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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests,
Kanara Circle,
SIRSI.

Sir,

SUB: Diversion of 8.80388 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 52A1A of Arga Village, Baad Hobli, Karwar Taluk, Uttar Kannada District for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach road in favour of M/s. Ramashree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar reg.

- REF:1) Nodal Officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) Bangalore's Proposal No.FP/KA/QRY/31539/ 2018
- 2) M/s. Ramashree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar's letter No:RCC/KWR/DCF/2021-22/27 dated: 30-07-2021 and RCC/WR/DCF/2021-22/56 dated: 24-09-2021
- 3) Range Forest Officer, Karwar's letter No:ವಲಲ/ಎಫ್ ಸಿಎ/2021-22/ 432 dated 07-09-2021 through Assistant Conservator of Forests, Karwar Sub-division Karwar's letter No:ಸಿ3/ಸಲಸಂ/ಭೂಮಿ/ಕ್ವಾರಿ/ಎಫ್ ಸಿಎ/ವಿವ- /2021-22 dated: 08-09-2021

With reference to above, M/s. Ramashree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar has submitted online proposal in FORM-A, PART-1 to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA) Bangalore for diversion of 8.80388 Ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No. 52A1A of Arga village, Karwar Taluka for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach road.

The Nodal Officer and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) Bangalore has directed the undersigned to process the online and to submit the hard copy of the said proposal through the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi.

As per the above direction, the proposed area was inspected by me on 24-09-2021 along with Assistant Conservator of Forests, Karwar Sub-division, Karwar, Range Forest officer, Karwar, Range Forest Officer, Survey Duty, Karwar, other field staff and along with the project proponents. The proposed area is an hillock with sparse vegetation which is exposed to the western side, there are bamboo bushes and undergrowth in the degraded forest area. The proposed forest area is Reserve forest and comes under eco class-I open forest.

The User Agency has submitted the ROFR certificate and a certificate from the Deputy Commissioner, Uttar Kannada, Karwar stating that, there is no alternate land for quarry purpose. (Copies enclosed).

The User Agency has submitted a report on the assessment of the impact of blasting operations carried out in stone quarry of M/s. Ramashree Construction Company, Kodibag, Karwar on the surroundings with special reference to National Highway-66(17) and hill slopes which was studied by Dr. V.R.Sastry, Professor of Mining Engineering, National Institute of Technology (NIT) Karnataka, Surathkal, Mangalore vide reference (2) is enclosed for your kind perusal.

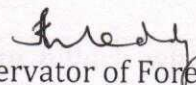
As per the report of National Institute of Technology (NIT) Karnataka, Surathkal, Mangalore "the ground vibrations generated from blasting operations in the newly proposed stone quarry in Forest Survey No. 52A1A will not have any impact on the stability of rock slope towards the National Highway-66. Similarly, the ground vibrations generated due o blasting operations to be carried out in the newly proposed stone quarry will not have any effect on the stability on NH-66, as the intensity of ground vibrations is dying down to insignificant levels from 100m distance from blast site. Also, there is a hard rock barrier of about 230m width between the newly proposed stone quarry and the NH-66. Moreover, the rock formation itself presents a favourable slope condition (from stone quarry side) due to the joint orientation favourable for stable slopes. The slope study analysis carried out clearly indicated extremely safe rock slope conditions. Blasting operation carried out with 32 mm diameter blastholes of 1.5 m depth and, electric short delay detonator system of initiation are quite safe. Blast results were good and very safe from viewpoints of ground vibrations, noise and fly rock, and will not cause any instability to the NH-66 and the adjoining rock slopes".

Hence, the stone quarrying operations in Arga Forest Sy.No: 52A1A doesn't have any negative impact on NH-66 and surrounding areas. Also they have studied the ground vibrations which indicate that there is no landslides due to quarrying operations in the adjoining areas.

The proposal or diversion of 8.80388 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No; 52A1A of Arga village, Karwar Taluka for establishing stone quarry, dumping yards and its approach road in Karwar Range may be considered for diversion of forest land as per the Forest Conservation Act, 1980. The necessary proposal is submitted in (7) seven sets for kind perusal and needful action.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,


Deputy Conservator of Forests,
Karwar Division, Karwar.

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Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer, (FCA), Aranya Bhavan, 3rd Floor, Malleshwaram, 18th Cross, Bangalore for kind information.

Copy to Range Forest Officer, Karwar and Assistant Conservator of Forests, Karwar Sub-division, Karwar for information.

Copy to the M/s. Ramshree Construction Company, Shree Ram Complex, G. Floor, NH-17, Kodibag, Karwar-581303, Uttara Kannada District for information.