01/2018.
14. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Yours faithfully,

(M.K.Shambhu)
Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.

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4. The Senior Vice President, M/s. JSW Steel Ltd, P.O. Vidya Nagar, Bellary District -583 275. (Karnataka).

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