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To

The Managing Director,  
M/s Sree Metaliks Ltd.  
AT/ P.O- Barbil, Dist- Keonjhar, Pin-758035

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 0.764 ha of forest land for laying of underground water pipeline along with 11 KV power line from river Karo to Loidapada Integrated Steel Plant of M/s Sree Metaliks Ltd in Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar District.

X-Sub: **Revised demand of funds towards NPV & Penal NPV over 0.764 ha forest land.**

Ref: 1. Letter No.5-ORB539/2022-BHU dated 17.04.2023 of MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, IRO, Bhubaneswar.  
2. Letter No.FE-DIV-FLD-0090-2022-8420/FE&CC dated 24.04.2023 of Govt. of Odisha Forest, Environment & Climate Change Department.  
3. Your letter No. Nil dated 17.05.2023 & letter No. Nil dated 01.05.2023.  
4. This office letter No.4025 dated 06.05.2023.  
5. Observation noticed by the PCCF (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o- the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar on this office demand letter No. 4025 dated 06.05.2023 through e-portal of parivesh.nic.in.

Sir,

Whereas, in compliance to the condition No. 2.A(III) of the Stage- I approval issued by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India, IRO, Bhubaneswar, the user agency has been demanded to deposit Rs.1,09,76,159/- towards penal NPV for 1.528 ha (0.764 ha for pipeline and 0.764 ha for pathway).

And whereas, the user agency has represented vide his letter dt. 01.05.2023 that the pathway was existing prior to the laying of the pipeline, which is mentioned in the minute of meeting of Regional Empowered Committee held on 30.01.2023, also the REC date is mentioned in the Stage-I approval letter and the user agency has used only 0.764 ha forest land during laying of pipeline in violation of FC Act, 1980.

And whereas, based on the recommendation of the committee in 83<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the REC of Integrated Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar in 30.01.2023, Agenda No. 83.3 that the Committee recommended the proposal to Ministry for approval subject to the following conditions:

*"The user agency shall pay Penal NPV of forest land per hectare for each year for use of forest land from the date of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum upto five(5) times the NPV plus 12 percent simple interest till the deposit is made".*

And whereas, the demand noticed issued vide this office letter No. 3813 dt. 28.04.2023 was revised vide this office letter No.4025 dated 06.05.2023 as per recommendation of REC in the minute held on 30.01.2023 as follows :-

Area of forest land utilized in violation to FC Act, 1980 over 0.764 ha for laying of pipeline w.e.f 01.01.2007 to 17.04.2023 (i.e. date of grant of Stage-I clearance ) = 16.29 years.

Applicability of Penal NPV under FC Act, 1980 (Eco Value Class-I, Density 0.5) i.e. @ Rs.14,36,670/- per ha (0.764 ha x Rs.14,36,670 lakh x 16.29 Years)= Rs. 1,78,80,163/-.

As per MoEF&CC, GoI guideline dated 29.01.2018 & condition No.2(iii) of Stage-I approval dated 17.04.2023 amount of penal NPV due for deposit is maximum 5 times of NPV i.e. (0.764 ha x Rs.14,36,670/- x 5 times = Rs.54,88,079/- (plus 12% simple interest till the deposit is made).

And whereas, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (FD&NO, FC Act), O/o- the PCCF&HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar has rejected the demand notice issued vide this office letter No.4025 dated 06.05.2023 through online in web portal of parivesh.nic.in as 12% simple interest till the deposit is made has not been taken into calculation.

In view of the above, you are requested to deposit the total amount of **Rs.1,73,92,820/- (Rupees one crore seventy three lakh ninety two thousand eight hundred twenty) only towards NPV & Penal NPV furnished details as below.**

NPV/ Penal NPV	Description	Amount (in Rs.)
Net Present Value (NPV)	-Forest land involved in the project – 0.764 ha (i.e. Eco Value Class-I, Density 0.5) NPV@ 14,36,670/- per ha). (0.764ha x Rs.14,36,670/- = Rs.10,97,615.88 or Rs.10,97,616.00)}.	10,97,616.00
Penal NPV	As per recommendation of REC held on 30.01.2023 & as per MoEF&CC, GoI guideline dated 29.01.2018 amount of penal NPV due for deposit is maximum 5 times of NPV i.e. (0.764 ha x Rs.14,36,670/- x 5 times = Rs.54,88,079/- + 1,08,07,125.16 or Rs.1,08,07,125/- {(plus 12% simple interest till the deposit is made for 16.41 years i.e. w.e.f 1.1.2007 to 31.05.2023 (till the end of current month)}. Hence Total Penal NPV amount is Rs.54,88,079/- +Rs.1,08,07,125/- = Rs.1,62,95,204/	1,62,95,204.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>1,73,92,820.00</b>

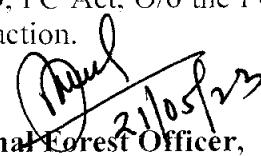
The above demanded amount has to be deposited in ORISSA CAMPA Account only through **e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>)** within 30 days from the date of issue of this letter and the proof/evidence of the deposit of fund be submitted to this office for further necessary action at this end.

Yours faithfully,

  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Keonjhar Division.

Memo No. 4445 / Dated. 21-05-2023

Copy submitted to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle, Rourkela / Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, FD & NO, FC Act, O/o the PCCF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action.

  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Keonjhar Division.