GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

From

Sri R.M.Dobriyal, IFS,

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forest (Head of

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Telangana State, "Aranya Bhavan",

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The Special Chief Secretary to

Govt,

Forests Department,

Telangana State, 4the floor, Aranya

bhavan,

Saifabad, Hyderabad. 500004

Ref.No. FC1/FC01/5/2022 Dated: 05/05/2023.

Madam,

Sub: TSFD - F(C) Act, 1980 - - for Renovation / Laying of underground RAW water pipeline besides the existing pipeline within the forest land allotted to M/s ITC from Iravendi Village to ITC Bhadrachalam Paper Boards Ltd., Sarapaka to an extent of 4.2768 Ha falling in Manuguru division of Bhadradri Kothagudem District in favour of M/s. ITC Limited -Stage-I accorded - working permission issued - submission of compliance report - Reg.

Ref:

- 1. CF, Kothagudem Rc. No. 354/2018/D1, dt. 16.08.2022
- 2. AIGF(C), GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Hyd F.No. 4-TSB236/2022-HYD/743, dt.07.10.2022.
 - 3. PCCF, TS, Hyderabad Lr.No.FC1/FC01/5/2022, dt.13.10.2022.
 - 4. CCF, Bhadradri Circle, Lr.No.1701/2022/D1, dt.26.01.2023.
 - 5. PCCF, TS, Hyderabad Lr.No.FC1/FC01/5/2022, dt.05/05/2023

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Kind attention is invited to the references cited.

The CCF, **Bhadradri Circle** vide reference 4th cited has submitted condition-wise compliance report on the Stage-I approval accorded by the IRO, MoEF&CC, GOI, Hyderabad for the subject project vide 2nd cited.

The condition-wise compliance report is reproduced with remarks as follows:

C.No.	Condition stipulated in Stage-I approval	Compliance submitted by CCF, Bhadradri Circle, Warangal.
1.	remain unchanged	User Agency has agreed to comply the condition. (Undertaking enclosed)
	area to be diverted shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.2,29,000 (Rupees Two Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand only) into to the CA PD account of FDO, Manuguru,

Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO concerned	towards construction of Boundary Pilla (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VIII). The Construction of Boundary Pillars a under progress.
after required non-forest land for the project is handed over and the proposed forest area is duly demarcated with RCC pillars by the	Afforestation area of 5 Ha identified Sy.No.440/18, 19 & 20, Laxmipura
	The mutation of non-forest land favour of Forest Department is done ar the same is reflected at SI.No. 19 Ministrys portal.
	Mutation certificate attache online is attached.
Compensatory Afforestation	
taken up by the Forest Department over 5 Ha non-forest land identified in Sy.No. 440/18,19 & 20; Village-Laxmipuram. Mandal-Burgampahad, District - Bhadradri Kothagudem. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planed andmonoculture of any species may be avoided.	planted and monoculture of any specie may be avoided in the non-forest lar indentified in Sy.No. 440/18, 19 & 20 Laxmipuram Village of Burgampaha Mandal of Bhadradri Kothagude District.
	Agency prior to execution of work in consultation with the DFO concerned Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over and the proposed forest area is duly demarcated with RCC pillars by the User Agency Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 5 Ha non-forest land identified in Sy.No. 440/18,19 & 20; Village-Laxmipuram. Mandal-Burgampahad, District – Bhadradri Kothagudem. A mixture of local indigenous forestry species shall be planed andmonoculture of any species may be avoided.

