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No- /L</2M-45/2021

Dated: 01.08.2023

To The Additional Chief Secretary to the Govt. of West Bengal,
Department of Forests.

Sub.: Submission of Stage-I Compliance report regarding diversion of 0.0348 ha. Of forest land in favour of Reliance Jio Infocomm Ltd through Khairbander Forest Compartment along NH 31 (RoW) under Jalpaiguri Forest Division (Proposal No. FP/WB/OFC/146241/2021).

Ref.: Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Kolkata accorded In-Principle approval vide letter IRO/KOL/WB/OFC/146241/2021/356 dated 22th August, 2022.

Sir,

In the context of subject and reference mentioned above, enclosed please find herewith the Stage-I compliance report of the User Agency against the In-principle accorded by the Integrated Regional Office, MoEF & CC, Kolkata. FRA Certificate is not submitted by the User Agency, therefore final approval can not be given.

This is for your kind consideration and onward transmission to Regional Office, Bhubaneswar for consideration.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,


Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act,

No- /L</2M-45/2021

Dated: 01.08.2023

Copy forwarded for information and necessary actions to:

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle, West Bengal.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri Forest Division.
3. Shri Ashish Dasgupta, Row Lead, Reliance Jio Infocom Limited, Tower-II, 18th Floor, Godrej Water Side Building, Sec-V, Salt Lake, Kolkata, Pin-700091.


Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer, Forest Conservation Act,



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Directorate of Forests
**Office of the Divisional Forest Officer
Jalpaiguri Forest Division**

"Aranya Bhawan" (First Floor), Collectorate Avenue, Hakimpara,
Jalpaiguri: 735101, West Bengal E-mail: dfojal-wb@nic.in

No. 1811/8-8

Dated: 31-07-2023

To,
The PCCF and Nodal Officer
Forest Conservation Act, West Bengal

Ref : Nodal Officer, FCA letter No.3959/L</2M-44/2021 dated 27-07-2023
Sub: Para wise Compliance of Conditions A & B Proposal No. FP/WB/OFC/146241/2021

Madam/Sir,

Your kind attention is invited to the above mentioned subject and reference. This is to inform you that point wise compliance of conditions A & B were already submitted and mailed from this office vide letter nos 1607/8-8 dated 10-07-2023 and 1608/8-8 dated 10-07-2023 respectively. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith for your kind consideration. Condition 3 of Stage I Approval, the FRA Certificate in the required format from the District Magistrate Jalpaiguri, has not been met by the user agency. This for your kind attention.

Enclosed: As stated


(Vikas.V)

Divisional Forest officer
Jalpaiguri Forest Division

No. 1811/8-8

Dated: 31-07-2023

Copy for Information to

1. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Northern Circle
2. The ROW Lead, Jio Digital Fibre Private Ltd: With a request to submit the FRA Certificate in the prescribed format from the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri and to address the shortcomings mentioned in the para wise comments for Stage I & II


(Vikas.V)

Divisional Forest officer
Jalpaiguri Forest Division



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Directorate of Forests
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer, Jalpaiguri Division
Old Court Campus, Collectorate Avenue, Hakimpura Jalpaiguri-735101
e-Mail: dfojalwb@nic.in

No. **1607** /8-8 Dated: 10/07/2023

From :: The Divisional Forest Officer,
Jalpaiguri Forest Division, Jalpaiguri.
To :: The Nodal Officer
Forest Conservation Act, West Bengal.
Through: The CCF, Northern Circle, West Bengal

Sub :: Submission of Point wise Compliance of **Conditions A** by user agency :

Ref :: 1) Stage: I Approval IRO/KOL/WB/OFC/146241/2021/356 - Date 22/08/2022
IG Forests

Sir,


Inviting attention to the subject and references mentioned above, this is to inform that the user agency has submitted the point wise compliance of conditions as stipulated in the Stage-I Approval by IRO/KOL/WB/OFC/146241/2021/356 - Date 22/08/2022. The point wise compliances were verified from this end and the comments of the undersigned are furnished below.

