Recommendation Report

On 07-11-2022 along with the ACF Dharwad, RFO Dharwad, Deputy Range Forest Officer (Town-2 Section) Dharwad staff and representatives of User Agency I have inspected the proposed site for Diversion of 0.19477 Ha of Forest land to lay the underground clear water pipeline for providing the continuous 24*7 water supply in the entire city of Hubballli & Dharwad. The proposed diversion area fall under jurisdiction of Dharwad Range of Dharwad Forest Division.

During inspection of the proposed site for Diversion following points were observed.

The proposed site for diversion is situated at FSy No 30 of Rayapur and it is Protected forest (GONO: AFD 8skm 57 Dated : 01-07-1958.)

G.P.S readings of the proposed area are.

Point 1: 75.06549072, 15.40382481

Point 2: 75.06530762, 15.4026413

Point 3 : 75.06565094,15.40417194

No Rare/endangered/RET/Unique Species are found in the proposed area.

No Wildlife/ Corridor activities are going in and around the proposed area.

Proposed area does not fall under any Archaeological/Heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument of protected area.

Proposed area does not fall under any Eco Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of the protected area.

The diversion Proposal involve/ will lead to felling of 17 number of trees of mixed Species like Eucalyptus, Gulmohar, Acacia, Casurina etc.

It was observed during the inspection that the linear diversion proposed area was supposedly intersecting with the already laid pipelines of Akshaya Patra Foundation, Rayapur who have approved FC lease of 0.0054 ha in the same area. The undersigned through letter ref : C3/Pipeline/Rayapur/CR-01/2022-23/1580 Dated : 09-11-2022 asked the User

Agency to get NOC from the Primary User Agency . The User Agency vide letter ref : TAPF/2022-2023/777 Dated : 10-11-2022 has provided the same in compliance to 5.6 of hand book Of Forest Conservation Act 1980 regarding re-diversion. The same is also uploaded as additional information in the portal.

It is also seen the laying of pipeline will lead to disturbance of existing kuchha road of the forest area in some parts. These roads are used by field staff for patrolling and other works. Therefore User Agency should be directed to restore the Kuchha road to original condition after competition of works.

Diversion of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum of requirements. Hence proposal may be recommended for the diversion of above said forest area for lay the underground clear water pipeline for providing the continuous 24*7 water supply in the entire city of Hubballli & Dharwad as per the provisions prescribed in section 2 of Forest (Conservation)

Place: Dharwad Date : 18-11-2022

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Deputy Coservator of Forests Dharwad Division, Dharwad