

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
FOREST DEPARTMENT**

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To  
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A.P.Secretariat,  
Velagapudi,  
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**Ref. no. EFS02-15029/23/2020-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, Dated:  
25/09/2023.**

Sir,

Sub: APFD - F (C) Act, 1980 - Diversion of 4.96 ha of forest land falling in  
- Compartment no.200 of Bodabanda RF, Chittoor West Range, Chittoor West  
Division, Chittoor District in favour of M/s. Sri Vasista Mining, Hyderabad  
(Managing Partner- Sri B.S.Nithin Kumar Reddy) for grant of quarry lease for  
Black granite - In-principle/Stage-I approval accorded - Compliance report  
submitted - Reg.

Ref:- 1. GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada in their Lr.no.4-APB141/2021-VIJ/645,  
dt.6.11.2022 received through Government  
Memo.no.1215/Section.II/2021/1453124, EFS&T (Section.II)  
Department, dt.21.11.2022.  
2. CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram,  
Rc.no.513/2020/TO, dt.05.07.2023.

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It is submitted that, in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited, the Government while communicating the in-principle/Stage-I approval accorded by the GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.96 ha of forest land falling in Compartment no.200 of Bodabanda RF, Chittoor West Range, Chittoor West Division, Chittoor District in favour of M/s. Sri Vasista Mining, Hyderabad (Managing Partner- Sri B.S.Nithin Kumar Reddy) for grant of quarry lease for Black granite, requested to furnish compliance report for taking further action in the matter.

In the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> cited, the Chief Conservator of Forest (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has submitted the Stage-I compliance report. The Stage-I compliance report is as follows;

Sl.no.	Condition stipulated by GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada	Compliance submitted
(i)	legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.

(ii)	Demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency. The User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency demarcated the proposed leased/diversion area with 29 RCC pillars around the mining, safety zone and road area. Apart from the above, 86 intermediate/demarcation pillars are fixed at every 20 m. interval around the mine area.
(iii).	The State Forest Department shall carryout SMC works like check dams, MPTs, CCTs and gap planting as proposed in the identified non-forest land over an extent of 4.73 ha in Sy No. 19-2C2 of Ramagiri Village, Ramagiri Mandal, Ananthapuram Range, Ananthapuram District from the funds to be provided by the User Agency;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported as per the report of the DFO, Sri Satyasai District, the user agency identified non-forest land over an extent of 4.73 ha in the jurisdiction of Ananthapuramu district and now it is falling in Sri Sathya Sai district (Sy.no.19-2C2 of Ramagiri (V) & Ramagiri (M)). The area is having miscellaneous growth and is suitable for taking up SMC works like Check dams, MPTs, CCTs and gap planting. Further, the user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.35.60 lakh into A.P State CAMPA account no.1505968121204851 at Union Bank of India, Bangalore, dt.15.06.2023 (Copy enclosed).
(iv)	The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain plantation as proposed over an extent of 4.96 ha in the degraded forest land in Compartment No. 424 of Ramagiri East RF & Beat from the funds to be provided by the User Agency;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency deposited amount for raising and maintenance of plantations over an extent of 4.96 ha in the degraded forest area at the cost of the user agency which is included in the deposited amount of Rs.35.60 lakh by the User Agency (Shown as against condition no.3 of Stage-I approval)
(v).	The entire non-forest land proposed for CA over an extent of 4.73 ha in Sy No. 19-2C2 of Ramagiri Village, Ramagiri Mandal, Ananthapuram Range, Ananthapuram District for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the entire non-forest land identified for CA over an extent of 4.73 ha in Sy.no.19-2C2 of Ramagiri (V), Ramagiri (M) Kadiri Range, Sri Satya Sai district (part of erstwhile Ananthapuramu district) was transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department.  <b>Further, it is submitted that, the State Government in G.O.Ms.no.62, EFS&amp;T (Sec.II) Department, dt.07.09.2023 have notified/declared the non-forest land over</b>

