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Sub: Proposal for diversion of 2.33 ha forest land for construction of Rassing HEP (12 MW) in Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Gekam Power Pvt. Ltd.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR.12/CONS/2020/30-33 dated 19.01.2021 and No. FOR.12/CONS/2020/4996-99 dated 01.09.2023 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation of REC in the meeting held on 27.10.2022, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 06.07.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

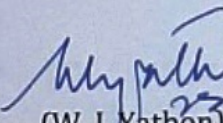
2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter No. FOR.12/CONS/2020/4996-99 dated 01.09.2023 and submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of for diversion of 2.33 ha forest land for construction of Rassing HEP (12 MW) in Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Gekam Power Pvt. Ltd., subject to the following conditions:

- 1) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2) The forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the user agency.
- 3) The compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over double the area of 4.66 ha at Langruk Village Forest Reserve (VFR) under Leporiang Forest Range under Sagalee Forest Division in Papum Pare District of Arunachal Pradesh at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.

- 4) The State Govt shall ensure that the revised rates of Net Present Value amount of the forest land being diverted under this proposal is transferred through online portal by the user agency into CAMPA account of the State concerned as per the Ministry letter File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 21.03.2022 before issuing of the Final Approval, if applicable.
- 5) The KML files of the area to be diverted, the CA areas, the proposed SMC work, the proposed Catchment Area Treatment area and the WLMP shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details as soon as the e-Green watch portal is upgraded/restored;
- 6) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 06.12.2016 under Section 3A of the Arunachal Pradesh Village Forest Reserve (Constitution and Maintenance) Act, 1975 (Act No.1 of 1976), as amended in 1984 read with Section 4 & 5 of the Assam of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891(7 of 1891) for declaring CA area in Langruk VFR. The onus of the final declaration as VFR shall lie with the State Govt.
- 7) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- 8) The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 9) The User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum numbers in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 10) The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 11) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
- 12) The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas;
- 13) No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
- 14) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
- 15) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- 16) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
- 17) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance of all the Court orders, provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.
- 18) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- 19) All the site specific engineering structures like retaining walls, breast wall and drainage shall be constructed to avoid any soil erosion and to provide slope stability of the concerned hills.

- 20) The user agency shall monitor the proposed HEP at regular interval to ensure safety and to avoid any accident. The user shall submit such monitoring reports to the DFO concerned;
- 21) The user agency shall provide free water for forestry related activities/ projects.
- 22) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.
- 23) The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- 24) 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 dt 29/01/2018.
- 25) Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.

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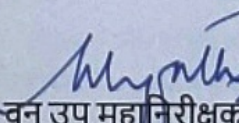

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