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To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government  
Department of Forest, Ecology and Environment  
M.S. Building, Bengaluru-560 001

Sir,

**Sub:** Renewal of FC lease involving diversion of 2.00 hectare of forest land in Sirsi Village F.Sy No. 232, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for existing Hand Made Paper Manufacturing Small Scale Industry in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, Near Industrial Estate, Banavasi Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District [originally a pre-FCA lease]

**Proposal No. FP/KA/IND/41643/2019 [FORM-B] [Stage-I approved]**

**Ref:**

1. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4 KRB 920/2012-BAN/846 dated 12-11-2020 [Stage-I approval]
2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 46 FLL 2020 dated 10-12-2020 [communication of Stage-I approval]
3. This office letter even No. dated 22-12-2020 [communication of Stage-I approval to User Agency and Field officers]
4. M/s Sahyadri Paper, Sirsi letter dated 11-05-2020 [Compliance Report]
5. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division letter No. A3/GFL/Lease renewal/Sahyadri Papers/CR-61/19-20/2020-21/2022-20/392 dated 12-05-2022 [Compliance Report to CF, Kanara Circle]
6. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi letter No. B2/GFL/CR-121/1996-97/2020-21/2022-23/640 dated 19-05-

The Government of India vide ref (1) have accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for renewal of FC lease involving diversion of 2.00 hectare of forest land in Sirsi Village F.Sy No. 232, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for existing Hand Made Paper Manufacturing Small Scale Industry in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, Near Industrial Estate, Banavasi Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

The same was forwarded to this office by the Government of Karnataka vide ref (2) with a direction to submit the compliance report of conditions of Stage-I approval.

Accordingly, this office vide ref (3) informed the User Agency and field officers for further action to submit the compliance report in respect of the conditions of Stage-I approval.

In response, the User Agency vide ref (4) has submitted the condition-wise compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division, who after verification have submitted the condition wise compliance to the Conservator of Forests Kanara Circle, Sirsi vide ref (5) who has further submitted the same to this office vide ref (6).

Based on the reports received, the status of compliance to the conditions of Stage-I approval is as under.

Stage-I approval condition		Status of Compliance
<b>Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.</b>		
1	The boundary of the forest land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the cost of User Agency as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
2	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in terms of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act 2006, if any, on the forest land to be diverted and submit the documentary evidence as prescribed by this Ministry in its letter No. 11-9/1998- FC dated 3rd August 2009 read with 05.07.2013, in support thereof	The User Agency has furnished the RoFR Certificate in FORM-II (for Non-linear / Hybrid projects) issued by the Deputy Commissioner, Uttara Kannada District vide No. RB/FOR/CR-13/2020-21 dated 18-01-2021 which is enclosed as ANNEXURE-II.

3	Violation of any of these conditions Will amount to violation of Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
4	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal ( <a href="https://parivesh.nic.in/">https://parivesh.nic.in/</a> ).	The user agency has uploaded the compliance report in e-portal.

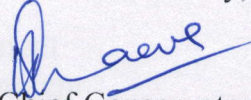
**Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:**

1	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.	<p>The legal status of the forest land remains unchanged and the land continues to be forest land. It will be further monitored by the Forest Department in future.</p> <p>The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]</p>
2	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 agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-III]
3	No tree felling shall be undertaken in the diverted area and green cover area shall be maintained as per pollution control norms.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
4	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels 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 areas;	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
5	No damage to the flora and fauna of	The User Agency has agreed and

	the adjoining area shall be caused;	furnished a consolidated undertaking that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
6	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
7	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.	Action will be taken by the State Forest Department to mitigate the adverse impact.
8	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than i.e. specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
9	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 2.0 ha.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
10	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
11	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
12	The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore by the end of March every year	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]
13	The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The User Agency has agreed and furnished a consolidated undertaking to that effect. [ANNEXURE-I]

Under the above circumstances and agreeing with the recommendation of the field officers, **it is requested to move the matter with the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru to consider according the final (Stage-II) approval** for renewal of FC lease involving diversion of 2.00 hectare of forest land in Sirsi Village F.Sy No. 232, Uttara Kannada District (Sirsi Forest Division) for existing Hand Made Paper Manufacturing Small Scale Industry in favour of M/s Sahyadri Papers, Near Industrial Estate, Banavasi Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District The relevant documents in 3 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA)

**Copy to the:**

1. Conservator of Forests, Kanara Circle, Sirsi for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sirsi Division for information.
3. M/s Sahyadri Papers, Near Industrial Estate, Banavasi Road, Sirsi, Uttara Kannada District for information.