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Ref: SRTS-II/YLK-TLC/M-Y/FC/2019-20/.4.2.88,

Date: 11th October 2019

To, **The APCCF & Nodal Officer,** Karnataka Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, Malleswaram, Bangalore

Respected Sir,

- Sub: Application for diversion of 0.98Ha Deemed forest land under Forest Conservation Act 1980 for construction of 400kV D/C Quad Tumkur (Vasantanarsapur) - Yelahanka Transmission line – REG
- Ref: Online application for forest clearance no: FP/KA/TRANS/42334/2019

We, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (a Govt of India Enterprise) under Ministry of Power is entrusted with the task of establishing 400 kV D/C Quad transmission line from Tumkur (Vasantanarsapur) to Yelahanka under the Southern Region System Strengthening Scheme 13 (SRSS-13) vide Ministry of Power, Govt of India approval No.11/4/2007-PG dated 03.12.2009 (copy enclosed). This project is envisaged to enhance the power scenario of the southern states and further strengthen the National Grid. This project is envisaged to enhance the power scenario of the southern states and further strengthen states and further strengthen the National Grid.

As per the POWERGRID policy of avoidance, minimization and mitigation of forests in transmission line the route alignment is finalized. However, when it becomes unavoidable, the line is drawn with minimum forest involvement and necessary clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 is obtained. The route selection for this line is also carried out considering the above factors and is finalized considering the techno economic feasibility and after assessing the forest involvement in all routes / alternate routes. Out of 3 alternative routes considered initially for route alignment, this route of 73km was selected as the forest area involved was 'NIL'. Subsequently the line construction work was commenced.

However, the work was stalled from 2014 to December 2017 due to stiff Right of Way problems from the public in Tumkur & Bangalore urban districts and no further activities could be taken up by POWERGRID. Subsequently, with the intervention of state and district administrations the work was commenced in 2018 and presently it's on the verge of completion. However, in Sonnenahalli Village after erection of towers on either side of a plantation area (Survey No. 79/P1 as per RTC a revenue/Govt. land but being maintained by Forest department) it was informed by forest department that this plantation area is under notification to become a 'Deemed Forest' and they have demarcated the same, recently with chain link fence.

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In view of the above, crossing this bare minimum stretch of only 213mtr (0.98Ha) on the fringe of this plantation area has now become unavoidable and absolutely necessary to complete the project. Accordingly, we submit the application to obtain Forest clearance under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 with required enclosures of Form A (Route alignment with alternatives on Sol toposheet in 1:50,000 scale and undertakings). It is humbly requested that the proposal may be kindly accepted and forwarded to the DCF, Bangalore Urban Division / District for inspection and further necessary action, at the earliest.

We request your kind support in implementing the project as per schedule.

Thanking you,

Yours truly, For, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd (M. SRINU) Chief Manager

Encls: Form A undertakings, Route Map

Copy to: Deputy Conservator of Forests Bangalore Urban Division, Malleswaram