

No. RK/FCA/ 211
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

Dated J/Nagar, the/ 9-4-2025

From: DFO Joginder Nagar

To: CCF Mandi

Subject: Diversion of 3.6693 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Cliff Finvest Pvt. Ltd. for the construction of Thaltu Khod HEP Stage-II (5.00 MW) Tehsil Padhar Distt. Mandi HP, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi HP.

Reference: ii. Online proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/43637/2019 received on 20.11.2024
ii. Minutes of Meeting of 74th REC of RO-Chandigarh

Memo;

Kindly refer to EDS dated 25.02.2025 issued by MoEF & CC GOI issued under the signature of Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central) whereby following observations (EDS) raised and reply of the same is furnished as under :-


Sr. No.	Observation	Reply/Compliance
1.	The vegetation Density of the proposed project is mentioned as 0.08. However, NPV bill/calculation has been made as per the open forest and very dense forest both. The State Govt shall upload the NPV bill/calculation sheet as per the overall canopy density of the proposed diversion area.	The revised NPV bill prepared and calculated as per the overall canopy density. Also, uploaded the same at relevant field and Additioanl information.
2.	As per S.No-4 (ii) of part II of the PARIVESH portal, a total of 197 trees are required to be felled, and as per the enumeration details, 113 trees + 71 (Muck Dumping) is only to be felled, 13 trees are not to be felled. The State Government shall upload the correct tree enumeration details (i.e. Trees to be felled/Not felled/Trees details of dumping sites) and the same is required to be updated in S.No-4(i), Part-II.	In this regards, it is submitted that the matter regarding felling of trees was discussed in Minutes of 2 nd Meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of Regional Office C.G.O. Complex, Shivalik Khand Longwood Shimla, MoEF &CC & GOI held on 22 nd December, 2021 vide Agenda item No. 8 the committee noted that 197 trees are proposed to be affected in the project. However, 71 trees in dumping site and 13 trees in diversion area will not felled i.e. total 84 trees out of 197 trees will not be felled. In this regard fresh undertaking has been obtained from user agency also. The revised details of 113 trees to be felled uploaded/updated in S. No-4(i), Part-II. Also enumeration list and abstract of the all trees i.e. felled/not to be felled along with user agency undertaking uploaded as PDF in additional information.

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3.	Upon perusal of KML of proposed CA area, Agriculture field is visible in the CA area polygon. DFO concerned shall visit the Site and Confirm whether there is any encroachment or not? If yes, detail of the same must be included in the site inspection report along with the photographs of the Site visit.	In compliance to corresponding EDS. DFO visited on proposed CA site and found that visible agriculture fields showing in CA area is actually natural formation which looks like agriculture fields. However, there is no encroachment in proposed CA area and the proposed CA area is suitable for carrying out plantation.
4.	State Govt shall upload the Implementation agreement (IA) and TEC (Techno Economic Clearance (TEC) of the instant proposal.	User Agency submits that regarding the Implementation Agreement (IA) and TEC (Techno Economic Clearance), as per Himurja update, the draft Implementation Agreement (IA) has been prepared and sent to the Government of Himachal Pradesh for necessary approvals. The Implementation Agreement will be submitted once the necessary approvals are obtained. An undertaking regarding the IA has been uploaded in the additional information details and the Techno-Economic Clearance (TEC) has also been uploaded in the additional information detail.

It is, therefore requested that the necessary Stage-II approval for the diversion of above land may kindly be obtained from competent authority please.

Encl. As above.


 Divisional Forest Officer,
 J/Nagar Forest Division Officer
 Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi, H.P.
 Joginder Nagar (H.P.)

Full Title of the project :

Diversion of 3.6693 hect. of forest land in favour of M/s Cliff Finvest Private Ltd. 1-41, DLF, Industrial Area, Phase-I, Faridabad, Haryana-121003, for the construction of 5.00 MW Thaltukhod Stage-II, SHEP, within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi H.P.

(Online Proposal No. FP/HP/HYD/43637/2019)


CALCULATION OF NET PRESENT VALUE

Classification of land being diverted into various ECO CLASSES as per Hon'ble Supreme Court Direction.

Nature of Forest					Area to be diverted	Classification						Eco value class
UPF and unclassified Forests					3.6693	Himalayan Moist Temperate Forest						VI
Class of trees	Sapling	V	IV	III	IIA	IIB	IA	IB	IC	ID	Total	Area being diverted in Hect.
No. of trees	0	96	59	24	03	10	02	0	01	02	197	3.6693
Total tree below III											155	
Total trees of III and above class											42	
Total mature trees after conservation of below IIIrd class into one mature class											120	
Per hectare density of trees in the and to be diverted											0.3	
Density percentage trees per hectare											0.08%	
Density Class											Open	
Area (in hect.) proposed for diversion					Eco Class	Density Class	NPV rate applicable		Net NPV Amount			
3.6693					VI	Open	10,69,470/-		39,24,206/-			

Place : Joginder Nagar

Date : 29/03/2025


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Date: - 08.04.2025

The Divisional Forest Officer,
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Joginder Nagar, Distt. Mandi H.P.

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Dear Sir,

This is with reference to your telephonic discussion through which you have asked us to provide the correct tree enumeration details, so that you are able to respond to observation No. 2 raised by the Additional Chief Secretary (Forest) letter dated 25.02.2025.

In this regard, it is submitted that only 197 trees are coming in the alignment of the project. However total 84 trees out of 197 trees will not felled i.e. 71 trees in dumping site and 13 trees in diversion area will not be felled. The same matter was also discussed in Minutes of 2nd meeting of Regional Empowered Committee (REC) of regional Office C.G.O. Shimla on 22nd December- 2021.

Thank you

Yours truly,

For Cliff Finvest Pvt. Ltd,

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Authorized Signatory

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