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**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**  
**FOREST DEPARTMENT**

From  
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To  
The Secretary to  
Government,  
Environment, Forests,  
Science  
and Technology Department,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat  
Velagapudi.

**Rc.no.EFS02-15027/20/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated:09/01/2022.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F(C) Act, 1980- Diversion of forest land over an extent of 0.11 ha  
- falling in Compartment no.973, K.Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of  
Yellamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds  
Ltd., Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery  
to Bay of Bengal to draw sea water for hatchery - In-principle (Stage-I)  
approval accorded - Condition-wise compliance report submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1. GoI, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada F. no. 4-APB130/2021-VIJ/58,  
dated:18.08.2021 received through GoAP memo no.  
997/Section.II/2020, EFS&T(Section-II) Dept., dated:24.08.2021.  
2. PCCF & HoFF, A.P, Guntur Rc. no.15027/20/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-  
3, dated:19.09.2021.  
3. CF, Visakhapatnam Circle Rc. no.4283/2018/TO, dated: 30.12.2021.

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It is to inform that, the Government of India in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited have  
accorded in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval for diversion of forest land over an extent  
of 0.11 ha falling in Compartment no.973, K.Polavaram Shelterbelt forest block of  
Yellamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam Division in favour of M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd.,  
Visakhapatnam for laying underground pipeline from Shrimp hatchery to Bay of  
Bengal to draw sea water for hatchery subject to fulfillment of certain conditions  
laid down therein.

Accordingly the Conservator of Forests, Visakhapatnam Circle,  
Visakhapatnam in the reference 3<sup>rd</sup> cited has submitted the compliance on the  
conditions stipulated in the Stage -I approval accorded by the GoI, MoEF &CC,  
IRO, Vijayawada in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited.

The condition-wise compliance is as follows.

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Sl. no	Conditions stipulated in the Stage-I approval dated: 18.08.2021.	Compliance
(i)	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has stated that legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
(ii)	The 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 User Agency.	The User Agency has demarcated the area proposed for diversion by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters.  (Photographs enclosed)
(iii)	Ten times the number of trees to be felled under the project shall be planted by the State Forest Department in the nearby degraded forest area at the cost of the User Agency and details like CA scheme, map with DGPS co-ordinates etc of such degraded forest area to be identified for compensatory afforestation shall be provided along with the compliance report.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of ₹1,33,000/- towards ten times the number of (39 nos) trees to be felled under the project into CAMPA Account on 18.12.2021. Copy enclosed.  Further, an area of 0.50 ha of degraded forest land was identified in compartment no.634, Vempadu RF, near D.L. Puram (V), Yellamanchili Range, Visakhapatnam to plant 400 no. of NTSH seedlings towards Compensatory Afforestation.
(iv)	This proposal intends to fell trees acting as shelter belts, hence appropriate mitigation measures shall be implemented in that locality to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc at the cost of the UA. Site specific scheme shall be prepared and submitted along with the compliance report in addition to the CA Scheme.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of ₹25,700/- towards appropriate mitigation measures to tackle problems such as wind erosion etc., in that locality under the project cost.

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		Further, an area of 0.57 hectares of forest land was identified to plant 400 Casuarina seedlings to tackle problems such as wind erosion, etc. in the Shelter Belt forest area at Compartment no.973 of K.Polavaram Forest Block.
(v)	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.11 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ petition (Civil) No.202/1995.	The User Agency has deposited an amount of ₹68,900/- towards NPV amount into CAMPA Account on 18.12.2021. Copy enclosed.
(vi)	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. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition.
(vii)	All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal ( <a href="https://Parivesh.nic.in/">https://Parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The user agency has deposited an amount of ₹2,27,600/- (Rupees Two lakh Twenty Seven thousand Six hundred only) (NPV: Rs.68900/-, CA: Rs.1,33,000; Mitigation Measures: Rs.25700/-) into CAMPA account on 18.12.2021.
(viii)	The muck generated in the earth cutting if any, will be disposed off at designated dumping sites and in no case the muck/debris will be disposed off in the forest areas.	The User Agency agreed to deposit muck / debris disposed outside the forest areas at designated dumping sites only.
(ix)	The State Government shall ensure that all approvals including CRZ clearance, required if any before handing over of the forest land.	The User Agency has enclosed CRZ clearance issued by the Member Secretary, APCZMA, Government of Andhra

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		Pradesh, Environment, Forest, Science and Technology Department in Letter no.2628/ENV/CZMA/2016, dt:05.05.2016. Copy enclosed.
(x)	Tree felling in the proposed forest area shall be carried out wherever necessary, with the prior permission of the Divisional Forest Officer concerned.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.
(xi)	Wherever feasible the State Forest Department shall carry out translocation of the trees at the cost of the user agency.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.
(xii)	The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.
(xiii)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.
(xiv)	Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the laborers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby flora & fauna;	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.
(xv)	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.11 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that the total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.11 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any other purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. Copy enclosed.

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(xvi)	User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Instructions are noted.
(xvii)	Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Office, IRO, Vijayawada 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.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.
(xviii)	Compliance report on the above conditions shall be processed and submitted through e-portal ( <a href="https://Parivesh.nic.in/">https://Parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The User Agency has uploaded the compliance on the conditions stipulated in the Stage -I approval in the ministry's web portal.
(xix)	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for Penal action as provisions of rules / guidelines made under FCA, 1980.	The User Agency has furnished an undertaking to comply with this condition. Copy enclosed.

The compliance report in (2) sets is submitted herewith.

The Government are therefore requested to forward the same to the Government of India, MoEF &CC, IRO, Vijayawada to accord Stage -II (final) approval to the subject proposal at the earliest as deemed fit in the matter.

Encl:- As above

Yours faithfully  
N Prateep Kumar Ifs  
Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests , Visakhapatnam Circle, Visakhapatnam.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Visakhapatnam for information and necessary action.

Copy to the Authorized Signatory, M/s. Avanti Feeds Ltd., Flat no. 103, Ground floor, R Square, Pandurangapuram, Visakhapatnam-530003 for information and necessary action.