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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forest, Environment and Ecology Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 31.079 (*revised from 22.585 ha*) hectare of forest land in Badagamijaru, Tenka Edapadhavu, Tenka Mijaru, Vitlamudnuru, Vitla, Veerakhamba and Ananthady Villages in Dakshina Kannada District (Mangaluru and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favour of Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi.

Proposal No.FP/KA/TRANS/115396/2020/FORM-A/

Ref: 1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 01-03-2021 (re submitted) of Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi r/w Acknowledgement uploaded online on 15-04-2021 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copy proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests (s) and Deputy Commissioner.

2. This office online communication dated 16-04-2021 to Deputy Conservator of Forests (s) Kundapur and Mangaluru Divisions for further processing of proposal.

3. Online submission of PART-II on 27-04-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapur Division.

4. Online submission of PART-II on 28-04-2022 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division.

5. Online submission of PART-III on 06-06-2022 by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle/[*letter No.A3/CR-02/udupi-kasaragod 400KV DC Line/2021-22dated 09-06-2022*]

1. The Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi[**USER AGENCY**] vide Ref (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] through FC web portal seeking approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 31.079 (*revised from 22.585 ha*) hectare of forest land in Badagamijaru, Tenka Edapadhavu, Tenka Mijaru, Vitlamudnuru, Vitla, Veerakhamba and Ananthady Villages in Dakshina Kannada District (Mangaluru and Kundapura Forest

Divisions) for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line. After uploading of Acknowledgement on 15-04-2021 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioner, an online communication was made by the Nodal Officer (FCA) vide Ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests (s), Kundapur and Mangaluru Divisions to process the proposal under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to submit specific opinion / recommendation.

2. Location details and Component-wise breakup of forest land requirement:
The details of the location of forest land and component wise requirement are given below.

a. Kundapur Division:

District, Taluk, Hobli	Village	Sy.No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal status of land
Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru & Vitla Taluk, Mudabidri, Mulki and Bantwal Hobli	Thenkamijaru	166	1.066	Reserved Forest
		100,119,317/2,166,304/3,222/1,208/1,241/1,	4.111	Deemed Forest
	Badagamijaru	240/1, 217/2,224/4,5,8,257/5,	2.985	
	Kallumundkuru	141/5A1,117/C,99/1A	0.806	
Sub Total		Reserved Forest	1.066	
		Deemed Forest	7.902	
Total			8.968 ha	

b. Mangaluru Division:

District, Taluk, Hobli	Village	Sy.No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal status of land
Dakshina Kannada District, Mangaluru & Vitla Taluk, Mudabidri, Mulki and Bantwal Hobli	Vitlamudnuru	239/P1	1.467	Balnad Block Reserved Forest
	Veerakhamba	-	14.196	Veerakhamba Reserved Forest
	Vitla	68/1,2	0.961	Deemed Forest
	Ananthady	98/1,96/1	1.289	
	Veerakhamba	27/1,39/3,40/6B	0.703	

	Tenka Edapadhavu	71,76,100/4	3.495	
Sub Total		Reserved Forest	15.663	
		Deemed Forest	6.448	
Grand Total			22.111 ha	

Final detailed division wise area table are as follows.

Sl No	Divisions	Reserved Forest (ha)	Deemed Forest	Name of Project component	Total
01	Kundapur Division	1.066	7.902	Transmission line	8.968 ha
02	Mangaluru Division	15.663	6.448		22.111 ha
Total					31.079 ha

3. Report of DCF, Kundapur Division: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapur Division has inspected the site on 20-04-2022 and vide Ref (3) has submitted his report along with Site Inspection Report in PART-II to Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle. Main features of the proposal based on the reports of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapur Division r/w report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department are summarized below.

- a. The forest area proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to soil erosion.
- b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-class-I (Southern Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest) with a Canopy Density of up to 0.3 (Open Forest).
- c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 830 trees in different girth classes. Main tree species include *Acacia Auriculiformis*, *Artocarpus Heterophyllus*, *Artocarpus Hirsutus*, *Bombax Ceiba*, *Borassus Flebellifer*, *Caryota Urens*, *Casurina Equisiti folia*, *Ficus Bengalensis*, *Garcinia Indica*, *Mangifera Indica*, *Mimusops Elengi*, *Semecarpus Anacardium*, *Syzigium Cumini*, *Terminalia Paniculata*, *Vateria Indica*, and others
- d. Main wild animals reported in and around the project area include Leopard, Rabbit, Wild Boar and Hedgehog etc.
- e. There are no other rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna reported in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
- f. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor, etc.

- g. There are no Protected/ Archaeological/ Heritage sites or Defence establishments or important monuments in the area.
- h. There is no violation reported under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- i. The requirement of forest land for the project is bare minimum and unavoidable.

4. Report of DCF, Mangaluru Division: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division has inspected the site on 26-01-2022 and 15-04-2022 vide Ref (4) has submitted his report along with Site Inspection Report in PART-II to Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle. Main features of the proposal based on the reports of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Division r/w report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department are summarized below.