	and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act, may be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;	<b>an extent 4.73 ha or 11.69 acres in Sy.no.19-2C2 of Ramagiri (V), Ramagiri (M) Kadiri Range, Sri Satya Sai district as Ramagiri addl.Block-VII as Protected Forest under Section 24 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967. Copy of the notification is enclosed.</b>
(vi)	The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. Display board at CA land site may be erected for easy identification;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported as per the report of the DFO, Sri Satyasai district that, the approved CA land and CA scheme would not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. Display board at CA site would be erected for easy identification.
(vii)	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land of measuring 4.96 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 and Ministry's guideline No. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the NPV of the forest land was assessed as per the guidelines of GoI, MoEF&CC dt.06.01.2022 in force. The area falls under Eco-Class-III (moderately dense forest) and the NPV rate chargeable is Rs.12,28,590 /- per hectare. The user agency has deposited Rs.60, 93, 807/- lakh for an extent of 4.96 ha. into A.P State CAMPA account through RTGS as demand raised (copy is enclosed).
(viii)	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	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency furnished an underrating to comply with the condition.

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(ix)	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> );	<p>The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency has deposited the following funds into A.P CAMPA account through e-portal only.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Sl. no.</th><th>Item</th><th>Amount (Rupees)</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>NPV</td><td>60,93,807</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>CA</td><td>35,60,000</td></tr> <tr> <td>3.</td><td>SZ area afforestation(Regeneration &amp; Afforestation in lieu of safety zone area 1 ½ times i.e., 1.15 ha)</td><td>4,60,500</td></tr> <tr> <td>4.</td><td>ACA gap planting &amp; SMC works</td><td>12,11,200</td></tr> <tr> <td>5.</td><td>SMC works (CCTs)</td><td>4,00,000</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td>Total:</td><td>1,17,25,507</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Sl. no.	Item	Amount (Rupees)	1.	NPV	60,93,807	2.	CA	35,60,000	3.	SZ area afforestation(Regeneration & Afforestation in lieu of safety zone area 1 ½ times i.e., 1.15 ha)	4,60,500	4.	ACA gap planting & SMC works	12,11,200	5.	SMC works (CCTs)	4,00,000		Total:	1,17,25,507			
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(x)	Proper SMC works may be carried out by the State Forest Department / User Agency to check soil erosion at the cost of the User Agency;	<p>The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, to reduce of soil erosion, a deep trench was proposed about 2 Mt width with 1.5 to 1.75 Mt depth and it would be dug up all along the mining boundary. The total length of the boundary to be arrived is 1026.83 or 1027 Rmts as per the field book. 1027 Rmts of 2Mts width with 1.75 Mt depth.</p> <p>The Total quantity of earth work arrived 3594 cum (1027 Rmts x 2.00 x 1.75 Mt = 3594 cum). The work has to carry out by machine. The user agency submitted an undertaking to the effect, that the work would be carried out by themselves before the commencement of the mining operations with their own cost and machinery "without disturbing surrounding vegetation".</p> <p>Further, it was reported that, necessary precautions would be taken by the Department and instructions would be given to the staff to that effect that "user agency will not be allowed to disturb the surrounding vegetation while digging a trench in the mining area" and also during the field inspection, the DFO, Chittoor has observed that there is possibility to construct one check dam in Compt. No.200, Bodababdla RF. In this connection, the user</p>																								

		agency has deposited an amount of Rs.4.00 Lakh for construction of Check Dam as demand raised. A copy of the details of the fund deposited by the user agency to AP. State CAMPA is enclosed for favour of information
(xi)	Dumping shall be done in the designated place and the user agency shall ensure stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/ benching so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported as per the report of the DFO, Chittoor that, the user agency has proposed dumping area separately.
(xii)	As the User Agency submitted approved mining plan for 5 years, the User Agency shall submit revised approved mining plan to IRO Vijayawada (issued by the competent authority for a specified period) before commencement of mining activity from sixth year onwards;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the DFO, Chittoor issued instructions to the user agency to submit revised approved mining plan to the IRO, Vijayawada before commencement of mining activity from six year on wards.
(xiii)	The State Forest Department shall ensure in house monitoring of the project site every year and such monitoring report shall be submitted to IRO Vijayawada through State Government;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, instruction is noted and it would be followed.
(xiv)	In case the mining lease is adjoining habitation, the stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the User Agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/regeneration activities in the safety zone;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the distance of nearby village to the mining is located about 1.50 km crow fly distance. The user agency has submitted an undertaking for fencing around the entire mine area including Safety Zone and road area, under the supervision of the State Forest Department, at the project cost obtained from the user agency.
(xv)	Safety zone shall be	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle,

	maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the User Agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;	Ananthapuram has reported that, a scheme was prepared for regeneration of works in the safety zone area of 0.75 ha. with cost Rs.0.715 lakh from maintenance of Safety Zone area as green belt around the mining lease. The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.0.715 lakh including safety zone amount to A.P State CAMPAs account.
(xvi)	The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land over an extent of 1.15 ha (one and half times the safety zone area) in degraded forest area in Compt No 241, Vovilathola RF, Santhapeta Beat, Chittoor West Range in lieu of safety zone area of 0.75 ha;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, a scheme was prepared towards afforestation on degraded forest land measuring one and half times the area of forest land under safety zone with an outlay of <b>Rs 3.89 Lakh</b> . The user agency has deposited Rs.3.89 Lakh to A.P. State CAMPAs as per the demand raised. The details are enclosed.
(xvii)	The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species at the project cost.	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the FRO, Chittoor West has submitted report and stated that, a scheme was prepared towards for gap planting and soil moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), located in the area within 100 meters from outer perimeter of mining lease using native species with an amount of Rs.12,11,200/-. The user agency has deposited Rs.12,11,200/- to A.P. State CAMPAs as per the demand raised by DFO, Chittoor. The details of deposits are enclosed.
(xviii)	The user agency shall undertake mining and reclamation as per the approved mining plan, and submit an annual compliance report to the integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada.	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition.
(xix)	The diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the period of mining lease will be co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act.

	lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015 or Rules framed there under. The User Agency shall submit a copy of the mining lease once obtained, to the Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada for record.	
(xx)	The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986.	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to the effect stating that, they would obtain and produce the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 from the competent authority before commencement of mining activities and its renewal time to time.
(xxi)	Consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed regularly;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to comply with the condition.
(xxii)	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to the effect stating that, no labour camp would be established on the forest land during mining period and also stated that they would abide & follow by this condition.
(xxiii)	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that they would abide & follow by this condition.
(xxiv)	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to the effect stating that, they would abide and undertake to comply the provisions of the all Forest Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines,

	the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project.	in force, as applicable to the project area.
(xxv)	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.96 ha (including safety zone area). The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency has submitted an undertaking to the effect stating that, the forest land will not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the mining proposal submitted by firm. Further, the User Agency has also furnished an undertaking stating that they would abide & follow by this condition.
(xxvi)	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or subject to any other agency or Department or Person without prior approval of the Central Government;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the User Agency has furnished an undertaking stating that they would abide & follow by this condition.
(xxvii)	Any other condition that the Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, 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 CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, no other conditions were imposed by any authority so far.
(xxviii)	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;	The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, user agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect.

Further, The CCF (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuram has reported that, the user agency has published the Stage-I approval in both English and Telugu leading newspapers i.e., Sakshi & Hansa of India on 10.06.2023 and also the user agency has given copies of the Stage-I approval to the Local bodies like Panchayats & Municipalities and submitted those copies.

The in-principle / Stage-I compliance report submitted by the Chief



Conservator of Forests (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu along with necessary enclosure is submitted herewith.

The Government are requested to consider the compliance report and forward the same to the Gol, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada for issue of Stage-II approval to the subject project.

Encl:- As above.

Yours faithfully,  
**Y Madhusudhana Reddy**

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Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Head of Forest Force

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (FAC), Ananthapuramu Circle, Ananthapuramu for information.

Copy to the District Forest Officer, Chittoor for information.

Copy to the Managing Partner (B.S.Nithin Kumar Reddy), M/s. Sri Vasista Mininig, Sri Vasista Apurva, 8-2-350/3/2, 501, Road No.3, Banjara Hills, Hyderabad for information.

