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Dated the 18th October, 2024

To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 17.073 ha. of forest land in Karadukka Reserve Forest in Kasargod Forest Division for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Udupi-Kasargode Transmission Line in favour of M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.C3/240/2021/F&WLD dated 28/10/2021 and 02/09/2022 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 27/10/2022. The State Government vide letter No. No.C3/240/2021/F&WLD dated 16/10/2024 reported compliance 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 **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 17.073 ha. of forest land in Karadukka Reserve Forest in Kasargod Forest Division for construction of 400 KV Quad D/C Udupi-Kasargode Transmission Line in favour of M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Limited, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer, prior to handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
3. Equivalent extent of non-forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation in Kammadamkavu i.e. to compensate the loss of land by land, shall be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department. The Non-forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified as RF/PF by the State Government **within 6 months from the date of receipt of Stage-II /Final approval letter A** copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section-4 or Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the local

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Forest Act as the case may be sent to this Ministry for information and record and also uploaded in Parivesh portal.


4. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equivalent extent of degraded forest land identified in Choodupura, Kakkayam Forest Section, Kozhikode Forest Division, within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified degraded forest land.
5. Plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in the right of way under the transmission line as per the scheme approved by the State Forest Department shall be taken up at the cost of the User Agency and State Government shall ensure the compliance of the same.
6. The State Government shall upload the KML file of the forest area diverted and CA area (both NFL and DFL) on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details.
7. 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 the user agency.
8. Tree felling may be limited to 40% of the trees enumerated for the entire project in the forest area.
9. Breaking of land and tree felling in the Right of Way for the transmission line area may be restricted to minimum technical requirement.
10. The trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
11. No additional forest area shall be used for access and other ancillary activities and all such activities be restricted to the diverted area.
12. The User Agency and State Government shall ensure strict compliance of all the orders and directions of the Courts/Tribunals related to the proposal.
13. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.
14. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
15. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
16. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
17. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter No.7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
19. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 17.073 ha.
20. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
21. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
22. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
23. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
24. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative



measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.

25. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year.
26. The State Government and user agency shall comply with the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
27. Any other condition that the Regional Office of Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bengaluru may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
28. The conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
29. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,


(M.K. Shambhu)

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
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5. M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Ltd, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Ishwar Nagar, New Delhi -110 065.
6. M/s. Udupi Kasargode Transmission Ltd, House No.13/131, Old No.7/117, ITI Colony, Vidya Nagar, Kasargod, Kerala -671 123
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