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F.No. 4-KLB 1112/2017-BAN/ SQL Dated the 5th September, 2019

To

The Principal Secretary, Government of Kerala, Forests & Wildlife (C) Department, Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject:

Diversion of 0.01866 ha. of deemed forest land for International Ship Repair

Facility project of Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Kochi, Kerala - Reg.

Sir.

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.1162813/C2/2017/F&WLD dated 20/02/2017 and 25/05/2017 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section'2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 7th June, 2017. The PCCF vide letter No.FC2-35848/2016(1) dated 12/03/2018 and State Government vide letter No. 35/C2/2018/F&WLD dated 19/08/2019 have 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 0.01866 ha. of deemed forest land for International Ship Repair Facility project of Cochin Shipyard Ltd., Kochi, Kerala, subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. The legal status of deemed forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The boundary of the deemed forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer
- 3. Plantation of 10 times the number of trees to be felled shall be carried out at the cost of User Agency. The location details of the area selected for raising plantation shall be communicated to this office.
- 4. 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 the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 5. All other approvals required under different Acts shall be obtained before commencement of the project.

- 6. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 7. The total deemed forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.01866 ha. The deemed forest land shall be used only for the purpose for which it is diverted.
- 8. 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.
- 9. 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.
- 10. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of all the 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 Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
- The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
- 4. The General Manager (Infra Projects), M/s. Cochin Shipyard Ltd, Administrative Building, Perumanoor P.O, Kochi, Kerala PIN- 682 015.

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