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No. : Desk-17/Nodal/<sup>Chandrapur</sup>Nagpur/I.D-12937/2174/21-22  
Nagpur – 440 001, Dated 21/01/2022

To,  
The Principal Secretary (Forests),  
Revenue & Forest Department,  
Mantralya, Mumbai – 400032

M/s. Telesonic Network Limited, 4th floor Nikalas Tower, Ramdaspath, Nagpur has submitted proposal is for diversion of 1.1903 ha. forest land for laying underground Optical Fiber Cable of Telesonic Network Limited 4G project on NH-930 (Ajaypur to Chandrapur Km. Ch 251/820 to to Km 271/420) MDR-21 Chiroli to Ajaypur (Ch.Km.34/30 to 19/00) and NH-930 Mul to Janada (Km.230/850 to 239/250) in District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra (FP/MH/OFC/141949/2021 ). The details of forest land proposed for diversion is as given below:

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3.0 Following documents as prescribed in Government Circular, Revenue and Forest Department No.FLD-1081/2041/(A)/F-3, dated 20/03/1982 and according to Government of India's instructions issued from time to time are enclosed.

- 3.1 Prescribed form dated 10/01/2003.
- 3.2 Certificate regarding minimum demand of forest land for the project,
- 3.3 Area Statement,
- 3.4 Index map in suitable scale,

**4.00 The Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur has certified that:-**

- 4.1 Proposal has been scrutinized as per the revised check list and found to be correct.
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- 5.3 To defray the cost of compensatory afforestation.
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9.0 The Divisional Forest Officer, Chandrapur Forest Division, Chandrapur and Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Chandrapur have recommended the proposal for diversion of 1.19039 ha. of forest land.

10.00 **In view of this, the proposal is recommended for approval under the section -2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 subject to the following conditions: –**

- i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
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- iii) Net Present Value is exempted for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable as per the Government of India guidelines.
- iv) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth & 1.0 m width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- v) The land under project will be reclaimed by the user agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
- vi) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs. 300/- per mtr. and Rs.750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future. For further

- maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the Forest Department as and when required.
- vii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
  - viii) No felling of trees shall done during the implementation of project.
  - ix) The user agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the protected area after compliance of this order. Any breach of the conditions by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
  - x) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
  - xi) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
  - xii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.
  - xiii) The sanction will be subject to final clearance as per the directives issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Communication & IT Department of Telecommunication vide their letter No. 222/2008,dt.19/09/2008 and concerned PWD authorities of the project.
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  - xvi) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Act, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied with by the User Agency.
  - xvii) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by the User Agency before statutory sanctions.
  - xviii) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.

**11.00** In view of para no. 10 above, it is requested that the Government of Maharashtra may kindly accord general approval for diversion of forest land 1.19039 in favour of M/s Telesonic Network limited for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable of Telesonic Network Limited 4G project on NH-930 (Ajaypur to Chandrapur Km. Ch 251/820to to Km 271/420) MDR-21 Chiroli to Ajaypur (Ch.Km.34/30 to 19/00) and NH-930 Mul to Janada (Km.230/850 to 239/250) in District Chandrapur in the State of Maharashtra under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl. :- Proposal 1 Copy

  
(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer Maharashtra State, Nagpur



**Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (Territorial) Chandrapur for information.**

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## PART -IV

**(To be filled by Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)**

(Detailed opinion and specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with remarks)

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*NA*, 21/1/22

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- i) The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.
- ii) As per Government of India guidelines No.FC-11/165/2019, FC dt.27/7/2020 the compensatory afforestation may not be levied in case of laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables(OFC). Therefore the cost of compensatory afforestation may not be insist upon the User Agency.
- iii) Net Present Value is exempted for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable as per the Government of India guidelines.
- iv) The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 m depth & 1.0 m width with cable line under the PVC Pipeline.
- v) The land under project will be reclaimed by the user agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs. 50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee.
- vi) If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running mtr. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs. 300/- per mtr. and Rs.750/- per mtr. respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the user agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future. For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the Forest Department as and when required.
- Vii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.
- viii) No felling of trees shall done during the implementation of project.
- ix) The user agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the protected area after compliance of this order. Any breach of the conditions by the user agency will be treated as violation of the provision of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- x) No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.
- xi) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- xii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.



- xiii) The sanction will be subject to final clearance as per the directives issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Communication & IT Department of Telecommunication vide their letter No. 222/2008, dt. 19/09/2008 and concerned PWD authorities of the project.
- xiv) The User Agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Cable only outside the confines of the Protected Area. Any breach of the said condition by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- xv) All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on the User Agency.
- xvi) All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Act, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied with by the User Agency.
- xvii) All necessary approvals required for the project as per the prevailing laws of the land would be obtained by the User Agency before statutory sanctions.
- xviii) The User Agency will restore the land after use/maintenance.



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