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To

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Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur
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Sub-: Diversion of 14.012 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV LILO Transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana-Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station in R.Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha under Paralakhemundi Forest Division by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur-Submission of Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORC391/2019-BHU dated 11.12.2019 of Technical Officer (Forestry), GoI, MoEF&CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide No.5-ORC391/2019-BHU dated 11.12.2019 for diversion of 14.012 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV LILO Transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana-Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station under R.Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha under Paralakhemundi Forest Division by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur subject to fulfillment of 25 nos. of conditions as well as 6 nos. of additional conditions imposed by the State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Paralakhemundi Forest Division and RCCF, Berhampur Circle are as follows:-

Condition No.2(i): Legal Status of Forest Land shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to this effect. The copy of undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Division is enclosed as **Annexure-I**.

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Condition No.(ii): *Forest Land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the route survey of the transmission line along with the land schedule has been prepared by the User Agency, authenticated by the Tahasildar concerned and has been notified by the User Agency under section 164 of IE Act 2003 for the information of General Public. The copy of notification duly countersigned by the DFO, Paralakhemundi Division has been enclosed as **Annexure-II**.

Condition No.(iii): *Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over 36.00 Ha degraded forest land identified in Manikpur UDPF under R. Udayagiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the scheme for creation and maintenance of Compensatory Afforestation over 36.00 ha degraded forest land identified in Manikpur UDPF under R. Udayagiri Range of Paralakhemundi Forest Division has been prepared and also technically approved by the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha vide memo no. 2002/9F(ET)381/2018, Bhubaneswar dated. 28.01.2020 at prevailing wage rate of Rs-298/-per man day with a financial outlay of Rs.68,68,100/-. Accordingly, the User Agency has deposited the cost of CA for an amount of Rs.68,68,100/- in the Adhoc CAMPA on 02.06.2020. In the mean while the wage rate has been enhanced to Rs-333/- per man day. Accordingly, the revised financial outlay of Rs.1,01,62,600.00 has been approved by the PCCF, Nodal vide Memo No. 22741 dated 09.11.2022 and the differential amount of Rs.32,94,500.00 has been paid on 23.12.2022 online through Parivesh Portal. The Copy of Financial outlay @ Rs.298/- per MD and @Rs.333/- per MD approved by PCCF, Nodal is enclosed as **Annexure-III & III(A)** respectively.

Condition No.(iv): *The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per Compensatory Afforestation scheme and at the cost of Survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works Scheduled for subsequent years.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited the cost for Compensatory Afforestation amounting to Rs.68,68,100/- out of total amount paid Rs.2,01,84,660/- (CA Rs.68,68,100/- + NPV Rs.1,02,28,760/- + Cost of dwarf tree plantation 30,87,800) in Adhoc CAMPA in Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 vide RTGS in Account No. 150826425459304 on dated, 02.06.2020. The copy of the demand letter and challan with UTR No.000111808864 is enclosed as **Annexure-IV and IV(A)** respectively.

The differential cost of Rs.32,94,500/- towards CA @ Rs.333/- per MD has already been deposited to the State CAMPA funds on 23.12.2022. The Copy of demand letter & Challan with UTR No.000111808864 duly countersigned by DFO, Paralakhemundi is enclosed as **Annexure-IV(B) and IV(C)** respectively.

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Condition No.(v): The State Govt. shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for 14.012 Ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008, and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in writ petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No. 5-1/1998-FC (Pt. II), dated 18.09.2003, as well as Letter No. 5-2/2006-FC, dated 03.10.2006 and No. 5-3/2007-FC, dated. 05.02.2009 in this regard.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited the cost of NPV for 14.012 Ha forest area for Eco Class-I with average canopy density of 0.3 @ Rs.7,30,000/- per Ha for Rs.1,02,28,760 in Adhoc CAMPA in the Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 through RTGS in Account No.150826425459304 on dated 02.06.2020. The copy of the demand letter of DFO and challan with UTR No.000111808864 duly signed by UA and countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed as **Annexure-V and V(A)** respectively.

Condition No.(vi): Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt. from the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division to pay the additional amount of NPV of the diverted forest land as per the Orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India which is enclosed as **Annexure-VI**.

Condition No.(vii): All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to State CAMPA fund only through (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has deposited all the compensatory levies as well as NPV in to the state CAMPA Account through RTGS in the <https://Parivesh.nic.in>. The 12 point CAMPA format showing details of deposit signed by DFO, Parlakhemundi and duly countersigned by the undersigned is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-VII**.

Condition No.(viii): The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the process of settlement of Rights under the schedule Tribes and other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right) Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted for the entire project has been completed and accordingly, the certificate in this regard has been issued by the Collector, Gajapati vide his letter No. 2299 dated 13.12.2018. Copy of the certificate duly signed by the User Agency and countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-VIII**.