Conditions which need to be compiled prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department:

Sl.No	Conditions	Compliance report by User Agency	Compliance report by D.F.O.
1	The User agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintain the compensatory afforestation (100 trees Plantation and maintenance for 10 years) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal.	Necessary payment has been made against DN No 2018/8-8 dated-24-Aug-2022 of DFO Jalpaiguri amounting of RS.5, 06,506/- through NEFT in CAMPA Account.	Comments for conditions 1 and 2: It appears that the user agency had deposited to West Bengal CAMPA the cost for Compensatory Afforestation amounting to Rs.5,06,506/- for Jalpaiguri Division. The demand note raised from this division amounts to Rs.5,06,506/- (Rupees Five Lakhs Six Thousand Five Hundred and Six Only) which includes the Cost for raising CA including 10-year maintenance. The same may be verified from the West Bengal CAMPA before giving final work permission/handing over of land in this regard. (Transaction reference no. AXISP00335751554). However, cost of Boundary Pillars (Rs.66,066) for which the demand note raised from this office has not been seen to be deposited in the SFDA. Hence the condition no 1 is not fully complied by the user agency
2	All the funds received from the user agency under project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)	Funds Submitted in the CAMPA Account no- 1509171146241423, transaction reference no. AXISP00335751554	

3	The FRA certificate as per Ministry's guidelines shall be submitted before the issuance of final approval. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	FRA Clearance Certificate will be submitted in due course prior to issuance of Final Approval.	FRA Certificate from the District Magistrate, Jalpaiguri has not been submitted so far. Hence the Compliance of Condition 3 is not met
4	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2007-FC dated 28.03.2019.	We agree with this condition against any Violation of Forest Act.	User agency has agreed to comply with the Condition 4. Condition complied recommended and forwarded
5	The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-Portal. (https://parivesh.nic.in)	Yes	User agency has agreed to comply with the Condition 5. Condition complied recommended and forwarded

The user agency **has not complied with condition 3** of In-Principle approval (Stage-I). It is mandatory to submit the FRA certificate in prescribed format; the user agency may be requested to submit the same. This is for your kind information and taking necessary action from your end.


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No. **1608** /8-8 Dated: 10/07/2023

From :: The Divisional Forest Officer,
Jalpaiguri Forest Division, Jalpaiguri.

To :: The Nodal Officer, FCA-1980
West Bengal.

Through: The CCF Northern Circle, West Bengal

Sub :: Submission of Point wise Compliance of **Conditions B** by user agency :

Ref : 1) Stage: I Approval IRO/KOL/WB/OFC/146241/2021/356 - Date 22/08/2022
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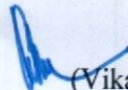
Inviting attention to the subject and references mentioned above, this is to inform that the user agency has submitted the point wise compliance of conditions as stipulated in the Stage-I Approval by IRO/KOL/WB/OFC/146241/2021/356 - Date 22/08/2022. The point wise compliances were verified from this end and the comments of the undersigned are furnished below.

Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval:

Sl.No	Conditions	Compliance report by User Agency	Compliance report by D.F.O.
1	Legal status of forest land proposed diversion shall remain unchanged.	Agree	Complied recommended and Forwarded
2	The State Forest Department shall plant 100 trees to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose shall be identified by the State Forest Department preferably in the vicinity of the project site, Indigenous tree species should be preferred for such plantation.	User Agency has got no role to play. Concern Forest Division may act accordingly.	Complied recommended and Forwarded
3	The Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of concern divisional forest officer.	User Agency has got no role to play. Concern Forest Division may act accordingly.	The user agency has not attached the Challan showing the amount deposited as the cost of boundary pillar in SFDA account for which the demand note was raised from this office for an amount Rs.66,066/-

4	Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake appropriate afforestation or vegetation enrichment measuring near sites related to the area diverted under the proposal in consultation with the state forest Dept at the project Cost.	Agreed	Complied recommended and Forwarded
5	The OFC cable line shall be laid down 1.5 Meter below the ground and after laying down the ground will be leveled.		User agency has not given any response to this condition. Condition not Complied
6	The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the central government.	Agreed	Complied recommended and Forwarded
7	(a) The User Agency shall ensure that the labours and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora & fauna	Agreed & ensured	Complied recommended and Forwarded
	(b) Earth & any other materials shall not be brought from and debris resulting during construction shall not be disposed of in the adjoin forest areas by the User Agency.	Agreed & ensured	Complied recommended and Forwarded
	(c) No Labour Camp shall be established in the Forest land.	Agreed & ensured	Complied recommended and Forwarded
	(d) The User agency shall provide alternate fuel preferably LPG to the labour & the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest area.	Agreed & ensured	Complied recommended and Forwarded
8	(a) The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	Agreed & ensured	Complied recommended and Forwarded
	(b) The period of diversion under this approval shall be coterminous with the period of temporary use of the land.	Agreed & ensured	Complied recommended and Forwarded