- a. The forest area proposed for diversion is not vulnerable to soil erosion.
- b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-class-I (Southern Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest) with a Canopy Density of up to 0.25 (Open Forest).
- c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 8146 trees in different girth classes. Main tree species include *Acacia Auriculiformis*, *Acacia Catechu*, *Adenanthera Pavonina*, *Adina cordifolia*, *Albizia Lebbeck*, *Alstonia Scholaris*, *Anacardium Occidentale*, *Artocarpus Heterophyllus*, *Artocarpus Hirsutus*, *Bombax Ceiba*, *Borassus Flebellifer*, *Caryota Urens*, *Cinnamomum Zeylanicum*, *Cassia Fistula*, *Casurina Equisetifolia*, *Eucalyptus*, *Ficus Bengalensis*, *Ficus Racemosa*, *Hopea parviflora*, *Garcinia Indica*, *Lagistromia Lanceolata*, *Mangifera Indica*, *Mimusops Elengi*, *Phyllanthus Emblica*, *Psidium Guajava*, *Pterocarpus Marsupium*, *Santalum Album*, *Semecarpus Anacardium*, *Syzgium Cumini*, *Sweitinia Mahagoni*, *Tamarindus indicus*, *Tectona Grandis*, *Terminalia Paniculata*, *Terminalia Tomentosa*, *Terminalia Bellirica*, *Xylia Xylocarpa*, and others
- d. Main wild animals reported in and around the project area include wild boar etc.
- e. There are no other rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna reported in and around the forest land proposed for diversion.
- f. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor, etc.
- g. There are no Protected/ Archaeological/ Heritage sites or Defence establishments or important monuments in the area.
- h. There is no violation reported under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- i. The requirement of forest land for the project is bare minimum and unavoidable.

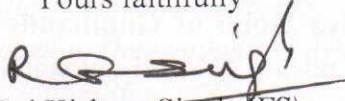
5. **CCF, Mangaluru Circle Report:** The Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle has inspected the site on 04-05-2022 and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests (s)Kundapur and Mangaluru Divisions. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle vide Ref (4) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.
6. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per Para 3.1 to 3.4 of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06-01-2022 and 19-01-2022. **The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.**
7. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** In accordance with the provisions of para 2.5 (i)(a) of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019, the Compensatory Afforestation can be raised and maintained at the cost of User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion in the cases of laying of transmission lines. Accordingly, the **Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chikkaballapura Division has identified an extent of 12.2ha degraded forest land in Udugirinallapanahalli Village Sy No.37 of Narasimhadevarabetta V Block, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Mandikal Hobli, Gudibande Range, and 50 ha degraded forest land in Chinchinahalli Village Sy No 17 of Narasimhadevarabetta V Block, Gauribidanur Taluk, D Palya Hobli of Gudibande Range, Chikkaballapura District (Total 62.2 ha) for raising CA and uploaded the KML file, Topo Map, Geo-reference Map along with GPS readings of all corners in PART-II of the proposal and also uploaded the CA Suitability Certificate dated 15-02-2022 in the prescribed format. The User Agency has also submitted an Undertaking agreeing to pay the Compensatory afforestation charges.**
8. **Status of RoFR compliance:** In order to meet the requirement of the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules 2008 and the FC Guidelines, the User Agency has not obtained/ furnished the (copy of) requisite **RoFR Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects)** issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019. Accordingly, **the User Agency is being informed once again to obtain the said certificate in prescribed format and submit a copy.**
9. **Additional Information:** As per report of Chief Conservator of Forests Mangaluru Circle an extent of 1.066 ha of land that the part of the standing crop is in equity and Lease area in Thenkamijar Village, Moodabidri Taluk of Kundapur division comes under Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation (KCDC). The

User Agency has given undertaking to pay the compensation amount of Rs. 20,06,840,00/- (copy enclosed). Further, Karnataka Cashew Development Corporation (KCDC) has issued No objection Certificate for release of above land under Forest (Conservation) Act in favour of Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited subject to clearance of valuation amount of Rs. 20,06,840,00/-

Under the above circumstances and agreeing with recommendation of the field officers, it is requested to move the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 31.079 (revised from 22.585 ha) hectare of forest land in Badagamijaru, Tenka Edapadhavu, Tenka Mijaru, Vitlamudnuru, Vitla, Veerakhamba and Ananthady Villages in Dakshina Kannada District (Mangaluru and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favour of Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi for a period of twenty (20) years subject to submission of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful. The present status (Timeline) of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully


(Raj Kishore Singh IFS)

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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Copy to the:

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests (s), Kundapur and Mangaluru Divisions for information.
3. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi for information and **with a request to obtain RoFR Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019 (available on FC web portal) and submit the authenticated / attested copies at the earliest.**

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ANNEXURE - A

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory, Plantation cost of extraction of trees, land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage and hypothecate the forest area.
5. The Lessee shall provide signages in appropriate dimensions and kind near the proposed transmission line within forest limits for sensitization of general public towards the forest, wildlife and environmental issues in consultation with the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests.
6. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
7. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under FC Act 1980.
8. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
9. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
10. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
11. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
12. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
13. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
14. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
15. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.


(Raj Kishore Singh)IFS
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

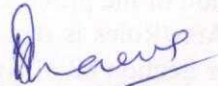
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PART – IV

(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

<p>Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p><i>(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon.)</i></p>	<p>Recommended for moving the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 31.079 <i>(revised from 22.585 ha)</i> hectare of forest land in Badagamijaru, Tenka Edapadhavu, Tenka Mijaru, Vitlamudnuru, Vitla, Veerakhamba and Ananthady Villages in Dakshina Kannada District (Mangaluru and Kundapura Forest Divisions) for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Transmission Line in favour of Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi for a period of twenty (20) years subject to submission of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.</p> <p>[Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/115396/2020]</p>
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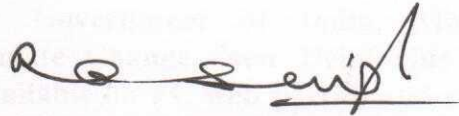
VIJAY SHARMA IFS

Designation:

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and
Nodal Officer (FCA)**

(Official Seal):

Counter signed by :



Name:

RAJ KISHORE SINGH IFS

Designation:

**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

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