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To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-32.

Sub:- Forest Land-Satara

Diversion of 0.3985 Ha. Reserved Forest land under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in favour of M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable Line duct and Cable within RoW of existing road.

- Ref:- 1. Government of Maharashtra, Revenue and Forest Department, Order No.: FLD - 1P-20
2021/CR-85/F-10, dated 30/06/2021.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur letter No.D-6/Nosel /OFC/0.3985 1P-85
/21-22/961, dated 29/09/2021.

Sir,

In exercise of powers delegated to the State Governments, vide Government of India's letter no.5-2/2017-FC, dated 28/03/2019, Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 of General Approval under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, Government of Maharashtra conveyed 'in-principle' approval for diversion of 0.3985 Ha. Reserved Forest land in favour of M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Pune for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable Line duct and Cable within RoW of existing road passing through at Village-Rajapur, Tal.Khatav, Dist.Satara & at Village- Shri palvan, Tondale, Garadachiwadi, Tal.Man, Dist.Satara, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stated in the Government Order under reference No.(1). The Compliance of the conditions has been submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur vide letter dated 29/09/2021 under reference No.(2) which is furnished as under:-

Sl.No.	Conditions	Compliance Report
1.	The legal status of the land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-I.
2.	Project Authority will defray the cost against Violation of FCA, 1980 at prevalent rate.	Project Authority will defray the five times of penal NPV (NPV cost 3985 Mtr. x Rs.6,26,000/- =Rs.2,49,461/-) cost Rs.12,47,305/- against Violating of FCA, 1980, The cost of NPV as per ready reckoner for the financial year 2020-21 year and all other cost required as per rules in due course of time. Accordingly, the User Agency transferred the five times of Penal NPV cost Rs.12,47,305/- against Violation of FCA, 1980, to CAMPA. Undertaking. which is enclosed as- Annexure-II.

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3.	The Optical Fiber Cable Line will be laid within maximum size of the trench of 2.00 meters depth & 1.00 meter width with cable line under the PVC pipeline.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as Annexure-III .	FP-67
4.	The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee at the rate of Rs.50/- per running meter and an undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.	The land under project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the agency shall submit a bank guarantee of 3985Rmt. x Rs.50 = Rs.1,99,250/- and undertaking to that effect shall also be submitted. If the agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee. Accordingly, the User Agency has submitted undertaking for reclamation of the land under project & the user agency has submitted Bank guarantee. No OGT0005210058452 dt.17/09/2021 for Rs.1,99,250/- from IndusInd Bank, Branch - Barakhamba, Dr. Gopal Das 28, Barakhamba Road New Delhi 110 001, in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests Satara and the User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-IV . (Total B.G.amount is Rs.3,38,725/-)	FP-CC FP-64
5.	If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee shall be given at the rate of Rs.35/- per running meter. Similarly for reclamation of side drain and for tarred portion, the guarantee will be at the rate of Rs.300/- per meter and Rs.750/- per meter respectively. An undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to Forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future.	If the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road, then additional charges in form of bank guarantee of 3985 Rmt. x Rs.35/- = Rs.1,39,475/- and undertaking shall be obtained from the User Agency that it has agreed to make good any loss to forest/ Environment while laying the cable in the forest area and during maintenance of the same in future. Accordingly, the User Agency has submitted undertaking and the User agency has submitted a bank guarantee No OGT0005210058452 dt.17/09/2021 for additional charges of Rs.1,39,475/- from IndusInd Bank, Branch - Barakhamba, Dr. Gopal Das 28, Barakhamba Road New Delhi 110001, in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forests Satara. the User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-V . (Total B.G.amount is Rs.3,38,725/-)	FP-57 FP-65
6.	For further maintenance of the project, the agency shall obtain permission from the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests as and when required.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-VI .	FP-56
7.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than specified in the proposal.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure- VII .	FP-55