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b.	The revised Kml & DGPS Map both User Agency has submodelin & topo sheet of Compensatory revised KML and DGPS in Afforestation area identified in Sy.No. & topo sheet) of 440/18, 19 & 20 Village-Laxmipuram, Afforestation area ident Mandal-Burgampahad, District –440/18, 19 & 20 in Laxmodelin Bhadradri Kothagudem shall be of Burgampahad Mandaluploaded in Parivesh portal (Copy Kothagudem District and uploaded in Parivesh portal (Copies enclosed as ANNE)	nap (both plain Compensatory ified in Sy.No. nipuram Village I of Bhadradri I the same are al.
C.	The non-forest land proposed for CA The User Agency has of shall be transferred and mutated in mutation process for the the name of Forest Department and land to an extent of 5 Hall notified as RF/PF. A copy of the Telangana State Forest Doriginal notification declaring the nonforest land under Section 4 or Section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, shall be submitted by the State Government.	e identified CA in the name of epartment.
d.	deposited an amount of vide NEFT/RTGS challa	s in the gaps of the mango of the mango of identified in in Laxmipuram and Mandal of istrict has been ount of Rs. of extractioning trees is Rs. Agency has Rs. 8,08,541/- of Forest aloncha copy XUE-XI and Rs. 10,87,056/- on under UTR 1854899, dt.
e.	For effective protection of the CAIt is submitted that the Uland in future, the identified NFL shall agreed and submitted an be appropriately demarcated and complete the construction	undertaking to

	fenced permanently at the cost of User Agency.	link fencing around the CA Land at the cost of User A (30) days (copy enclo ANNEXURE-II)	gency withi
f.	Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per the Compensatory Afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the	Rs.1,72,16,971/- (Paloncha Rs.1,31,20,737/- and Division: Rs. 40,96,234/-) t levies vide NEFT/RTGS cha UTR No. SBINR52022 122 dt.21.12.2022 into Adho account.	ount of a Division: Manuguru cowards CA allan under 121854899,
5.	Net Present Value		
a. The State Government shall charge The User Agency has dep the Net Present Value (NPV) for the amount of Rs. 1,72,16,97. 4.2768 ha forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User on dt:21.12.2022, for the Agency as per the orders of the components against Hon'ble Supreme Court of India FP/TG/Pipeline/149645/2021. dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 abd 09.05.2008 in 1A No.566 in WP (C)			
	No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide	1 Compensatory Afforestation	95,28,148
	letters No.5-1/1998-FC (pt.11) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No.5-		40,96,234
	2/2006-FC dated 03.10.2006; 503/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 and		35,92,589
	503/2011-FC (Vol-1) dated 6 th Jan 2002 in this regard.	The same has also been r "paid" in the ministry's porta	
b.	Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due afer finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee shall be charged	undertaking is enclosed as III.	

	by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.			
6.	User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the forest land proposed to be diverted and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department where ever necessary, and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	ur IV	ndertaking is enclosed as	gency and Annexure-
7.	Al the funds (Compensatory levies) received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to designated CAMPA account of the State only through e-portal	ar or cc FF Th	mount of Rs. 1,72,16,9 count of TELANGANA STAN dt:21.12.2022, for the omponents against P/TG/Pipeline/149645/2021. Total Net Present Value (NPV) CA DFL TOTAL	71/- in to ATE CAMPA following file no ws:- 95,28,148 40,96,234 35,92,589 1,72,16,971
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8.	The Pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 m below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be leveled		greed by the User Agency	
9.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector	Fo Su Di Ko		same was norities vide Bhadradri
10.	Environmental Clearance as per the	Αç	greed by User Agency gency submitted t nvironmental Clearance is	hat the

	(Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.	Copy of which is not enclosed.
11.	_	Agreed by User Agency and User Agency submitted that the Undertaking is enclosed as Annexure-V.
12.	No labour camp shall establish on forest land	Agreed by the User Agency
13.	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.	
14.	r ·	Agreed by the User Agency and Undertaking is enclosed as Annexure- VI.
15.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Government of India.	
16.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MOEF&CC prevalent guideline and as per guideline F.No. 11-42/2017-FC, dt. 29.01.2018.	enclosed as Annexure-VII.
17.	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & Wildlife.	
18.	The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in) at the earliest possible but not beyond two years from the date of issue of this in-principle approval in general.	

Approval of the Stage-I forest clearance has been published in the Hindu on

23.11.2022 in English and Andhra Jyothi on 23.11.2022 and details of letters addressed to local bodies to the displaying the notice boards (copies enclosed).

