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Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(Forest Conservation Division)  
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To  
The Addl. Chief Secretary (Forests),  
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment,  
Government of Karnataka,  
Bengaluru

**Sub: Renewal of FC approval over 221.80 ha. of forest land in Jogimatti and Marikanive RF [Lakkihalli, Myakenahalli and nine (9) other villages] in Hosadurga, Hiriya, Holalakere and Chitradurga Taluks of Chitradurga District for already established Wind Power Project in favour of Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) for sub-lease to M/s. Enercon (India) Limited [presently M/s. Wind World (India Limited)] on BOT basis (Online proposal no. FP/KA/WIND/43786/2020). -regarding Request for modification/change of condition Stage-II forest Clearance granted to Wind Power Project from existing lease grant of 15 years to 30 years.**

Madam/Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Govt. of Karnataka vide letter No. KFD/HoFF/A5-2 (GFL)/143/2019-FC dated 01.04.2023 and additional information submitted by the State Govt. vide letter No. FEE 79 FLL 2023 dated 16.08.2024 and FEE 79 FLL 2013 dated 01.04.2025 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 (1) (ii) of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to say that the matter was examined in the Advisory Committee meeting held on 16.04.2025.

2. In this connection, I am directed to convey the approval of the competent authority in the Ministry of the recommendation of the Advisory Committee for **change in condition of final approval** granted by this Ministry vide letter dated 02.04.2003 read along with letter dated 27.05.2003 over 221.80 ha. of forest land in Jogimatti and Marikanive RF [Lakkihalli, Myakenahalli and nine (9) other villages] in Hosadurga, Hiriya, Holalakere and Chitradurga Taluks of Chitradurga District for already established Wind Power Project in favour of Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KREDL) for sub-lease to M/s. Enercon (India) Limited [presently M/s. Wind World (India Limited)] on BOT basis for 30 years as follows:-

- i. The validity of the FC approval shall be extended from the previously granted 15 years to 30 years i.e. with effect from 02.04.2003 to 01.04.2033.
- ii. In the final approval, the change of sub-lessee in the instant case from

M/s Enercon (India) Ltd to M/s Wind World (India) Ltd. due to the change in the name of the company has been considered by the Ministry and taken on record. In this regard, the procedural formality for this change shall be done at the state Government level by ensuring realization of Transfer fees and submission of undertakings as per extant guidelines.

- iii. The User Agency shall pay the two (2) times penal NPV for the extent of violation done (i.e. 45.272 Ha).
- iv. The User Agency shall pay two times penal NPV plus simple interest of 12 per cent from the date of actual violation for violation on account of change of land use of 35.082 ha.
- v. The State Government shall take possession and control over the unutilised diverted area equal to 45.272 ha or more (which are not in use), if not already done.
- vi. The RO shall initiate action under section *3B read with 3A of the Adhiniyam, 1980*, as applicable, against officials responsible for allowing the operation of windmills after expiry of Stage-II approval without prior approval of the Government of India.
- vii. The User Agency shall obtain the approval of the Standing Committee of the National Board of Wildlife, as applicable.
- viii. The State Government will initiate disciplinary action against the official concerned for not being able to prevent use of forest land for non-forestry purposes without prior approval of the Government of India.

3. This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

**(S. Sundar)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

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1. PCCF (HoFF), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
2. DDGF (C), Regional Office, Bengaluru.
3. PCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru.
4. User Agency.
5. Monitoring Cell of FC Division, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.