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To,

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

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of 0.1295 ha. Reserved Forest Land under section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground OFC duct and cable within ROW of existing road passing Village Dhamane, Tal.Ajara, Dist.Kolhapur in the State of Maharashtra.

- Ref:- 1. Government of Maharashtra, Revenue and Forest Department, Order No.: FLD-2022 /C.R.84/F-10, dated 11/05/2022.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur letter No.D-6/NC/OFC/0.1295 22-23/892, dated 18/07/2022.

Sir,

In exercise of powers under general approval granted by MoEF&CC, Govt. of India vide Handbook of FCA Guidelines-2019, Chapter 4 (para-4.2), Government of Maharashtra granted 'In-principle' approval to the diversion of 0.1295 ha. Forest Land under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cable passing within Right of Way of existing road at Village Dhamane, Tal. Ajara, Dist. Kolhapur, subject to fulfillment of the conditions stated in Order under reference No. (1). The Compliance of the conditions has been submitted by the Chief Conservator of Forests (T.), Kolhapur vide letter dated 18/07/2022 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- <b>Annexure-1. (C.P.N.6)</b>
2.	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 <b>Annexure-2. (C.P.N.7)</b>
3.	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	The land under the project will be reclaimed by the User Agency for which the User Agency has submitted a bank guarantee of 1295 Rmt. x Rs.50 = <b>Rs.64,750/-</b> and also submitted an undertaking which is enclosed as <b>Annexure-3 (C.P.N.8)</b> that they do reclamation work as per PWD road

	agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests, the cost for reclamation will be covered from the bank guarantee.	standard. User Agency agrees that if the User agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee. A copy of the Bank guarantee is attached on pages no.31 to 35. <i>(Total B.G. amount is Rs.1,10,075/-)</i>
4.	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 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.	User Agency submitted undertaking that the cable is going to be laid in the formation width of the road (side shoulder of road) and submitted addition charges in form of Bank guarantee of 1295 Rmt. x Rs.35 = <b>Rs.45,325/-</b> and also submitted an undertaking which is enclosed as <b>Annexure-4 (C.P.N.9)</b> that they do reclamation work as per PWD road standard. User Agency agrees that if the User agency fails to reclaim the land to the satisfaction of the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests the cost for reclamation will be recovered from the bank guarantee. A copy of the Bank guarantee is attached on pages no.31 to 35. <i>(Total B.G. amount is Rs.1,10,075/-)</i>
5.	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 <b>Annexure-5. (C.P.N.10)</b>
6.	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 <b>Annexure-6. (C.P.N.11)</b>
7.	No felling of trees shall do during the implementation of project.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <b>Annexure- 7. (C.P.N.12)</b>
8.	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 <b>Annexure-8. (C.P.N.13)</b>
9.	The User Agency shall pay the cost of Net Present Value, if required in future.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as <b>Annexure-9. (C.P.N.14)</b>
10.	Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1 ha. degraded forest land in Gut No. 1005, Compt No.1106 of Village Shittur Tarf Warul, Tal. Shahuwadi, Dist. Kolhapur. The CA will be maintained for 10 years.	Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests certified that the Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1 ha. degraded forest land in Gut No. 1005, Compt No.1106 of Village Shittur Tarf Warul, Tal. Shahuwadi, Dist. Kolhapur. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. For which User Agency has transferred the cost of Compensatory Afforestation Rs.8,04,884/- to Ad-hoc CAMPA.

11.	The User Agency shall defray the cost of Compensatory Afforestation.	User Agency has transferred the cost of Compensatory Afforestation Rs.8,04,884/- to Ad-hoc CAMPA. (C.P.N.30) The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-11. (C.P.N.15)</b> Ad-hoc CAMPA proforma has been submitted by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests. Copy of the Payment Advice and Challan for CAMPA funds is enclosed on pages no.29 & 30.								
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12.	Underground Optical Fiber Cable can be laid only outside the confines of the Protected Areas.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-12. (C.P.N.16)</b>								
13.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-13. (C.P.N.17)</b>								
14.	After completion of the project, User Agency will reclaim the area under RoW suitably.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-14. (C.P.N.18)</b>								
15.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the State Government.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-15. (C.P.N.19)</b>								
16.	This sanction is subject to the final clearance by the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities for the project.	User Agency has occurred permission from the Department of Information & Technology for the project and concerned PWD authorities. The copies for the same are attached from pages No.37 to 43. The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-16. (C.P.N.20)</b>								
17.	The User Agency shall compensate the private owners of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines.	User Agency has submitted an undertaking that User Agency will compensate the private owner of forest land if any, in accordance with the prevalent laws, rules & guidelines. In this project, there is no need for forest land of private owners. Hence the question of compensation does not arise. The undertaking for the same is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-17. (C.P.N.21)</b>								
18.	The User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.	User Agency has submitted an undertaking that as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Environmental Clearance is not applicable to this project. Undertaking for the same is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-18. (C.P.N.22)</b>								
19.	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- <b>Annexure-19. (C.P.N.23)</b>								
20.	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- <b>Annexure-20. (C.P.N.24)</b>								

21.	The User Agency shall make good of any loss to Forest / Environment.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-21. (C.P.N.25)</b>
22.	In case, the proposed area falls in the Right of Way of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, prior permission of the State Board for Wildlife should be obtained.	The User Agency has submitted that the proposed area does not fall in the Right of Way of the road passing through National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, hence prior permission from the State Board for Wildlife is not required. Undertaking for the same is enclosed as <b>Annexure-22. (C.P.N.26)</b>
23.	Any breach of the conditions by the User Agency will be treated as violation of the provisions of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.	The User Agency has submitted the undertaking which is enclosed as- <b>Annexure-23. (C.P.N.27)</b>

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

**Encl:-** As above

Yours sincerely,

*[Handwritten signature]*  
4/18/22

**(Naresh Zurmure)**

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
& Nodal Officer

**Copy forwarded for information to:-**

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