It is further informed that, working permission was accorded to the User Agency vide ref 5th cited.

In view of the above compliance report is submitted herewith in duplicate with a request to forward the same to the IRO, MoEF&CC, GoI, Hyderabad for according final (Stage-II) approval for the subject project.

Early action is requested.

Signed by Rakesh Mohan

Dobriyal

Date: 05-05-2023 10:37:29

Yours faithfully,

Reason: Approved

Encl: (As above)

Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force)

Copy to District Forest Officer, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District /Conservator of Forests, Bhadradri Circle, Warangal for information and necessary action.

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Copy to the District Collector, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District for information.

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA FOREST DEPARTMENT

Rc.No.FC1/FC01/05/2022 (19582/2018/FCA-1) Dt: 04/05/2023. O/o Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests, Telangana "Aranya Bhavan", Saifabad, Hyderabad.

Sri R M Dobriyal, I.F.S.,

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force (FAC)

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Ref: 1. Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, F.No.5-2/2017-FC, dt.28.03.2019 and amendments issued therein.

- 2. Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2022 published vide MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi Gazette Number GSR 480 (E), Dt.28.06.2022, communicated vide F.No.FC- 11/118/2021-FC, Dt.29.06.2022
- 3. MoEF&CC, Gol, New Delhi F.No.FC-11/118/2021-FC, Dt.18.07.2022.
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Stage-1 approval for the subject project was accorded by the IRO, MoEF&CC, GoI, Hyderabad vide ref 5th cited, with certain conditions stipulated therein.

User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 1,72,16,971/- through NEFT/ RTGS Challan generated from parivesh portal of MoEFCC as per the demand notice issued by the District Forest Officer and the same is reflected as "Paid" in the Ministry Portal, against File No FP/TG/Pipeline/149645/2021.

1	Cost of CA NLF	9528148
2	Cost of CA in Degraded Forest Land	3592589
3	Cost NPV	4096234

Further, the User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.2,29,000/- towards constructions of Cement concrete pillars - into the PD account of FDO, Manuguru and an amount of Rs. **8,08,541/-** in the CA-PD Account of Forest Divisional Officer, Paloncha towards cost of extraction charges of tree growth.

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Bhadradri Circle, Nirmal vide ref 7th cited has submitted condition-wise compliance for further necessary action.

The User Agency has identified 5 Ha of Non-forest land in Sy.No.440/18, 19 & 20,

Laxmipuram village, Burgampahad Mandal of Bhadradri Kothagudem District and mutated in favour of Forest Department as reflected at SI.No. 19 of Ministry's portal.

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Further, with regard to issue of working permission, it is informed that as per the clarification issued in ref 3rd cited on the applicability of the Forest(Conservation) Rules, 2022 issued in ref 2nd cited that "provisions of Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 shall apply to the proposals submitted online through Parivesh Portal and which have been accepted by the Nodal Officer before 28.06.2022". In the instant case the proposals have already been accepted by the Nodal Officer/ Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) and the Stage-I approval has been granted. Hence, the guidelines issued in ref 1st cited in the form of Handbook and amendments issued therein and issued till that time are applicable.

At Para 11.2 of the Handbook issued by the Ministry in F.No.5-2/2017- FC, Dt.28.03.2019, and amendments issued therein and the guidelines issued in F.No.11-306/2014-FC (pt), Dt.28.08.2015, detailed procedure about grant of permission for tree cutting and commencement of work of a linear project in forest land (such as laying of new roads, widening of existing highways, transmission lines, water supply lines, optic fiber cabling, railway lines etc., in which the in-principle approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is accorded), for a period of one year is given, to facilitate speedy execution of projects. Such orders shall be passed only after full realization of funds for compensatory Afforestation, Net Present Value (NPV), wildlife conservation plan, plantation of dwarf species of medicinal plants, and all such other compensatory levies, specified in the Stage I (in-principle) approval from the UA, and where ever applicable, transfer and mutation of non-forest/ revenue forest land in favour of State Forest Department.

