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To,
Chief Conservator of Forest and Director
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Sub : Diversion of 19.43 ha of Reserved Forest Land in favour of Municipal Corporation Greater Mumbai for Construction of Tunnel underneath Sanjay Gandhi National Park along Goregaon Mulund Link Road by Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai in Mumbai Suburban District in the State of Maharashtra.

Ref : 1) 96th meeting of REC held on 14th Dec 2022
2) Your letter जा. क्र. कक्ष-२/जमिन/२०४८/२०२२-२३, दिनांक २२ फेब्रुवारी, २०२३.
3) ChE/22/1553/GMLR dtd 24.02.2023
4) Your letter - कक्ष-२/जमिन/२०४८/२०२३-२४ दि. ०५/१०/२३

With reference to the above the BMC user Agency has complied the conditions as per 96th meeting of REC held on 14th Dec 2022 as follows.

Sr. No.	Conditions of REC for Final Clearance	Compliances
a	A cumulative/holistic study on the effect of construction of one or more underground tunnels on the ecological, geological, hydrological and seismological aspects of the Sanjay Gandhi National Park from a reputed institution, keeping in view the ongoing activities of the Park. The Chief Wildlife Warden may grant permission for the purpose of mapping groundwater network, watershed network or any other study inside the SGNP as per the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The study should also conclude the carrying capacity of the SGNP vis-à-vis underground tunnels after all aspects have been studied.	<p>BMC the User Agency has proposed only one Twin Tunnel beneath SGNP as on today.</p> <p>BMC has carried out the Environment Impact Assessment Study for GMLR Project. In which ecological and geological aspects are studied. The report is enclosed herewith.</p> <p>Geological Investigation study has been carried out by User Agency & based on the Geological study, BMC has carried out the Hydrological Study for GMLR Tunnel Project through IIT Bombay. In which groundwater flow simulation study between Tulsi and Vihar Reservoirs.</p> <p>The report is enclosed herewith.</p>

b	The State Government after consulting all stakeholders/User Agencies shall inform the number of upcoming proposals where underground tunnels below the SGNP are proposed.	<p>The User Agency has included the conditions in Tender documents that seismic effect shall be consider while designing the GMLR Tunnel. The Tender documents are enclosed herewith.</p> <p>The User Agency has carried out the Bio-diversity Study for GMLR Tunnel Project from BNHS. The report is enclosed herewith.</p>
c	An undertaking from the User Agency to the effect that 'no more tunnels other than the proposed tunnels shall be constructed by the User Agency in future' if the study asked vide point 'a' above is conclusive of the requirement of only one tunnel by the User Agency i.e., the BMC, keeping in view the traffic situation for next 50-100 years.	<p>As on today the User Agency has planned only one GMLR Tunnel below SGNP. There is no further plan to construct tunnel in SGNP area as of today.</p> <p>The Undertaking is enclosed herewith.</p>
d	Since the User Agency i.e., BMC has not been able to manage the increasing population inside the city, the pristine area of the SGNP is falling prey to the menace of encroachment. It is realized that the officials of SGNP cannot evict these encroachers in totality without active involvement of the BMC. Therefore, the User Agency shall provide an undertaking to actively collaborate with the officials of the SGNP and participate in evicting all encroachments from the SGNP, and if need be, rehabilitate them elsewhere within one year positively.	<p>The User Agency will actively collaborate with the officials of SGNP and participate in eviction of encroachments in SGNP. If needed, occupants will be rehabilitated elsewhere on merits.</p>


In this regards, Hon. Municipal Commissioner has submitted a letter regarding compliance of 96th REC meeting with request to accord 1st stage approval u/no MGC/F/870/ dtd. 03.10.2023 to Add. Chief Conservator of Forest and Nodal Officer, Nagpur. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

The GMLR project is one of the important and one of the biggest tunnel projects for the Mumbai City. BMC is taking rigorous efforts to complete the project in planned schedule. This project will help to minimize the travel time, traffic

congestion, saving in fuel also helpful to generate employment. BMC has completed the tendering process. The Letter of Acceptance has been issued to executing Agency. Hon. Prime Minister is likely to inaugurate the GMLR Tunnel project on 15/10/2023.

Considering the importance of this project you are requested to process further for 1st stage approval please.

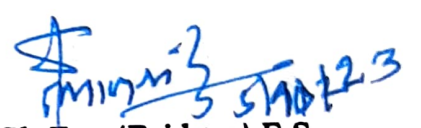
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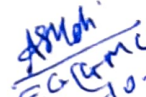
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