



Karnataka Forest Department  
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No.D1/Bhoomi/CA-Suitable/MSPL/2023-24/2024-25 Date: -08-2024

To,

M/s JSW Renewable Energy Limited,  
Ballari.

Sir,

- Subject: Issue of suitability certificate for non forest land identified for raising of Compensatory Afforestation.
- Reference: 1 M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Torangallu, Bellari letter dated:19-07-2024.  
2 This office even letter No. D1/Bhoomi/JSW/Suitability 2024-25, dated:22-07-2024.  
3 Letter No.RFO/Hemmadaga/PaNe/2024-25, dated: 22-07-2024 of the Range Forest Officer, Bhimgad Wildlife Range, Hemmadaga  
4 Letter No.ACF/KhaUV/CA land/ Kelil Krishnapur/ 2024-25/454, dated:22-08-2024 of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Khanapur Sub Division, Khanapur  
5 Vana (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 and Government of India Order dated:29-12-2023

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With reference to the above subject, M/s. JSW Renewable Energy (Vijayanagara) Limited, Bellari has requested to issue suitability certificate for an area situated at Kelil Krishnapur sy.no. 22/\*38, 22/\*39, 22/\*40, 22/\*41, 22/\*42 and 22/\*43 to an extent of 24.98 ha., against diversion of 23.3876 ha., forest land under Forest Clearance Proposal No.FP/KA/HYD/152438/2022 to facilitate the 130 MW Vijayanagar Pumped Storage Project in Kurekuppe, Vadddu, Banihatti, Taranagar, Lingadahalli, Kodalu, Chikkantapur village, Donimalal RF of Sandur Taluka of Bellari District. Information sought from the Range Forest Officer, Bhimgad Wildlife Range, Hemmadaga and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division, Khanapur.

The Range Forest Officer, Bhimgad Wildlife Range, Hemmadaga and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Khanapur Sub Division, Khanapur has inspected the said area on 21-07-2024 and submitted the report vide letter referred at (3) and (4)

respectively. The inspection report of the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Khanapur Sub Division, Khanapur is as follows:-

The details of the proposed Malki Land in Kelil Krishnapur Village, Khanapur Taluk, Belagavi District are as follows.

Sl No.	Taluka	Village	Sy. No.	Extent	
				(A-G)	Ha
1	Khanapur	Kelil Krishnapur	22/*/38	00-38	0.38
2	Khanapur	Kelil Krishnapur	22/*/39	02-32	1.13
3	Khanapur	Kelil Krishnapur	22/*/40	04-20	1.82
4	Khanapur	Kelil Krishnapur	22/*/41	22-20	9.11
5	Khanapur	Kelil Krishnapur	22/*/42	15-20	6.27
6	Khanapur	Kelil Krishnapur	22/*/43	15-20	6.27
			TOTAL	61-30	24.98

The Check Bandi details of the proposed 61acre-30 gunta area are as follows.

Survey No.	East	West	North	South
22/*/38	22/*/39	F.Sy.No.1	Balance area of sy.no.22	22/*/40
22/*/39	22/*/41	22/*/38	Balance area of sy.no.22	22/*/40
22/*/40	22/*/41	F.Sy.No.1	22/*/38 & 22/*/39	22/*/42
22/*/41	Balance area of sy.no.22	22/*/39 & 22/*/40	Balance area of sy.no.22	22/*/42 & 22/*/43
22/*/42	22/*/43	F.Sy.No.1	22/*/40 & 22/*/41	F.Sy.No.1
22/*/43	Balance area of sy.no.22	22/*/42	22/*/41	F.Sy.No.1

1. The proposed non-forest land, located in the heart of Bhimgad Wildlife Range and adjacent to reserved forest areas, exhibits characteristics of dense and semi-evergreen forests with a rich biodiversity of trees, shrubs, and vines. It's home to various wildlife including tigers, leopards, and king cobras. Due to its remote location and natural barriers like overflowing rivers and streams,



human activity is minimal, enhancing its suitability for environmental conservation. The Range Forest Officer, Bhimagada (Wildlife) has confirmed that this land is not classified as "Deemed Forest."

2. Due to heavy rain and fog, the rivers and canals are overflowing and cannot be crossed and boundary demarcation of the area could not be completed. Inspections by forest and revenue department officials is recommended to verify boundaries and documents.
3. The non-forest area identified by the user agency is qualifying for Compensatory Afforestation is eligible for Twenty five percent less area as per Rule 13 & and 14, Sl.No.6 of the Schedule-II under the instance guidelines under Vana (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Vana (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023 issued by the Government of India, dated:29-12-2023.


Based on the assessments by the Range Forest Officer, Bhimgad Wildlife Sanctuary, Hemmadaga, and the Assistant Conservator of Forests, Sub Division, Khanapur the proposed Non-Forest (Malki) land has been deemed suitable for transfer to the Forest Department for compensatory afforestation (CA) purposes.

The company may submit a formal request through the concerned DCF, within whose jurisdiction the project falls, to issue a request for CA suitability certificate for the said land. The CA certificate, issued in the prescribed format, is specific to the project and area as detailed in the application submitted through the Parivesh portal. The DCF is the authorized entity to seek this CA suitability certificate for the land proposed by the project proponent.

Yours faithfully,  
Sd/-

Deputy Conservator of Forests,  
Belagavi Division, Belagavi.

Copy submitted to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Conservation) and the Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation Act), Bengaluru for your kind perusal and needful action.

  
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