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From:

Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department, M.S.Building, Bengaluru-560 001. To: Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force).

Aranya Bhavan, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560 003.

Sir,

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Sub: Diversion of 0.25 ha of forest land in Doddanallala Plantation (adjoining Doddanallala village & Attivatta village) in Bengaluru Rural District for lifting/pumping 440 MLD secondary treated water from K & C valley STP & Belandur STP to Narasapura Tank and onwards to fill 126 tanks in Kolar District and Chintamani Taluk in Chikkaballapur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Bengaluru Rural District.

Ref:

- 1. No. A5(4).GFL.CR-17/2017-18 dated: 27.01.2018 of PCCF (HoFF), Bengaluru.
 - 2. Government of India MoEF letter No.11-9/98-FC, dated:13.02.2014.

I am directed to invite reference to your letter dated: 27.01.2018 cited at reference (1) above, wherein prior approval of the State Government is sought for the above project under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey the In-principle Stage-I approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for Diversion of 0.25 ha of forest land in Doddanallala Plantation (adjoining Doddanallala village & Attivatta village) in Bengaluru Rural District for lifting/pumping 440 MLD secondary treated water from K & C valley STP & Belandur STP to Narasapura Tank and onwards to fill 126 tanks in Kolar District and Chintamani Taluk in Chikkaballapur District in favour of the Executive Engineer, Minor Irrigation Division, Bengaluru Rural District as per guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter F.No.11-9/98-FC ,dated 13-02-2014 (General Approval) and the compliance of following conditions by the user agency.

- 1. NO work should be commenced by the User Agency on the proposed forest land unless the compliance of the stage-I conditions and Stage-II approval is accorded.
- 2. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged i.e. shall remain Reserved/Protected/Village/Unclassed/Other types of Forests /forest as the case may be.
- 3. The lessee shall pay lease rent as fixed by the Government from time to time.
- 4. The lease tenure is for a period of 20 (Twenty) years.
- 5. The leased out area shall be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within one year or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area shall be forfeited resumed back.
- 6. In case of any violations of stipulations/agreed conditions reported during the lease period, the lease shall be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The concerned Chief Conservator of Forests is authorised to take necessary action in this regard.
- 7. No residential buildings shall be permitted in the proposed forest area.
- 8. The Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 and Rules, 1969 and other relevant Acts & Rules will be applicable for any violation.
- 9. The user agency has to pay the Net Present Value(NPV) of forest land diverted under this proposal as per orders dated 28-03-2008 and 9-5-2008 of the Hon`ble Supreme Court of India.
- 10. The user agency has to pay the cost for raising plantation of 10 times of the trees to be felled at the rate prevailing at the time of approval.
- 11. The user agency shall ensure that there should be no damage to the available fauna and other flora. Any damage to forest area due to such works shall be compensated by the user agency. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.
- 12.Production of requisite Certificate issued by the Deputy commissioner, Chitradurga & Davangere Districts as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment and Forests, New Delhi vide letter No. F.NO.11-9/98-FC(Pt), dated:03/08/2009 05/07/2013 in Form -1 for compliance under Recognition of Forests Rights (RoFR) Act, 2006.
- 13.Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out appropriately at the cost of user agency.
- 14.No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

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- 15.No crushing/breaking of stones shall be allowed inside forest area.
- 16.All waste/debris generated shall be scientifically disposed of outside the forest area.
- 17. The Lessee shall not sub lease, mortgage or hypothecate the Forest area.
- 18.Any damage to forest area due to implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the user agency. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest.
- 19. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environment Protection Act, 1986 is required.
- 20. The user agency has to take up rain water harvesting measures as well as soil & moisture conservation works. Also, the user agency has to take necessary measures to protect the adjoining forest from encroachment, forest fire illegal felling etc.

Along with the above conditions, this project is subject to following conditions as per guidelines issued by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and climate Change, New Delhi vide No.11-9/98-FC, dated: 13.02.2014(General Approval):

- 1. The forest land to be diverted for above mentioned specified activities should be less than one hectare in each case.
- 2. The clearance of such developmental projects shall be subject to the condition that the same is need based.
- 3. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall submit monthly report to the concerned regional office by 5th of every month regularly regarding approval of such cases. In the event of failure, the exercise of power by the State/UT Government to grant such permission may be suspended by the Central Government for a specified period of time or till the information is submitted.
- 4. The user agency shall be responsible for any loss to the flora/fauna in the surroundings and therefore shall take all possible measures to conserve the same.
- 5. The permission granted by the State Government shall be subject to the monitoring by the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry of Environment and Forests.
- 6. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal. Any change in the land use without prior permission of the Central Government shall amount to the

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violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Request of such changes shall be made to the Regional Office by the Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) of the State / UT.

- 7. Entire process for settlement of rights in accordance with the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forests Rights) Act, 2006 shall be completed before grant of approval for diversion of such forest land.
- 8. Project shall not affect recognized rights of the primitive tribal communities and pre-agricultural communities
- 9. The user agency shall abide by all the conditions imposed upon by the Government of India, the Government of Karnataka and the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force).
- 10. The State Forest Department / State Government or the concerned Regional Office may impose from time to time any other condition in the interest of conservation, protection and / or development of forests.

The compliance report for the above referred proposal may be submitted for further needful action.

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Yours faithfully,

(NARAYANA) 8/3/18. Under Secretary to Government, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department.

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