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Sub:- Diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquidpropane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra- In-principal approval regarding

No. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-497276/Thane/ 38 /2025-26

Nagpur – 440 001, Date :- 07/04/2026

To,

The Deputy Director General (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Climate Change,
Regional Office, Ground Floor, East Wing,
New Secretariat Building, Civil Lines,
Nagpur- 440001

- Ref:- 1. Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (WCZ), Nagpur's vide letter No. F.No.FC-I/MH-392/2024-NGP/14474, dtd 16/07/2025
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane letter No. Desk-10/FCA/CR-15/23-24/106/2025-26, dated 12/11/2025

Sir,

The Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Regional Office, Nagpur conveyed the 'in-principle' approval for diversion of 3.9443 ha. Forest land under section-2 of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam,1980 for Uran-Usar Propane laying 12" dia liquid propane along with OFC in Uran, Panvel, Pen & Alibag Taluka, Raigad District in the State of Maharashtra. Accordingly, the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane vide letter under reference no.2 has submitted compliance of conditions of in-principle approval to this office. The compliance report of the conditions of in-principle approval was furnished vide letter dt. 12/11/2025

Sr.No	Conditions put forth by Govt. of India letter dtd 12/11/2025	Compliance
1.	The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure -1)
2.	The boundary of the diverted forest land, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number forward	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has deposited an amount

	and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar;	<p>of Demarcation for Project area Rs.60,89,683/- to the CAMPA MAHARASHTRA A/c. No. 1507872155612324 Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560027 IFSC Code UBIN0996335, via transaction UTR No.SBIN425269104007, dated 26.09.2025.</p> <p>Project proponent has submitted an undertaking in this regard. Annexed as Annexure – 2 Copy of Bank Statement & Copy of payment status on Parivesh, and Copy of Challan, Copy of Payment is Annexed – 2A to 2C (Collectively).</p>
3.	The State Government shall carryout compensatory afforestation over 8.00 ha. degraded forest land in Survey No. 45, 346 at Village Ambivali Nere, Tal. Panvel, Dist. Raigad at the cost of the User Agency.	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User agency has transferred an amount of CA Rs. 62,61,061/- to the CAMPA MAHARASHTRA A/c. No. 1507872155612324 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560027 IFSC Code UBIN0996335, via transaction UTR No.SBIN425269104007, dated 26.09.2025</p> <p>Project proponent has submitted an undertaking in this regard. Annexed as Annexure – 3 Copy of Bank Statement & Copy of payment status on Parivesh, and Copy of Challan, Copy of Payment is Annexed – 2A to 2C (Collectively).</p>
4.	CA scheme shall be implemented in time bound manner as per the provision of the VSS rules, 2023;	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure –4)</p>
5.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 3.9443 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline;	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has transferred an amount of Rs. 44,05,389/- of Net Present Value (NPV) to the CAMPA MAHARASHTRA A/c. No. 1507872155612324 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560027</p>

		<p>IFSC Code UBIN0996335, via transaction UTR No.SBIN425269104007, dated 26.09.2025.</p> <p>Project proponent has submitted an undertaking in this regard. Annexed as <u>Annexure – 5</u> Copy of Bank Statement & Copy of payment status on Parivesh, and Copy of Challan, Copy of Payment is <u>Annexed – 2A to 2C (Collectively)</u>.</p>
6.	<p>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.</p>	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as <u>(Annexure –6)</u></p>
7.	<p>All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)</p>	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The user agency has transferred an amount of CA Rs. 62,61,061/- + amount of NPV Rs. 44,05,389/-+ amount of Demargation for Project area Rs. 60,89,683/-+ Total amount Rs. 1,67,56,133/- to the CAMPA MAHARASHTRA A/c. No. 1507872155612324 of Union Bank of India, FCS Centre, III Floor, Jelitta Towers, Mission Road, Bengaluru- 560027 IFSC Code UBIN0996335, via transaction UTR No.SBIN425269104007, dated 26.09.2025.</p> <p>Project proponent has submitted an undertaking in this regard. Annexed as <u>Annexure – 7</u> Copy of Bank Statement & Copy of payment status on Parivesh, and Copy of Challan, Copy of Payment is <u>Annexed – 2A to 2C (Collectively)</u>.</p>
8.	<p>State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land or working permission to the User Agency and ensure required certificate from the District Collector;</p>	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User agency submitted the certificate under FRA 2006 of District Collector Raigad and supporting documents in this regard. Annexed as <u>Annexure – 8</u>.</p>

9.	The User Agency shall obtain prior approval from the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay for felling of mangroves and execution of the project, and shall implement any mitigation measures as directed, if any, at the project cost;	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>In this regard, the Project Authority has submitted an undertaking. Annexed as <u>Annexure – 9A.</u> User agency had filed writ petition in Hon'ble Mumbai High Court No. 3102 of 2023. The High Court has given a decision on 25.01.2024 regarding the felling of mangrove trees. A copy of the same is Annexed as <u>Annexure – 9B.</u></p> <p>The Project Authority has deposited tree felling amount of Rs. 48,87,790/- by user agency vied DD No. 786842, dt. 24.09.2025. The tree felling amount is taken in Forest Deposit at DCF Alibag level. Copy of demand draft is annexed as <u>Annexure – 9C.</u></p> <p>The Dy.CF, Alibag has mentioned in its letter dated 12/02/2026 that, the diversion of mangrove area is proosed. The Propane pipeline is proposed underground by HDD method. But simultaneously tree enumeration has been done, as precautionary measures and cost for the same has been received. It is also submitted that, the cost of tree felling will not utilized unless until tree felling is required. The copy of the same is enclosed as - <u>Annexure 9D</u></p>
10.	The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be levelled;	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure –10)</p>
11.	The State / UA shall ensure all other approvals / permission under relevant rules / regulation, if any required prior to commencement of the project work;	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p> <p>The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure –11)</p>
12.	Proper labour camps shall be constructed in the non-forest area and in any case, labour camp shall not be made within the RF area;	<p>The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:-</p>

		The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-12)
13.	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-13)
14.	Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-14)
15.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for the transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-15)
16.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-16)
17.	The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 3.9443 ha. and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-17)
18.	The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to the all acts, rules, regulation and guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to the subject project;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-18)

19.	Any other condition that the Regional Office, Nagpur may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the User Agency;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-19)
20.	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-20)
21.	The State Government shall process and submit compliance report on the above conditions through online (https://parivesh.nic.in/);	The compliance is being submitted online on Parivesh Portal.
22.	The State Government shall issue working permission only after ensuring compliance to all such condition (s) as per the provision of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 and obtaining all clearance / approval from the all Acts, Rules, Regulation from the competent authorities / Courts as required;	The Dy.CF, Alibag & CCF (T), Thane vide letter dated 07/11/2025 & 12/11/2025 has submitted compliance:- The Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane on 12/11/2025 has issued working permission to the project. The copy of the same is enclosed as (Annexure-21) The User Agency has submitted undertaking. The copy of the same is enclosed herewith as (Annexure-22)

This is for your information and further needful action.

Encl : As above

Your sincerely,


(S.V.Ramarao)

**Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
& Nodal Officer**

Copy submitted to the Additional Chief Secretary (Forests), Revenue & Forest Department, Mantralaya
Mumbai -32 for information.

Copy to the Chief Conservator of Forests (T), Thane for information.

Copy to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Alibag Forest Division, Alibag for information.

Copy to the Chief Manager (Construction), GAIL India Ltd., CBD Belapur, Navi Mumbai-400614
for information.