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**Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF)
Forest Complex, Sector 68, SAS Nagar
(FCA Branch)**

31/05/2023

To

Divisional Forest Officer,
Ludhiana.

Subject: Diversion of 0.0455 ha. of forest land in favour of Punjab State Transmission Corporation Ltd. For connecting 220 KV S/C line on D/C towers Ludhiana to Doraha with S/C on S/C Dhandari Kalan to Lalton Kalan line in Distt. & Under Forest Division Ludhiana (FP/PB/TRANS/116838/2020)

The Stage-I approval was accorded to the proposal vide letter no File No.FOREST-FCA0FC6L/15/2022-FCAI/450374/2022 dated 31-10-2022. Divisional Forest Officer Ludhiana has reported vide letter no. 603 dated 25-04-2023 that the User Agency has deposited the cost of C.A, ACA. NPV, and RFA as per the Stage-1 approval. A Certificate has also been submitted by DFO that none of the provisions of Acts/Rules/Guidelines and circulars of Govt. of India/State Govt. is violated.

The Nodal Officer FCA has been authorized by the State Government to issue Final Approval vide e-office file no. 72024. After careful examination of the proposal under General Approval issued by Govt. of India vide letters No F.No 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 and "Stage-II approval" is hereby

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conveyed for diversion of 0.0455 ha. of forest land for the above mentioned proposal on following conditions:-

- i. The NOC is issued for non-forestry use of 0.0455 ha. of forest area only. The User Agency under no circumstances shall exceed the area limit either while in the process of development or anytime in future.
- ii. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- iii. 04 trees and 08 plants will be felled in this case
- iv. The Compensatory Afforestation is proposed to be raised over 0.10 ha of Compartment No Mand Chhounta Forest C.No 7 as per proposed scheme, at a cost of 61,529/- (Rupees Sixty One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Nine only) provided by the user agency
- v. This maximum width of "Right of Way" for the proposed transmission line on the forest land shall be 18.00 meters.
- vi. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land.
- vii. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and shall under no circumstances, be transferred to any one without prior approval of the Central/State Government.
- viii. The User Agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased in compliance to any such order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- ix. Muck disposal should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
- x. The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the User Agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
- xi. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required
- xii. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

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- xiii. The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest area.
 - xiv. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
 - xv. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
 - xvi. Any other condition that the Forest Department, Punjab may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forests & Wildlife.
 - xvii. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Regional Office regularly.
 - xviii. This approval is granted subject to the condition that there is no court case pending in any court pertaining to the land or trees in the present FCA case. Any legal liability arising out of such case; if any, will be the sole responsibility of the land owning Agency/Department.
 - xix. The User Agency and the DFO shall ensure compliance all provisions of Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force and as applicable to the project.
2. The Forest Department may revoke/suspend the NOC if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. Divisional Forest Officer will ensure fulfilment of these conditions through Forest Department.

Basanta Raj Kumar
NODAL OFFICER (FCA)

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1. Add. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Punjab, Department of Forest and Wildlife Preservation Chandigarh.
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3. Member Secretary, Punjab Pollution Control Board, Nabha road Patiala.
4. Member Secretary SEIAA, State Level Environment Impact Assessment, Science & Technology, MGSIPA, Sector-26 Chandigarh.
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