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### To

The Principal Secretary,  
Forest & Environment Department,  
New Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar

**Sub:** Diversion of 0.6895 Ha. Forest Land for laying Optical Fiber Cable along with the routes mentioned here under (Purna Wild Life Sanctuary Area) in Ahwa Taluka, District-Dang of Gujarat State.

Online proposal no. FP/GJ/OFC/49234/2020

**Ref:** Government of India's In-principle approval letter no.  
6-GJB 045/2021-BHO, Dt. 30/08/2021

Sir,

With reference to the above subject and letter the compliance report of conditions of In-principle approval is as under:

Sr. No.	Conditions	Sr. No.	Reply
<b>A: Conditions which needs to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department:</b>			
1	The cost of compensatory afforestation on the degraded CA land (2.00 ha.) at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.	1	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 11,37,400/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.

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2	The Net Present Value (NPV) for the 0.6895 ha. forest area to be diverted under the proposal shall be deposited by the user agency as per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30/10/2002, 01/08/2003, 28/03/2008 and 09/05/2008 in IA-566 in W.P. (Civil) No.202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the MoEF&CC vide letters No.5-1/1998-FC(pt-II) dated 18/09/2003 as well as letter No.5-2/2006-FC dated 03/10/2006 and 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and revision of NPV vide Ministry letter no. 5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1) dated 06/01/2022 in this regard.	2	The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.25,16,675/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.
3	The user agency should prepare a site specific Wildlife Management Plan to mitigate the effects of the project over wildlife before the issuance of Stage-II approval and implemented by user agency at their own project cost.	3	This proposal is for laying of underground OFC cable. Therefore this condition is not applicable for this proposal.
4	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal.	4	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
5	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	5	FRA certificate of Collector, Dang-Ahwa is attached herewith.
6	The working permission shall be granted only after receipt of Wildlife Clearance from Competent Authority.	6	Permission under section-29 of Wildlife (Protection) Act-1972 by Chief Wildlife Warden, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar vide letter no. WLP/32/B/6098-6103, Dt. 28/01/2022  (Copy attached herewith).



7	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	7	The User Agency has agreed
8	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal. ( <a href="http://parivesh.nic.in">http://parivesh.nic.in</a>	8	The Compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.
9	The KML files of diverted area and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details prior to Stage-II approval.	9	The KML files of CA area is uploaded on the e-Green watch portal.
<b>B: Conditions which needs to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:</b>			
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	1	The User Agency has Agreed
2	Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 2.00 ha. degraded forest land Compartment no.137, Village-Don, Taluka-Ahwa, District-Dang. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided.	2	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.11,37,400/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation in the CAMPA fund.
3	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	3	The User Agency has already given the undertaking in this regard.
4	No tree felling shall be involved in the implementation of this project.	4	The User Agency has Agreed



5	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	5	The User Agency has agreed
6	The user agency shall provide suitable under/ over pass in protected area/ forest area as per recommendations of CWLW/ NBWL/ FAC/ REC, if applicable.	6	This proposal is for laying of underground OFC cable. Therefore this condition is not applicable for this proposal.
7	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.	7	The User Agency has agreed
8	No labour camp shall be establishment on the forest land.	8	The User Agency has agreed
9	The user agency shall provide alternate fuels preferably LPG to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.	9	The User Agency has agreed
10	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	10	The User Agency has agreed
11	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life.	11	The User Agency has agreed
12	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	12	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
13	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	13	The User Agency has agreed



14	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.	14	The Environment Clearance is not required for this project.
15	The OFC cable shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of cable the ground will be leveled.	15	The User Agency has agreed
16	The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	16	The User Agency has agreed
17	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violations of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as Para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	17	The User Agency has agreed
18	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	18	The User Agency has agreed

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, the matter may now be referred to Integrated Regional Office, Gandhinagar for issuance of formal approval.

### **Performa**

<b>1.</b>	<b>Name of Regional Office</b>	<b>:</b>	Gandhinagar
<b>2.</b>	<b>State/District/Forest Division to which the proposal relates</b>	<b>:</b>	Gujarat / Dang / Dang (North)
<b>3.</b>	<b>Name of User Agency, nature of proposal</b>	<b>:</b>	Gujarat Fiber Grid Network Limited, Gandhinagar  OFC

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4.	Extend of forest area involved	:	0.6895 ha.
5.	Whether original, or extension	:	Original
6.	If extension of lease, pl clarify if proposal involves additional forest area, and if so, specify	:	–
7.	Date of 1 <sup>st</sup> stage clearance	:	Date. 30/08/2021
8.	Extend of CAMPA charges, head wise viz	:	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	:	Rs. 11,37,400/-
	(b) Additional CA	:	
	(c) Penal CA	:	–
	(d) Catchment Area Treatment	:	–
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified/protected areas	:	–
	(g) Net Present Value	:	Rs.25,16,675/-
	(h) Any other charges/Levies(pl specify)	:	–
9.	Details of Bank Drafts (Bank, Draft No., Date & Amount), head-wise against items indicated in paragraph 9 above.	:	–
10.	Whether deposited by RTGS, if so, the particulars & dated of remittance.	:	User Agency online transferred in CAMPA fund through e-portal.
11.	Bank [Corporation Bank, Lodhi complex/union bank of India, Sunder Nagar] in which deposited, with date of deposition.	:	Union Bank of India, Lodhi Road, New Delhi, Date. 16/06/2022
12.	Any other remarks.	:	–

**(Dr. Jaipal Singh)**

Addl. Pri. Chief Conservator of Forests

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