

NO. LM/WS-03/VELCAN

Dated: 24 April, 2015

TO WHOSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No 11-9/98FC(pt) dated 3rd August 2009 wherein the MoEF issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes, it is certified that 55.70 Ha of Community Forest Land (Surface land = 47.10 Ha, Riverbed= 5.90 Ha and Underground area= 2.70 Ha) proposed to be diverted in favour of M/s Heo Hydro Power Private Limited (HHPPL) for construction of (240 MW) Heo Hydro Electric Project in West Siang District falls within jurisdiction of Meying, Gapo, Lipusi, Hiri & Purying villages in Mechukha Sub-Division, West Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh. The details of Community Forest Land falling in various villages are as under:

| S.No | Sub-Division | Name of village | Community Forest Land | | | T . 1/11) |
|------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------------|---------|---------|------------|
| | | | SL (Ha) | RB (Ha) | UG (Ha) | Total (Ha) |
| 1 | Mechukha | Meying | 20.45 | _ | 1.35 | 21.80 |
| 2 | Mechukha | Gapo | 9.35 | - | _ | 9.35 |
| 3 | Mechukha | Lipusi | 7.75 | 0.15 | 0 | 7.90 |
| 4 | Mechukha | Hiri | 5.10 | 2.80 | 0 | 7.90 |
| 5 | Mechuka | Purying | 4.45 | 2.95 | 1.35 | 8.75 |
| | Total | | 47.10 | 5.90 | 2.70 | 55.70 |

Note: SL: Surface Land, RB: River Bed & UG: Under Ground

It is further certified that:-

- (a) The complete process for identification and settlement of forest rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 (FRA) has been carried out for the entire 55.70 Ha of Community Forest Land proposed for diversion of forest land. A copy of records of all consultation and meeting of the Forest Right Committees, Gram Sabhas, Sub-Divisional Level Committee and District Level Committee are enclosed as Annexure 1-5 (Forest Right Committee's of Meying, Gapo, Lipusi, Hiri & Purying), Annexure 6-15 (Notification of Gram Shaba meeting in English and local language), Annexure 16 (Notification of SDLC meeting), Annexure 17 (MoM of SDLC meeting), Annexure 18 (Notification of DLC meeting) & Annexure 19 (MoM of DLC meeting). It is to certify that three months notice period in the form of public notice, stipulated petition period of 60 days between the Gram Sabha meetings of affected villages and SDLC meeting and stipulated petition period of 60 days between SDLC meeting and DLC meeting was given to receive the claims hence reasonable opportunity and time was provided to all interested individuals/parties to put forward their view/claims.
- (b) The proposal for such diversion of 55.70 Ha Community Forest Land and full details of (240 MW) Heo Hydro Electric Project and its implications coming within the jurisdiction of Meying, Gapo, Lipusi, Hiri and Purying villages in vernacular language, have been placed before each concerned Gram Sabha of forest dwellers, who are eligible under the FRA.

- (b) Each concerned Gram Sabhas has certified that all formalities / processes under the FRA have been carried out and that they have given their consent to the proposed diversion of Community Forest Land of 55.70 Ha and the compensation and ameliorative measures, if any, having understood the purpose and details of proposed diversion of 55.70 Ha Ha of Community Forest Land for construction of (240MW) Heo Hydro Electric Project. The fishing rights shall continue with the villagers. Further, within stipulated time frame no appeal /grievance have been filed against the Gram Sabha resolution of affected villages, decision of SDLC meeting and during DLC meeting. A copy of resolution issued by Gram Sabha of Gapo, Meying, Lipusi, Hiri and Purying are enclosed as Annexure 20-24 and Certificate issued by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Mechukha, West Siang District as Annexure 25.
- (b) The discussion and decisions on such proposal had taken place only when there was a quorum of minimum 50% of the members of the Gram Sabha present;
- (c) It is certified that Section 3(2) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 (FRA) is not applicable for the present proposal as the Project is not being managed by Government nor the project activity is covered in the list of activities mentioned in Section 3(2) of said Act.
- (d) It is certified that section 3(1) (e) of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers Act, 2006 (FRA) is not applicable for the present proposal, as there is no Primitive Tribal Groups/or Pre Agriculture Communities in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Encl: As above

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