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Date 02nd November, 2018

To,

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

Subject: Diversion of 1.95 ha of forest land in Sy No 01/P (Compt No 558) of Elutla RF, Putlur Mandal, Ananthapuram District for mining lease for extraction of Barytes in favour of Smt. J.C.Vijaya, R/o Tadipatri-reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 2265/Section-II/2018 dated 28.05.2018 and online application No. FP/AP/MIN/30265/2017 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 21.08.2018. The State Government of Andhra Pradesh vide letter No. 2265/Section-II/2018 dated 25.10.2018 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 1.95 ha of forest land in Sy No 01/P (Compt No 558) of Elutla RF, Putlur Mandal, Ananthapuram District for mining lease for extraction of Barytes in favour of Smt. J.C.Vijaya, R/o Tadipatri, subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
2. Demarcation of the proposed 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 the User Agency. The User Agency shall also ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone (7.5 meter strip all along the boundary within the mining lease area) **before execution of the mining work and State Government shall report the same to this office;**

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3. Compensatory afforestation over the identified non-forest land over an extent of 2.04 ha of non-forest land in Sy No 207 of Anumpalli (Village) of Putlur (M) of Gooty Range of Ananthapur Division, shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
4. The non-forest land which is transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department for the purpose of compensatory afforestation, shall be declared as Reserved Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act. The Nodal Officer must report compliance within a period of 6 months from the date of grant of final approval and send a copy of the notification in this regard to this office for information and record;
5. 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;
6. The safety zone shall be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
7. Afforestation and its maintenance on 0.60 ha (being 1 ½ times the extent of safety zone) of degraded forest land identified in Compt No 558, in Ellutla RF of Ellutla Beat of Tadimarri Section of Ananthapur shall be carried out by the of State Forest Department from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. The DGPS co-ordinates of the degraded forest land shall be submitted to the Regional Office, Chennai **within three months from the date of issue of this order**;
8. The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of the mining lease from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
9. The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner and concurrent reclamation as per the approved mining plan, and submit an annual compliance

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report to the Regional Office, Chennai. If it is found that the activities indicated in the reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the State Government or the Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, such reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;

10. The User Agency shall ensure stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/ benching so as to ensure that that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28° ;
11. Diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under;
12. The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
13. Consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed regularly;
14. No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
15. Only temporary storage sheds may be set up in the area and no permanent structure shall be constructed in the forest area;
16. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
17. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
18. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.95 ha (including safety zone area);

19. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
20. The PCCF and the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State of Andhra Pradesh shall instruct all the field level officers to implement the CA scheme in its entirety as per the proposal and no CA amount shall be left unspent;
21. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;
22. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai;

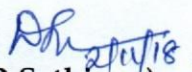
Yours faithfully,


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Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.
4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.
5. Smt JC Vijaya Ellutla, #15/311, Sanjeevanagar, Tadipatri, Ananthapur District, Andhra Pradesh.
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