Condition No.(ix): The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.

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Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted a copy of the scheme for procurement & installation of "BIRD DIVERTER" in the upper conductor of the transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits duly approved by the higher authorities of the User Agency to be implemented after completion of the project. The copy of the approved scheme duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed here with as **Annexure-IX**.

Condition No.(x): *The user agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of Dwarf species (Preferably medicine species) in right of way under the transmission line, and provide funds for execution of the said scheme by the State Forest Department.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species in the right of way under the transmission line has been prepared and duly approved by the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle with a financial outlay of Rs.30,87,800/-. Accordingly, the user agency has deposited the cost of dwarf tree plantation amounting to Rs.30,87,800/- in Adhoc CAMPA in the Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex Branch, Block-11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 through RTGS in Account No.150826425459304 on dated 02.06.2020. The copy of the Scheme, demand letter and challan with UTR No.000111808864 duly signed by the User Agency and countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi is enclosed as **Annexure-X, X(A) and X(B)** respectively.

Condition No.(xi): *The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide Letter No. 7-25/2012-FC, dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply the guidelines for laying of transmission lines through forest areas issued by the Ministry vide Letter No. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05.05.2014 and 19.11.2014. The copy of undertaking duly signed by the User Agency and countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed as **Annexure-XI**.

Condition No.(xii): *The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act, 1980.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that as per guideline issued by the MoEF& CC, Gol on dated 14.09.2006, the Environment Clearance is not required for the transmission line.

Condition No.(xiii): *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Central Government.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency had submitted the layout plan for construction of the LILO transmission line during the submission of the Forest Diversion Proposal. But during the site inspection by the then DFO, it was noticed that the User Agency has installed the towers deviating the original alignment at

some places. Accordingly, the violation has been reported to the higher quarter earlier. However, as reported by the User Agency, due to unavoidable ground situation and site specified condition, some deviation has been occurred during installation of the towers. Accordingly, the User Agency was requested to submit the revised DGPS map of the area along with the composite map of the original plan and implementing plan of the project.

The User Agency has submitted the land schedule of the realigned plan duly signed by concerned Tahasildars and countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division. The details of Forest and non forest land involved in the project as per the revised alignment is as follows-

Sl. No.	Name of Tahasil	Name of Village	Forest Area (in ha)		Non-forest Area (in ha)			
			Total area	Required Area	Govt. land		Private Land	
					Total area	Required Area	Total area	Required Area
1.	Mohona	Merapali	5.965	0.951	4.555	0.238	0	0
2.		Mudumudia	8.543	0.554	16.546	2.025	17.404	3.804
3.		Badapur	4.713	0.602	7.890	0.924	3.965	0.916
4.		Mahakumpa	6.158	0.368	18.190	2.216	22.475	5.002
5.		Taramala	0.158	0.101	9.117	0.867	0.245	0.055
6.		Jodipathar	5.580	0.619	20.688	0.667	7.797	1.868
7.		Chandiput	0.108	0.086	1.113	0.102	12.178	2.965
8.		Kapuripata	5.920	0.061	16.675	1.389	10.052	2.534
9.		Akili	4.704	0.294	1.370	0.091	8.924	2.322
10.		Manikapur	19.840	1.552	1.671	0.201	4.274	0.848
11.		Gobindpur	4.135	0.706	4.050	0.136	12.899	4.262
12.		Dhanupada Kha	6.980	0.657	3.265	0.571	11.599	2.499
13.		Jodaamba	0.625	0.137	5.178	0.659	3.503	1.103
14.		Chandragiri	21.788	2.329	38.880	6.416	17.471	4.062
15.		Shagada	1.001	0.229	22.798	3.325	5.805	2.181
16.		Anangadangar	20.260	1.043	24.496	3.387	0.640	0.115
17.		Anangapur	23.84	0.393	4.072	0.479	0	0
18.		Raipur	0.710	0.322	9.813	1.213	3.860	0.667
19.		Ludru	0	0	7.440	0.444	1.225	0.391
20.		Pratappur	0	0	8.480	0.082	0	0
21.		Ranikhama	0	0	3.203	0.676	3.684	0.670
22.		Jubagaon	0	0	3.520	0.275	0	0
23.		Labrasingh	0	0	41.986	3.237	0	0
24.		Kharidhepa					0.951	0.157
		Sub total	141.028	11.004	274.996	29.620	148.951	36.421
25.	R.Udaya giri	Kushapalli	3.040	0.178	2.507	0.235		
26.		Makapada	0.098	0.042	12.933	0.988	13.908	3.970
27.		Chheligada	0.480	0.189	43.271	3.307	19.002	5.547
28.		Sailang	15.664	1.937	23.991	0.712	3.011	1.005
29.		Bhaliasahi	6.308	0.375	2.999	0.227	0	0
30.		Mahendragada	0	0	28.159	3.403	12.274	1.975
31.		Padmapur	0	0	0.447	0.039	0	0
		Sub total	25.590	2.721	114.307	8.911	48.195	12.497
		Total	166.618	13.725	389.303	38.531	197.146	48.918

Thus, the total forest area required to be diverted in revised alignment comes to 13.725 ha against the original Stage-I approved area of 14.012 ha. The details of land schedule of forest & non forest land involved of old and revised alignment is furnished as Annexure- XII and XIII respectively.

