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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka
Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
M.S. Building, Dr. Ambedkar Veedhi,
Bengaluru-560 001

Sir

Sub: Re-diversion of 0.5712 ha. (*revised from 0.602 ha*) of forest land in Sy.No. Poramboke and 81, Kabeerabad village, Sy.No. 328, Anaduru village, Sy.No. 58/1, Byalahalli village, Humnabad, Bidar and Bhalki Taluks, Bidar District for 203mm, 152mm, 101mm diameter steel gas pipeline from Reliance Gas Transmission Infrastructure Limited Terminal CVS-05 at Jalsingi along NH-50 within Right of Way (ROW) to Bidar in favour of M/S. Bharat Gas Resources Ltd, 5th Floor, The IL&FS Centre, Plot C-22, G-Block, Bandra Kurla Complex (E), Mumbai (Secondary User Agency) from the already diverted forest land of National Highway Authority of India (Primary User Agency) - reg

Proposal No: FP/KA/Pipeline/47297/2020

- Ref: 1) Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter F.No. 4-KRC 1340/2022/BAN/84 dated 12-04-2022 [*Stage-I approval*]
2) Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 10 FLL 2022 (e) dated 27-04-2022 [*communication of Stage-I approval*]
3) This office letter of even number dated 29-04-2022 [*communication of Stage-I approval*]
4) Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited Mumbai letter No.BPCL.BDR.22.FP-47297-BFD/02 dt: 09-08-2024

- 5) Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bidar Division, Bidar letter No. KFD-BDRD0A5(SY)/4/2021(E-550180)/1020 dated & 09-01-2025.
- 6) Chief Conservator of Forests, Kalburgi Circle, Kalburgi letter no. A4/ಮುಅಸಂ/ಆ.ಭೂ/ಭಾ.ಗ್ರಾ/ಬಿಡುಗಡೆ/ಸಿ.ಆರ್.20-2021-22 dt: 12-03-2025

The Government of India vide Ref (1) have accorded 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval for re-diversion of 0.5712 ha. (*revised from 0.602 ha*) of forest land in Sy.No. Poramboke and 81, Kabeerabad village, Sy.No. 328, Anaduru village, Sy.No. 58/1, Byalahalli village, Humnabad, Bidar and Bhalki Taluks, Bidar District for 203mm, 152mm, 101mm diameter steel gas pipeline from Reliance Gas Transmission Infrastructure Limited Terminal CVS-05 at Jalsingi along NH-50 within Right of Way (ROW) to Bidar subject to fulfilment of certain conditions stipulated therein. Based on Stage-I approval for the project, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) has directed to submit the Compliance Report in respect of conditions of Stage-I approval. Accordingly, this office vide Ref (3) has informed the User Agency and Field officers to submit the compliance report in respect of the conditions of Stage-I approval.

In response, the User Agency has submitted the compliance report to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bidar Division vide Ref (4), who after verification has, vide Ref (5) submitted the condition-wise Compliance Report to the Chief Conservator of Forests, Kalburgi Circle, who has further submitted the same vide Ref (6) to this office.

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

#	Government of India Stage-I Conditions	Compliance
A: Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.		
1	The User Agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the guideline issued by Ministry vide letter No.5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) dated 06/01/2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through	The User Agency has deposited an amount Rs. 3,82,784/- for 0.5712 ha @ Rs. 6,70,140/- Lakh per ha towards NPV charges to KARNATAKA CAMPA through e-payment mode, vide Transaction ID: M3597094 dated 06-06-2022.

	online portal into CAMPA account of the State Concerned	Copy of the Status of payments page taken from FC web portal is enclosed as Annexure-1									
2	Funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.	<p>As per Website, User Agency has made below mentioned payment towards Compensatory Levies to KARNATAKA CAMPA through e-payment portal on 06-06-2022.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Components</th><th>:</th><th>Rs.</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>NPV</td><td>:</td><td>3,82,784</td></tr> <tr> <td>Total</td><td>:</td><td>3,82,784</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Copy of Status of payments page taken from FC web portal is enclosed as Annexure-1</p>	Components	:	Rs.	NPV	:	3,82,784	Total	:	3,82,784
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3	The KML file of the area re-diverted shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with compliance report.	DCF Bidar will upload the KML file of the re-diverted area shortly.									
4	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/).	As per website, UA has uploaded the Compliance Report through e-portal on 26-03-2025.									
5	The State Government shall complete settlement of rights, in term 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 it's letter No. 11-9/1998-FC dated 3 rd August 2009 read with 05-07-2013 with necessary enclosures, in support thereof.	<p>The User Agency has not obtained and submit the FRA Certificate in Freshly, But, they have submitted a copy of FRA Certificate previously submitted by NHAI (Primary User Agency) vide No. REV/LND/CR-113/2020-21 dated 09-03-2021.</p> <p>A copy of FRA Certificate is enclosed as Annexure-2</p>									
6	The boundary of the re-diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	The DCF, Bidar has reported that the user agency has demarcated the forest land by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars in the boundary of the re-diverted forest land,									

		Photos are enclosed as Annexure-3
7	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 DCF, Bidar has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking regarding violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
B: 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	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The legal status of the forest land diverted is continued to be a forest. However, an agreement will be executed with the UA by DCF while handing over of the forest land.
2	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking to pay additional Net Present Value (NPV) if any. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
3	The period of re-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, whichever is less.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking regarding the period of re-diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
4	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.5712 ha.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
5	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4

6	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
7	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
8	The forest land proposed to be re-diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
9	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
10	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
11	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.	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
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, Bengaluru by the end of March every year and	The DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4
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 DCF has reported that the User agency has submitted an undertaking this condition regarding. Copy enclosed as Annexure-4

In view of the above mentioned, compliance to condition of Stage-I approval as reported by the field officers, it is requested to accord the final (Stage-II) approval for

diversion of the said forest land under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for a period of twenty (20) years.

The relevant documents in 2 sets are submitted here with for kind perusal and further action. The present status of the proposal obtained from the web-portal is also appended for necessary action.

Yours faithfully



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

Copy to the,

1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Kalburgi Circle, Kalburgi for information & necessary action.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bidar Division, Bidar for information and you are directed
 - to upload the re-diverted forest land KML file in e-green watch portal with all requisite details and submit the same to this office &
 - to issue the demand notice and collect the minimum 100 tree plantation cost [Compensatory Plantation] as per new guidelines from the User Agency and upload the KML file in e-green watch portal with all requisite details and submit the same to this office.
3. M/S. Bharat Gas Resources Ltd, 5th Floor, The IL&FS Centre, Plot C-22, G-Block, andra Kurla Complex (E), Mumbai -400 005 for information and to upload the demand notice [for payment of Compensatory Plantation Charges] obtained from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Bidar Division, for acceptance by this office.