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MAHARASHTRA STATE, NAGPUR

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To
 Chief Conservator of Forests (T),
 Thane

Sub : Diversion of 0.6229 ha forest land for laying underground optical fibre cable from Bhiwandi to Nashik (Along NH-3).
M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd.

Ref : 1. The Government of India letter No. 11-9/98-FC, Dt. 08/04/2009.
 2. The Government of Maharashtra letter No. FLD-1009/CR-657/F-10, Dt. 04/12/2009.

M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd, 3rd floor, Markas Chamber, Nariman Point, Mumbai has applied for permission regarding laying of underground Optical Fibre Cable from Bhiwandi to Nashik (along NH-03) through forest land in Shahapur Forest Division, Shahapur, over an area 0.6229 Ha. all along the road within the right of way. The details are as below-

Villages	Taluka & Dist.	Legal status	Area (in Ha.)
Washind, Khativali P1, Khativali P2, Vehloli T. Aghai, Asangaon P1, Asangaon, Kalambhe, Cherpoli, Kambare, Pundhe, Atgaon, Sakharoli, Kanvinde, Kalamgaon, Varaskol, Shirol Part1, Shirol Part2,	Tal. Shahapur	Reserved Forest	0.0930
		Protected Forest	0.3654
	Dist Thane	Finally Acquired Forest	0.0065
		Restored Private Forest	0.1580
Total area in Ha.			0.6229

Pursuant to the directives issued by the Government of India vide their letter dated 08/04/09 and subsequent directives issued by Government of Maharashtra vide their letter dated 04/12/2009, empowering Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur to grant permission for laying down of underground Optical

Fibre Cable within the existing road width, the undersigned grants in-principle approval to lay down Optical Fibre Cable in the forest area subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the land required will remain unchanged.
2. The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within the existing right of way of the road and within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth and 1.00 m width.
3. Compensatory afforestation will be raised at the cost of the User Agency on 1.00 ha of degraded forest land made available by the forest department.
4. The land under project will be reclaimed by the agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
5. If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs. 35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of 300/- per mtr. and Rs. 750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest /Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.
6. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.
7. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
8. No felling of tree is involved in implementation of the project.
9. This order after the receipt of compliance will authorize the User Agency to lay Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the Protected Area. Any breach of the condition by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
10. No new forest area beyond the right of way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
11. All the amount received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Authority (CAMPA) in A/c No. SB01025218 of Corporation Bank, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110 003 and compliance will be reported to this office for record.
12. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T) Thane shall report the details of amount recovered from the User Agency towards the cost of compensatory afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per rules.
13. All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.

14. This sanction is subjected to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology and the owner of the road.
15. The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.
16. The User Agency shall compensate the private owner of forest lands, if any in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules and guidelines.
17. Provisions of all Acts, Rules made thereunder and guidelines applicable to the project shall have to be strictly followed.

After receipt of the compliance report and on the fulfillment of the conditions by the User Agency as above, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Maharashtra State, Nagpur will issue formal approval for laying of Optical Fibre Cable.

Draft Approved by
AC.C.F. (HoFF), M.S. Nagpur

Handwritten signature and date: 8/1/16
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Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
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Maharashtra State, Nagpur *Decaf. 8/01/2016*

Copy submitted to Secretary (Forests), Revenue and Forests Department Mantralaya Mumbai for information. A copy of proposal is enclosed herewith.

Copy to Director & Joint Secretary, Information Technology, General Administrative Department, Directorate of Information Technology, New Administrative Building 9th Floor, Opp. Mantralaya, Mumbai – 400 032 for information and necessary action.

Copy to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Shahapur for information and necessary action.

Copy to M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Ltd, 3rd floor, Markas Chamber, Nariman Point, Mumbai for information.

Copy to Desk-17 (MPR) for information.