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The User Agency has also submitted the following original and revised DGPS surveyed maps duly authenticated by ORSAC and countersigned by DFO, Parlakhemundi Division.

Sl No	Maps	Plate No
1	Composite Layout Plan of original alignment in village sheet.	1
2	The DGPS surveyed map (Index map) along with land schedule of forest area in old /stage-I approved alignment.	2
3	Composite layout plan of new alignment on village sheets.	3
4	Composite layout plan of old and new alignment on village sheets.	4
5	DGPS surveyed map along with land schedule of forest area in revised alignment	5
6	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Mudmudia Sheet No.1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	6
7	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Mudmudia Sheet No. 2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	7
8	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Merapali with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	8
9	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Badapura Sheet No.1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	9
10	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Badapura Sheet No. 2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	10
11	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Mahakumpa Sheet No.1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	11
12	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Taramala with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	12
13	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Jodipathar with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	13
14	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Chandiput Sheet No.2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	14
15	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Kapuripata with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	15
16	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Akili with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	16
17	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Manikpura Sheet No-2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	17
18	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Govindapur Sheet No-1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC	18
19	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Govindapur Sheet No-2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC	19
20	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Dhanupata Kha Sheet No- 1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	20
21	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Dhanupata Kha Sheet No-2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	21

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22	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Joda Amba Sheet No- 2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	22
23	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Chandragiri Sheet No-1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	23
24	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Chandragiri Sheet No-4 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	24
25	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Shagada Sheet No- 1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	25
26	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Anangadangra with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	26
27	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Anangapur with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	27
28	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Raipur Sheet No- 4 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	28
29	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Kusapalli Sheet No- 1 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	29
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32	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Chheligada Sheet No- 3 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	32
33	Map showing the forest area proposed for diversion in village Sailang Sheet No- 2 with land schedule duly signed by the UA, countersigned by the DFO and vetted by ORSAC.	33

Further, the UA has also submitted the justification of realignment after Stage-I approval stating that during execution of tower work in the non forest land adjacent to forest area, there was severe ROW issue for which placing of those Towers had been changed. The UA has further submitted that due to unavoidable circumstances, the deviation of route has been made. The copy of justification of realignment/deviation of route after Stage-I approval duly signed by UA is enclosed as **Annexure-XIII(A)**

Condition No.(xiv): *No labour camp shall be allowed in the forest area.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking not to establish any labour camp over the forest area duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed as **Annexure-XIV**.

Condition No.(xv): *Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to provide sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or Forest

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Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-XV**.

Condition No.(xvi): *The user agency while executing the works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking not to fell any other tree or damage any forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division which is enclosed as **Annexure- XVI**.

Condition No.(xvii): *The boundary of the Forest Land to be diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the boundary of the forest land proposed to be diverted has been demarcated on the ground fixing 4 feet height RCC pillars and surveyed through DGPS. The DGPS surveyed Index map of the previous alignment and the revised alignment are enclosed herewith as **Plate No.2 & 5** respectively. The Pillar No, Co-ordinates and Pillar to Pillar distance has been separately furnished duly signed by the UA and countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division which is enclosed as **Annexure-XVII**.

Condition No.(xviii): *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking not to construct any additional or new path inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XVIII**.

Condition No.(xix): *The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of user agency or the project life, whichever is less.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease granted in favour of User Agency or the project life, whichever is less. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XIX**.

Condition No.(xx): *The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-XX**.

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Condition No.(xxi): *The Forest Land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without the prior approval of Government of India.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the Forest Land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without the prior approval of Government of India. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-XXI**.

Condition No.(xxii): *The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provision of the all the Court orders, Provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the User Agency shall ensure compliance to provision of the all the Court orders, Provisions, rules, regulations and guidelines for the time being in force as applicable to the project. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-XXII**.

Condition No.(xxiii): *Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change 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.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking to comply other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change 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 undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-XXIII**.

