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**BY SPEED POST**

F.No.4-KRB920/2012-BAN/ 7923  
Dated the 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2016

To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,  
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,  
Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Renewal of lease of 2.00 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.232 of Sirsi (V) & (T), Uttara Kannada District in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, Sirsi - Reg.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letter No.FEE 27 FLL 2012 dated 07/12/2012 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 6<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 for a period of 5 years w.e.f. 22/06/2010, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
3. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 2.00 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
4. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
5. The funds received from User Agency towards Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited either in SB A/c No.SB01025213 - CAF Karnataka, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC

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No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No.344902010105 421 - KARNATAKA CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498). The details of deposition of funds, *inter-alia*, the DD Numbers & date, Amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished.

6. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking in Rs.200 stamp paper to the effect that they will vacate the diverted forest area by 21.06.2015.
7. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.00 ha.
8. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.

Subsequently, this office vide letter No.4-KRB 920/2012-BAN/6092 dated 15/10/2014 had modified condition No.(6) of the in-principle approval as per the direction of MoEF&CC as under:-

*"The validity of the approval under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 will be upto 21/06/2020. The User Agency i.e., M/s Sahyadri Papers, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District shall furnish an undertaking to the effect that they will vacate the diverted forest area by 21/06/2020".*

The State Government vide letter No.FEE 27 FLL 2012 dated 08/06/2012 and PCCF (HoFF), Karnataka vide letter No.A5(2).GFL.CR.120/97-98 dated 23/11/2015 have reported compliance/ acceptance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for renewal of lease of 2.00 ha. of forest land in F.Sy.No.232 of Sirsi (V) & (T), Uttara Kannada District in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, Sirsi, for a period of 10 years w.e.f. 22/06/2010, subject to the following additional conditions:-

1. The User Agency shall vacate the diverted forest by 21/06/2020 and the Forest Department will ensure that this direction is complied with.

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2. The DGPS readings of the 2.00 ha. of the forest land diverted shall be communicated to this office within 30 days.
3. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.

Yours faithfully,

  
(S.M. Somashekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18<sup>th</sup> Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
4. Shri M.V. Joshi, Partner, M/s Sahyadri Papers, Banavasi Road, Sirsi- 581 401, Uttara Kannada District (Karnataka).
5. Guard file.

  
(S.M. Somashekar)  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)