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Office of the Deputy Conservator of Forest
Social Forestry Division Ahmedabad

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Date: ²⁹ /05/2019

To,
GUJARAT FIBRE GRID NETWORK LIMITED,
Block No -1,8th Floor,
Udyog Bhavan, Sector -11,
Gandhinaga

Sub: Bharat Net Phase II (GFGNL) OFC Project at Ahmadabad District (Protected Forest Area.25.439 Ha.)

- Ref.**(1). Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter no. FCA/1015/101/15/SF-83F(1) Dt. 04.02.2016
(2) Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department letter no. FCA/29/A/1062-1135 Dt. 10.03.2016
(3) Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar letter no. JMN/B/1690-1760, DATE-20/05/2016
(4) **GUJARAT FIBRE GRID NETWORK LIMITED** letter no. GFGNL/DGM/AHM/2019-20/05 DT: 05/04/2019

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter no. GFGNL/DGM/AHM/2019-20/05 DT: 05/04/2019 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under section-20 of the Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 as per following

Sr. No	Division Name	Road Name	From & up to Km	Total Kms	Length (Meters)	Area of land Hectare
1	Ahmedabad/City, Dascroi	Ahmedabad-Kandla-Sarkhej-Bavla-National Highway No. 8A	7.2 to 14.9	7.7	7700	0.3465
2	Ahmedabad/City, Dascroi	Ahmedabad-Baroda-Ahmedabad-Section National Highway No. 8A	3.6 to 19.80	16.2	16200	0.7290

3	Ahmedabad/City, Dascroi	Ahmedabad-Kathlal- Balasinor- Ahmedabad-Shahpur National Highway No. 2	6.4 to 27.9	21.5	21500	0.9675
4	Ahmedabad/City, Dascroi	Ahmedabad-Dehgam- Modasa-Raipur State Highway No. 68	0.0 to 9.6	9.6	9600	0.4320
5	Ahmedabad/Sanand	Ahmedabad-Sanand- Virangam State Highway	12.8 to 44.4	31.6	31600	1.4220
6	Ahmedabad/Sanand	Sanand-Nalsarovar Section Main District road	0.0 to 42.0	42	42000	1.8900
7	Ahmedabad/Bavla	Ahmedabad-Kandla- Bavla-Bagodara- Limbd section National Highway No. 8A	29.4 to 71.0	41.6	41600	1.8720
8	Ahmedabad/Bavla- Dholka	Bagodara-Tarapur road section	0.0 to 30.8	30.8	30800	1.3860
9	Ahmedabad/Bavla- Dholka	Bagodar-Dhandhuka section National Highway No. 1	0.0 to 18.6	18.6	18600	0.8370
10	Ahmedabad/Bavla- Dholka	Bavla-Dholka-Kheda section National Highway No. 74	0.0 to 20.6	20.6	20600	0.9270
11	Ahmedabad/Dholka	Dholka-Bhavnagar short route state highway	14.2 to 69.9	55.7	55700	2.5065
12	Ahmedabad/Dholka	Loliya-Gundi-Lothal road Main district road	0.0 to 7	7	7000	0.3150
13	Ahmedabad/Bavla	Kerala-Shahpur- Bagodara Main district road	0.0 to 16	16	16000	0.7200
14	Ahmedabad/Dhandhuk a, Barwala, Ranpur	Bagodara- Dhandhuka-Ranpur- Porbandar road section state highway No.1	18.6 to 71.8	53.2	53200	2.3940
15	Ahmedabad/Dhandhuk a	Dhandhuka-Limdi section state highway No. 20	0.0 to 4	4	4000	0.1800
16	Ahmedabad/Dhandhuk a, Barwala	Dhandhuka-Barwala- Bhavnagar state highway No. 36	0.0 to 32.2	32.2	32200	1.4490
17	Ahmedabad/Dhandhuk a	Fedra-Pipli section state highway No. 40	0.0 to 12	12	12000	0.5400

18	Ahmedabad/Dhandhuka, Barwala	Sarkhej-Dholka-Bhavnagar short route	69.9 to 115	46	46000	2.0700
19	Ahmedabad/Viramgam	Sanand-Viramgam road state highway	44.4 to 59	14.6	14600	0.6570
20	Ahmedabad/Viramgam	Viramgam-Vadhwan road state highway no. 67	0.0 to 11.2	11.2	11200	0.5040
21	Ahmedabad/Viramgam, Mandal	Viramgam-Sitapur-Becharaji road State highway No.7	0.0 to 44.2	44.2	44200	1.9890
22	Ahmedabad/Viramgam, Mandal	Viramgam-Mandal-Dashada road state highway no. 18	0.0 to 29	29	29000	1.3050
Total-					25.439	

Government of Gujarat Forest & Environment Department Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under reference has delegates power under "General Approval" to the concerned Divisional forest officer to grant approval under Forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 for laying of underground optical fiber cable, Telephone lines, drinking water, electric line, CNG/PNG Pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to certain conditions.

AND whereas, the user agency while applying and through the documents submitted has confirmed that its FCA proposal falls along the roads within existing Right of Way not Falling in National Park & Wildlife Sanctuary without felling of trees where the maximum size of trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width and hence fulfills all the above specified conditions & eligibility as laid down in circular mentioned as ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "General Approval"

AND whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfill the above specific conditions of "General Approval" the following order is issued.

In view of the above the undersigned is pleased to convey its "in-principle" approval for Diversion of **25.439 HA** of Protected Forest subject to the following conditions:-

1. The permissions is granted only for the use of the forest land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The cost of NPV, registration fees, processing fees etc. as per demand note attached herewith shall be deposited in advance with the forest department by the project authority.

3. The user agency shall generate challan through OSFMWC portal before making payment for Stage-II clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFVC portal by the user agency.
4. In future if any amount regarding net present value for compensatory afforestation is required, the user agency is bounded to pay in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
5. The forest land shall not be used for any propose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
6. The user agency will have to obtain permission from the under signed for carrying out any maintenance works in future
7. The user agency will have to make good the forest land after use / maintenance works. No tree shall be cut.
8. The user agency will be liable to make good any loss to forest / environment cause due to use of the said land by the user agency.
9. The user agency will seek permission from Road & Building Department /Science and Technology Department. Sachivalay Gandhinagar if required so.
10. The line will be laid underground in a trench of the depth 2.00 meter& width 1.00 meter in between rows of road side plantation.
11. The user agency shall submit the detail regarding compliance of MoEF's guidelines dated 03.08.2009 & 05.02.2013 with regard to the schedule tribes & other forest dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights Act.,-2006)
12. The additionalcondition under chapter 5 of Forest Conservation Act., 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat resolutions no. FCA-1013/11-10/11 /SF-24/F, dated 12.06.2015. The user agency shall comply additional condition as per aforementioned resolutions.
13. Another condition with the Nodal Officer (FCA) / the state Government may stipulate from time to time.

After receipt of compliance report on the fulfillment of conditions no. (2),(3),(5) . (11),&(12) mentioned above, from you, order of formal approval will be issued by this department.

Yours faithfully


Dy. Conservator of Forests
Social Forestry Division
Ahmedabad

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Copy submitted to:

1. The Additional Chief Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State Gandhinagar
2. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Land Gujarat State, Gandhinagar
3. Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forest Social forestry Circle, Ahmedabad
4. Copy Submitted to:-Range Forest Officer, All