Condition No.(xxiv): *Violation of any of these conditions will be dealt as per para 1.21 (iii) of chapter-1 of Handbook of Guideline issued under FC Act, 1980 vide Ministry's Letter No. 5-2/2017-FC, dated. 28.03.2019.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has violated the FC Act, 1980 by constructing the towers deviating the Stage-I approved alignment. After being pointed out by the then DFO, Parlakhemundi Division, action has been initiated against the officers responsible for violation of the FC Act, 1980 under clause 29/5 (b) of the GRIDCO officers service regulations adopted by OPTCL. The copy of the Letter No.47/MD dated 12.07.2022 of MD, OPTCL duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XXIV**.

Condition No.(xxv): *The Compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).*

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Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that after final submission of the compliance report by the User Agency, the compliance report will be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

Compliance Additional Conditions imposed by State Government vide letter No.

10F(Cons)69/19-25597/F&E, BBSR dated 30.12.2019

Condition No.(i): *The user agency shall pay the cost towards cutting, felling, logging and transportation charges of the enumerated trees due to be felled during the course of implementation of the project after the forest clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has already paid Rs- 9,71,926/ towards the cost of cutting, felling, logging and transportation charges of 207 trees to the Divisional Manager, OFDC Limited, Berhampur.

The copy of letter No.1738 dated 24.07.2020 of Divisional Manager, OFDC Limited to DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed as **Annexure-XXV(i)**

Condition No.(ii): *The user agency shall intimate the minimum no. of trees required to be cut for this project, such minimum number of trees required for laying of transmission line shall be felled. Remaining trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required by the User Agency for preventing electrical hazards. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that the minimum no. of trees to be cut for this project, for laying of transmission line. The remaining trees will be felled or lopped to the extent required by the User Agency for preventing electrical hazards. The sag and swing of the conductors are to be kept in view while working out the minimum clearance. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XXV(ii)**.

Condition No.(iii): *No sagging of transmission line is allowed. The User agency shall certify in the month of March of every year that sagging, if any, has been corrected and further monthly report will be submitted by them till November of each year in the forest area to the DFO, for his reference.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that no sagging of transmission line will be allowed. The User agency shall certify in the month of March of every year that sagging, if any, has been corrected and further monthly report will be submitted by them till November of each year in the forest area to the DFO for his reference. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XXV(iii)**.

Condition No.(iv): *The User agency shall be allowed to fell the trees on strips for the tension stringing work and the natural regeneration will be allowed to come up. Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local DFO, whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line.*

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Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that for the tension stringing work, the Felling/ pollarding/ pruning of trees will be done with the permission of the local DFO, whenever necessary to maintain the electrical clearance. One outer strip shall be left clear to permit maintenance of the transmission line. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XXV(iv)**.

Condition No.(v):*In the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas, where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that in the case of transmission lines to be constructed in hilly areas where adequate clearance is already available, trees will not be cut. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XXV(v)**.

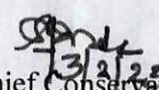
Condition No.(vi):*User agency shall take all measures for strengthening/ maintaining the transmission tower and transmission line to be erected/ laid on forest /non forest land as per CEA norms for elephant corridor and any other conditions as may be imposed by CWLW, Odisha so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution.*

Compliance: In compliance to the condition, the RCCF, Berhampur Circle has reported that the User Agency has submitted an undertaking that they shall take all measures for strengthening/ maintaining the transmission tower and transmission line to be erected/ laid on forest /non forest land as per CEA norms for elephant corridor and any other conditions as may be imposed by CWLW, Odisha so as to ensure that no death of wild animals occur due to electrocution. The undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO, Parlakhemundi Division is enclosed herewith as **Annexure- XXV(vi)**.

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional office, Bhubaneswar as well as the additional conditions imposed by the State Government are sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 13.725 ha of forest land for construction of 132 KV LILO Transmission line project from existing 132 KV Mohana- Digapahandi SC line to proposed 132/33 KV Grid Station, R.Udayagiri Tahasil of Gajapati District of Odisha under Paralakhemundi Forest Division by M/s OPTCL, Berhampur.

Encl: Annexures in one set

Yours faithfully,


Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

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Memo No.

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/Dt. 08.02.2023

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No.5-ORC391/2019-BHU dated 11.12.2019 of Technical Officer (Forestry), GoI, MoEF & CC, Eastern Regional Office, Bhubaneswar and No. 25597/F&E [10F(Cons) 69/2019] dated 30.12.2019.

Encl: Annexures in one set

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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/Dt. 08.02.2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Berhampur Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3941 dated 09.11.2022 and 275 dated 17.01.2023.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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/Dt. 08.02.2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Parlakhemundi Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.3942 dated 09.11.2022 and 276 dated 17.01.2023 of RCCF, Berhampur Circle.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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/Dt. 08.02.2023

Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (ELECT), EHT (Construction) Division, Odisha Power Transmission Corporation Ltd. (OPTCL), Berhampur for information and necessary action.

[Signature]
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

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