8.	No felling of trees shall do during the implementation of project.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-VIII .																		
9.	No new forest area beyond the Right of Way of existing road should be broken for laying Optical Fiber Cable.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-IX .																		
10.	The Chief Conservator of Forest (T), Kolhapur shall report the details of amount recovered from the Project Authority towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation at prevalent rate and all other cost required as per the rules in due course of time.	<p>The User Agency should transfer cost for Compensatory Afforestation for 2.00 ha x 7,30,053/- = Rs. 14,60,106/- the cost of Compensatory Afforestation as per ready reckoner for the financial year 2021-22 year and all other cost required as per rules in due course of time.</p> <p>Accordingly, the User Agency transferred the cost of Compensatory Afforestation Rs.14,60,106/- to CAMPA and The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-X.</p>																		
11.	This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XI .																		
12.	The User Agency will make good the land after use/ maintenance.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XII .																		
13.	All the amount received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA and compliance will be reported to this office.	<p>The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as-Annexure-XIII.</p> <table><tr><th>Sl. No.</th><th>Particular</th><th>Amount to be Deposited</th><th>Amount Deposited</th><th>Details of deposited amount</th></tr><tr><td>1.</td><td>Penal NPV cost</td><td>Rs.12,47,305/-</td><td>Rs.12,47,305/-</td><td rowspan="3">Payment Doc. no. 4200905370, dt.09/09/2021</td></tr><tr><td>2.</td><td>Cost of C.A.</td><td>Rs.14,60,106/-</td><td>Rs.14,60,106/-</td></tr><tr><td></td><td>Total</td><td>Rs.27,07,411/-</td><td>Rs.27,07,411/-</td></tr></table>	Sl. No.	Particular	Amount to be Deposited	Amount Deposited	Details of deposited amount	1.	Penal NPV cost	Rs.12,47,305/-	Rs.12,47,305/-	Payment Doc. no. 4200905370, dt.09/09/2021	2.	Cost of C.A.	Rs.14,60,106/-	Rs.14,60,106/-		Total	Rs.27,07,411/-	Rs.27,07,411/-
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14.	User Agency shall provide independent Internet Connection having speed of 2 MBPS bandwidth at free of cost to Forest Department.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking that the User Agency shall provide independent Internet Connection having speed of 2 MBPS bandwidth at free of cost to Forest Department and independent internet connection will be done after this line become live (after Rout line started) at free of cost to Office of Range Forest Office Dahiwadi, Tal.- Man, Dist. Satara. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as- Annexure-XIV .																		
15.	The User Agency shall compensate the private owner of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XV .																		
16.	The User Agency will be authorized to lay the Optical Fiber Cable outside the confines of the protected area after	The User Agency has submitted undertaking and authority letter for name of vendor for proposed work. The User Agency has submitted the																		

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	compliance of this order. Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XVI.	FP-40
17.	The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XVII.	FP-38
18.	All other conditions as may be mandatory under relevant Acts, Rules and Guidelines shall be complied by the User Agency.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XVIII.	FP-37
19.	All the conditions stipulated by the Forest Department shall be binding on User Agency.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XIX.	FP-36
20.	The Final approval shall be granted by the State Government after fulfilment of the above conditions by the User Agency. The actual diversion of forest land shall be effected thereafter by the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Kolhapur.	The User Agency has completed/ fulfillment of the above all conditions. Hence requested to sanction final approval (stage II) for this proposed diversion of forest land. The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- Annexure-XX.	FP-35

In view of the above, it is requested that the Government of Maharashtra may kindly be moved to issue formal approval order under section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl:- As above

Yours sincerely,

(Naresh Zurmure)

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer

o/c
K/Andhale
Dt-14/10/2021

(Signature)
18/10/21

Copy forwarded for information to:-

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur.
2. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Satara Forest Division, Satara.
3. The Vice President, M/s Reliance JIO Infocomm Limited, Reliance Corporate IT Park Ltd., Downtown 2nd & 3rd Floor, S.No.8+13/1/2, Off. Karve Road, Mhatre Bridge, Erandwane, Pune-411 004.