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Dated: 22-10-2021

To, Deputy Conservator of Forests, Chitradurga Division, Chitradurga

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Submission of Renewal of lease proposal for 106.769 Ha (revised area after site inspection is 140.002 Ha) of forest land for Wind Power Project in Jogimatti and Marikanive Reserve forest. Earlier the same land has been diverted in favor of M/s KREDL for sub lease to M/s Enercon (India) Limited presently Wind World (India) Limited on BOT basis for the total area of 221.80 Ha on Chitradurga district of Karnataka. Proposal No. FP/KA/WIND/43786/2020.

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(1.) Your office letter No. A6/Windmill/ 221.80/43786/CR-2/20-21 dated 16-09-2021.

Dear Sir,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your kind support and guidance rendered to us till date.

With reference to the letter cited at Ref (1), we would like to draw your kind attention on the following points towards compliance of query raised by your good office:-

- 1. Road width has been taken on actual site basis after DGPS survey work which varies from 5 Meter to 40 Meter depending upon the site situation, however after various site visit with Forest Guard/ Forester/ Range Forest office/ Assistant Forest Conservator & your good self, Width of Road has been revised two times during year 2020 & 2021 and road area has been revised from 33.029 ha to 46.184 hectare. Proper road demarcation on boundaries of road has been done on pillars/stone in year 2018, 2019, 2020 & 2021. Hence due to various changes suggested by forest department physical measurement will not match with KML (Kml uploaded is of extent of 106.769 ha on portal). If we change the width in KML and maps then complete coordinates list will change. However demarcation is matching with the width /area taken through DGPS Survey during 106.769 ha. Therefore we would hereby request you to kindly consider the present demarcation as width increment of 1-2 meter suggested by forest officials at the time of physical measurement is not matched with the kml / maps.
- Regarding observation No. (2) of Ref-1, User Agency wants to submit that the forest land required for the project has been surveyed by DGPS and actual land required for running the wind mill has been proposed for the lease renewal. Since this is an established project the extent

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of platform area used for establishment of each Wind Turbine Generator (WTG) physically available on ground is 314 Square meter (Considering the radius of 10 Meter, Formula used is Pie x R²) and total 3.988 ha had been utilized for installation of 127 wind turbine however during DGPS survey work, we have also taken the area utilized for installation of earthing pits, material placement & machinery movement during construction phase and can clear seen at site for which no demarcation is required. Area comes as 9.367 ha which includes machine platform and area utilized during construction phase which is now no longer need for maintenance of machine but included in the proposal of renewal of lease. Further it is submitted that in any location the platform area used for installing the WTG was not extended more than the land approved by the Government. Therefore it is requested not to guide for demarcation of said visible area which is over and above of actual utilized area for platform.

As per MoEF GOI Guideline dated 27.10.2005 & 08.08.2014, where it is clearly guided by the MOEF that the State Govt. shall not impose any additional conditions over and above the same stipulated by the Central Government in the In-Principle approval. In case, subsequent to the In-Principle approval granted by the Central Government under the FCA 1980, the State Govt. feels that the Exceptional / Unforeseen circumstances of warrants imposition of any additional conditions, prior approval of the Central Govt. must be sought by the State Govt. justifying imposition of such additional conditions of imposition.

In view of above, you are hereby requested to kindly accept the above facts and drop the issue of taking corridor area between successive wind mills since the project is already commissioned and company has included Road & Electric Line area between the successive Wind Mills in Lease renewal proposal.

3. Regarding observation No. (3) & (4), User Agency wants to submit that since it is old approved proposal and transmission lines and vacuum circuit breakers (VCB) are already present at site to ascertain the area utilized for the transmission line & VCB, hence no need to demarcate transmission line and VCB by Pillar at site. Company has taken 15 mtr corridor for Electric line though actual site width for each electric line is around 3 meter only and area as per MOEF guidance for 33 KV electrical line has been taken considering the corridor of 15 meter. Further transmission line has been installed 17 years back at hilly area, natural vegetation has been already occurred below the transmission line so as per the guidance given by Forest Dept if company try to install the pillar at site then company has to cut trees coming under route of transmission line because now to reach at transmission line in deep valley of hill area is impossible without cutting the trees to install the pillar.

4. With respect to observation No 5, We, Wind World India limited hereby request your goodself to guide on NPV, CA & Other statutory charges already paid on 221.8 hac for original proposal in 2003 though as per renewal of lease proposal area utilized as per approval is around 90 hac and area available for surrender is of approx. 130 Hac for which Land Mutation, NPV, CA & other statutory payment was already made. Now, as per DGPS survey for renewal of lease case of 140.002 hac, Violation area comes as 41.39 hac for which user agency has to provide the Compensatory Afforestation charges, Non Forest Land & NPV. Therefore Land/ NPV/CA charges should be adjusted from the charges paid towards 130 hac of area which was not utilized by user agency. As per general guideline forest department gives lease for 30 years for wind project however for this project lease approval of 15 years has been provided by government hence this cannot be considered as fresh proposal. Though due to process/guideline changes and insertion of violation area, user agency has submitted proposal for renewal of lease with fresh approval of violation area along with renewal of lease.

In view of the above, we are herewith requesting your goodself to kindly forward the proposal from your end for further approval of renewal of lease from MoEFCC, Govt of India.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely For Wind World (India) Ltd

Authorized Signatory

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