Further, the State Government vide Memo No.3983/For.I(1)/2016-2,Dt.15.10.2016 has authorized the Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force to issue working permission to the User Agency for tree cutting and commencement of work of linear projects, for a period of one year, subject to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval and their compliance, which is in accordance with the guidelines issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change, Government of India in F.No.11-306/2014 -FC(pt.), dt.28.08.2015.

In exercise of the powers delegated to the undersigned by the State Government & with reference to Handbook of F(C) Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications in F.No.5-2/2017-FC, Dt.28.03.2019 and F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt.), Dt.28.08.2015 and amendments issued therein issued by Ministry of Environment and Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC), Government of India, and working permission is hereby accorded in favour of M/s. ITC Limited, for tree cutting / translocation of trees and commencement of work in the forest land proposed to be diverted from the date of entering into agreement with the District Forest Officer, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District for a period upto one year, subject to the following conditions:

- 1. M/s. ITC Limited **i.e., User Agency** shall report to the District Forest Officer, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District and obtain further permission from him before starting the work and works should be carried out under the supervision of the DFO.
- 2. The User Agency shall publish the working permission now granted in verbatim language along with the conditions and safe-guards imposed by the Central Government in Stage-I approval in two widely circulated daily newspapers, one in vernacular language and the other in English language, so as to make people aware of the permission granted to the project proponent for use of forest land for non-forest purposes. (C.No.vii of F.No.11-306/2014-FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
- 3. M/s. ITC Limited shall enter into an agreement with the District Forest Officer, Nizamabad agreeing to perform all conditions as stipulated in Stage-I approval orders as per the para 11.2 of guidelines of the Hand book issued by the GoI, MoEF& CC, New Delhi on 28.03.2019 on F(C)Act, 1980, F(C)Rules, 2003, Guidelines & Clarifications as well as covering letters, Part II/III/IV of Forest Department, inspection note and obtain further permission from the concerned **District Forest Officer's** for commencement of the works.
- 4. The copies of the Forest Clearance and working permission should also be submitted to the Heads of local bodies, Panchayats and Municipal Bodies by the Second Party in addition to the relevant offices of the Government who in turn has to display the same in 30 days. (C.No. vii of F.No.11-306/2014 FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
- 5. The Forest Department shall dispose all the appeals filed against the order of Deemed Permission issued by the PCCF (HoFF). (C.No.v & vi of F.No.11-306/2014 FC(pt) dt: 28.08.2015).
- 6. The User Agency shall agree, bind and undertake to comply any other conditions that may be imposed from time to time by the MoEF&CC, GoI, State Government and PCCF in the interest of conservation, protection & development of forests.
- 7. The working permission issued is valid **upto one year** from the date of issue of further permission by the concerned District Forest Officer. If the User Agency fails to comply with the conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval within stipulated time, for further extension they should approach MoEF&CC, Gol.
- 8. The User Agency shall agree, bind and declare that the forest department shall fell all standing trees / translocate trees, if any in the forest area being diverted for the project by the forest department itself and the user agency shall undertake not to touch or fell such trees in any manner.
- 9. The works should be carried out without any scope for violations under various rules and guidelines envisaged under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 and other relevant guidelines and Rules in force.
- 10.Any other conditions imposed by the concerned District Forest Officer/Chief Conservator of Forests during execution of work in the interest of protection of Forests shall be carried out at the project cost.

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District is requested to enter into agreement with User Agency for working permission and permitted to take up construction of boundary pillars / translocation of trees from the amount deposited in the CA-PD account of DFO/FDO soon after entering into agreement for working permission. The works shall be included in APO **2023-24** for CA-PD account and should be reported in MPR of CA-PD account.

Signed by Rakesh Mohan Dobriyal Date: 04-05-2023 14:10:36

Reason: Approved

Principal Chief Conservator Of Forests

Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & (Head of Forest Force)(FAC)

To,

The District Forest Officer, Bhadradri-Kothagudem District.

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