	(c) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or persons without prior approval of Central Govt.	Agreed & ensured	Complied Forwarded	recommended	and
9	Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection & development of Forest & Wild Life.	Agreed.	Complied Forwarded	recommended	and


 (Vikas.V)
 Divisional forest Officer
 Jalpaiguri Forest Division

AGENCY COPY**NEFT / RTGS CHALLAN for Ad-HOC CAMPA**

Date : 01-11-2022

Agency Name.	RELIANCE JIO INFOCOMM LIMITED
Application No.	71146241423
State Code.	WB
Address.	3B, 4TH FLOOR, ECOSPACE, RAJARHAT Kolkata
Amount(in Rs)	506506/-

Amount in Words :Five Lakh Six Thousand Five Hundred and Six Rupees Only

NEFT/RTGS to be made as per following details;

Beneficiary Name:	WEST BENGAL CAMPA
Pay to Account No.	CAMPAWB71146241423
Bank Name & Address:	Union Bank of India Branch Address : 52, Sunder Nagar New Delhi, Pin 110003
IFSC Code:	UBIN0996335

- This Challan is strictly to be used for making payment to CAMPA by NEFT/RTGS only

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After making successful payment, User Agencies may send a line of confirmation through Email: ubicampa@unionbankofindia.com

Compliance of Condition(A &B) as laid down by IRO Kolkata for Stage-I Clearance of Khariabandar Forest Compartment Vide Ref No - FP/WB/Others/146241/2021 & IRO Ref No: IRO/KOL/WB/Others/146241/2021/356 dated 22nd August 22	
Form-A	
In-Principal Approval Para	User Agency Reply
1. The User agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintain the compensatory afforestation (100 trees plantation and maintenance for 10 years) at te current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal	Necessary payment has been made against DN No 2018/8-8 dated-24-Aug-2022 of DFO Jalpaiguri amounting of RS.5, 06,506/- through NEFT in CAMPA Account.
2.All the funds received from the user agency under project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)	Funds Submitted in the CAMPA Account no-1509171146241423, transaction reference no. AXISP00335751554
3.The FRA certificate as per Ministry;s guidelines shall ve submitted before the issunace of final approval. The complete compliance of the FRA,2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.	FRA Clearance Certificate will be submitted in due course prior to issuance of Final Approval.
4. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.11 of chapter 1 of the Handbook of Comprehensive Guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2007-FC dated 28.03.2019	We agree with this condition against any violation of Forest Act.
5. The Compliance report shall be uploaded on e-Portal (https://parivesh.nic.in)	Yes
Form-B	
In-Principal Approval Para	User Agency Reply
1. Legal status of forest land proposed diversion shall remain unchanged	Agree
2. The State Forest Department shall plant 100 trees to maintain the green cover at the project cost. Planting site for the purpose shall be identified by the State Forest Department preferrably in the vicinity of the project site, Indigenous tree species should be preferred for such plantation.	User Agency has got no role to play. Concern Forest Division may act accordingly.
3. The Boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the direction of concern divisional forest officer.	User Agency has got no role to play. Concern Forest Division may act accordingly.
4. Wherever possible and technically feasible, the user agency shall undertake appropriate afforestation or vegetation enrichment measuring near sites related to the area diverted under the proposal in consultation with the state forest Dept at the project Cost.	Agreed

5. The OFC cable line shall be laid down 1.5 Meter below the ground and after laying down the ground will be leveled.	
6. The lay out plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the central government.	Agreed
7. A) The User Agency shall ensure that the labours and staff engaged in construction activity do not damage the nearby forest flora & fauna	Agreed & ensured
B) Earth & any other materials shall not be brought from and debris resulting during construction shall not be disposed of in the adjoin forest areas by the User Agency.	
C) No Labour Camp shall be established in the Forest land.	
D) The User agency shall provide alternate fuel preferably LPG to the labour & the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest area.	
8. A) The Forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	Agreed & ensured
B) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of temporary use of the land.	
C) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or persons without prior approval of Central Govt.	
9. Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection & development of Forest & Wild Life.	Agreed.

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 AUTHORISED SIGNATORY