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No.: -Desk-17/Nodal/Kolhapur/ID-13334/(31)/2663/2022-23
Nagpur- 440 001, Dated 11/01/2023

To,
The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai- 32

Mr. Babasaheb Sonawane, Project Head-Kolhapur GA City Gas Distribution Project has submitted Proposal for diversion of 0.0274 ha. Identified Forest Land for laying of 300 mm diameter Steel Gas Pipeline along with 40 mm diameter HDPE dust, along across NH-166 (Kolhapur-Sangli Highway) and Shirol Bypass road from city gas station at Village Tamdalge to Jaysingpur - Agar Phata, Ta. Shirol in District Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra. (FP/MH/Pipeline/45038/2020)

2.00 The details of the forest land proposed for diversion are as under:- (PPN-64)

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1.	Proposed 300 mm Steel Gas pipeline from Village to Jaysingpur-Agar Phata, Taluka Shirol, District Kolhapur	NH-166	Shriol	Tamadlage	28	274.43 x 1.00	274.43	0.0274	Identified Forest
Total Identified Forest Land (in ha.)								0.0274	

3.00 The proposal has been initiated by the HPOIL Gas Private Ltd., MIDC Kagal, Kolhapur for seeking approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.0274 ha. Identified Forest land for laying of 300 mm diameter steel gas pipeline along with 40 mm diameter HDPE duct, along across NH-166 from at village Tamadlage, District Kolhapur to Jaysingpur-Agar Phata, Taluka Shirol, District Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra. The User Agency has certified that the project's main objective is to provide cleaner fuel in the form of Piped Natural Gas (for Industrial, Commercial and Domestic Customer) and Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) for transport vehicles and generate employment in the future and reduce pollution.

Non-forest land required for this project is 1.3405 ha. Project Note submitted by the User Agency is enclosed on **PPN 64**.

The site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur is enclosed on **PPN 19 to 20**.

4.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur has certified that:-

- 4.1 No suitable alternate non-forest land is available and the forest land required is barest minimum. **(PPN-71)**
- 4.2 The area belongs to Open Forest, Eco class-III and having density of forest is 0.4. **(PPN-19&89)**
- 4.3 There is no cutting & felling of trees involved in the implementation of the Project. **(PPN-92)**
- 4.4 The project is not included in the area of any National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary or Nature Reserve. **(PPN-86)**
- 4.5 The area involved in the project away 61.18 km. from Radhanagari Wildlife Sanctuary and 75.09 km from Chandoli National Park and 39.10 km away from Sagarshwar Wildlife Sanctuary. **(PPN-93)**
- 4.6 Proposed project is not likely to affect any monumental site of cultural, historical, religious, archeological or recreational importance. **(PPN-85)**
- 4.7 There is no violation of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 or rules made there under been done. No work has been carried out by the Project Authority. The proposed work of the project has not been started on the forest land. **(PPN-73)**
- 4.8 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha degraded Forest land on Forest Gut. No.71, at Village Gavase Ta. Ajara Dist. Kolhapur is suitable for afforestation and it is free from encroachment and encumbrances. **(PPN-75)**
- 4.9 The proposed project is within ROW of the existing road passing from Forest land, at Village Tamdalge Ta. Shirol, Dist. Kolhapur. Hence there is no need to examine the three alternatives for the project. **(PPN-99)**

5.00 The User Agency has submitted Undertaking / Certificate / Document:-

- 5.1 Agreed to defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation. **(PPN-72)**
- 5.2 Agreed to defray the cost of Net Present Value of the forest land proposed under diversion. **(PPN-88)**
- 5.3 Justification for locating the project in the forest area is enclosed on **PPN-59 & 60**.
- 5.4 Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board, New Delhi vide letter dated 06/03/2018 has issued letter regarding grant of authorization to Consortium of Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) & Oil India Limited (OIL) for development of City Gas Distribution Network in the Geographical Area of Kolhapur District.. **(PPN-22)**
- 5.5 National Highways Authority of India (Ministry of Road Transport & Highways, Govt. of India), Project Implementation Unit, Kolhapur vide letter dated 02/12/2022 granted permission to start the work of Steel Gas Pipeline along & across NH-66. **(PPN-65)**
- 5.6 As per MoEF guidelines letter No. F.No. 11-9-98-FC (Pt.) Date Feb, 2013 in which the liner proposals (Road, Pipeline, OFC Transmission line) use of Forest land in several Villages involved are exempted from the requirement of obtaining consent of Gram Sabha as stipulate in clause c read with clause (b) (V) & (f) of MoEF letter Date 03.08.2009.

Hence there is no need of Certificate from the Collector Kolhapur, on Gram Sabha resolution under Dweller Act 2006, for the proposal for diversion of Forest land for laying of

underground Gas Pipeline within Right of Way of Existing road Passing through Forest land. (PPN-115)

- 6.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur, has certified that non-forest area covered under the project is not under the provision of Maharashtra Private Forest (Acquisition) Act 1975 by virtue of application of Section 35 of Indian Forest Act 1927 and are not recognized as deemed reserved forest as well as not included in the area identified as "forest" as per dictionary meaning of forest as intimated to the expert committee appointed under interim judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 12/12/1996. (PPN-84)
- 7.00 The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kolhapur Forest Division, Kolhapur and the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur have recommended the proposed for diversion. (PPN-15 & 16)
- 8.00 The area to be diverted for laying the proposed steel gas pipeline and the forest area proposed for C.A. has been shown in the KML file C.D submitted by the User Agency. The said KML file C.D. is enclosed and placed in the file at the top.
- 9.0 **In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions:-**
- 9.1 The legal status of the forest land required will remain unchanged.
- 9.2 Proposed Compensatory Afforestation over 1.00 ha degraded Forest land on Forest Gut. No.71, at Village Gavase Ta. Ajara Dist. Kolhapur 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.
- 9.3 The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
- 9.4 The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.0274 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the Government of India guidelines dated 06/01/2022, 19/01/2022 and 22/03/2022.
- 9.5 Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- 9.6 No trees shall be felled during implementation of the project. In case tree felling is required the User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 9.7 All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<http://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- 9.8 The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.

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- 9.14 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.
- 9.15 The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
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- 9.17 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
- 9.18 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.
- 9.19 The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)
- 10.0** It is therefore, the Government of Maharashtra is being requested for diversion of 0.0274 ha. Identified Forest Land for laying of 300 mm diameter Steel Gas Pipeline along with 40 mm diameter HDPE dust along-across NH-166 (Kolhapur-Sangli Highway) and Shirol Bypass road from city gas station at Village Tamdolge to Jayshingpur-Agar Phata, Ta. Shirol in District Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra.


Encl: (Proposal in two copies)

Yours sincerely,

 11/1/23

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
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Copy forwarded for information to:-

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PART -IV

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

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)


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