

GEPL/MoEFCC/EDS/SPSP/260417

Dated 17.04.2026

To

The Nodal Officer,
Department of Forest,
Government of Rajasthan, Jaipur

Sub: Diversion of 407.8227 Ha forest land for the development of Shahpur (1800 MW) Pumped Storage Project by M/s Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL) in Baran Territorial Forest Division, Baran District of Rajasthan State (Online Proposal No. FP/RJ/HYD/121439/2021)-reg

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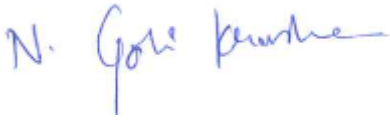
1. EDS raised by MoEF & CC vide letter dated 06.04.2026

Dear Sir,

With reference to the subject cited above and the observations raised by the MoEF & CC vide letter dated 06.04.2026, we hereby submit the point wise reply to the EDS for your kind consideration and further necessary action.

Thanking you,
Yours faithfully,

For Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd.



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The observations raised by the MoEF & CC vide letter dated 06.04.2026, the point wise reply to the EDS (Online proposal No. FP/RJ/HYD/121439/2021) Proposal for diversion of 407.8227 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Private Limited (GEPL)

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1.	<p>In compliance with Condition No. (iii) of the Stage-I approval, the State Government shall ensure that the amount for the Wildlife Conservation Plan is deposited in the CAMPA account.</p>	<p>As per condition no. iii of the Stage-I approval, the Wildlife Conservation plan was prepared in consultation with WII for an amount of Rs 6,37,31,900/- (Rupees Six crore thirty- seven lakh thirty-one thousand nine hundred only) which was approved by Chief Wildlife Warden (CWLW) vide letter dated 27-10-2025.</p> <p>Vide CWLW letter reference No. F11 (484) Vikas-11/CWLW/2025-26/544-545 dated 13.10.2025, the User agency was directed to deposit an amount of Rs 1,27,46,380/- (20% of approved in-principle Wildlife Conservation Plan) towards RAJASTHAN PROTECTED AREAS CONSERVATION SOCIETY, and submit the receipt of the same to the office of CWLW. Accordingly, an Amount of Rs 1,27,46,380 was deposited through RTGS UTR NO: ICICR52025101500586458 dated 15-10-2025 and the receipt for the same was submitted to CWLW.</p> <p>As per the observation raised by MoEF & CC, Greenko vide letter no GEPL/RJ01/WLCP/260410 Date: 10.04.2026 has requested the Nodal Officer to raise demand notice for the balance 80% of the WLCP amount i.e Rs 5,09,85,520/- and to remit the 20% of approved in-principle Wildlife Conservation Plan i.e Rs 1,27,46,380/- into CAMPA account As soon as the demand notice is received, the money will be deposited into CAMPA account. Copy of the letter is attached as Annexure-01</p>
2.	<p>In compliance with Condition No. (x) of the Stage-I approval, the State Government shall ensure complete compliance with the condition. If, due to technical reasons, the State Government is unable to comply with the condition, a proposal for modification of the condition, along with proper justification may be submitted.</p>	<p>With regard to recommendations of the Regional Office, to take Water Conducting System (WCS) & powerhouse area, as underground to save 18809 trees and to maintain continuity between two forest patches on either side of the project.</p> <p>In this regard, , as submitted in the Stage I Compliance report, the user agency has consulted MNNIT, Allahabad for taking penstocks completely in underground for the Water Conducting System (WCS) & Powerhouse area.</p> <p>The Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology (MNNIT), Allahabad after taking up field</p>

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		<p>inspection and detail study of the project has submitted a technical review of the feasibility report with following suggestions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. About 300m WCS from starting may be kept on surface and remaining 640m downwards WCS may be kept underground. 2. Accordingly, in about 25.125 Ha area no surface disturbance is required and hence about 8,258 (about 44%) number of trees shall be saved and only about 10,551 trees would be required to be felled. However, the user agency shall ensure minimum felling of trees wherever possible under the supervision of the Forest Dept. The user agency also undertakes the possibility of translocation of suitable trees instead of felling in consultation with the forest department. Map showing the underground area and surface rights area of the WCS is attached as Annexure-02. MNNIT is attached as Annexure-02A. <p>In view of the above, since the recommendations of IRO, cannot be complied in entirety due to technical limitations as highlighted in the MNNIT report. It is herewith requested to kindly recommend to MoEFCC for partial modification of the Condition No. (x) of the Stage-I approval.</p>
3.	<p>In compliance with Condition No. (xiv) of the Stage-I approval, the User Agency shall submit a plan for power evacuation and for meeting the existing power requirements. Further, the State Government shall submit a certificate ensuring that the alignment is selected in such a way that only the bare minimum forest land is involved.</p>	<p>The User Agency is in consultations with Central Transmission Utility of India Ltd (CTU) to finalize a technically appropriate and system-compatible evacuation point, commensurate with the project's operational requirements.</p> <p>Once the evacuation point is finalized, a detailed evaluation of alternative transmission line alignments shall be prepared and submitted to ensure that the alignment is selected in such a way that only bare minimum forest land is involved in the same.</p> <p>The power line for the existing requirement would be in the right of way of the proposed diversion area for the road leading to lower reservoir.</p>

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		<p>The Power line for the existing requirement in upper reservoir shall be taken from the private lands adjoining the proposed diversion area.</p>
4.	<p>In compliance with Condition No. (xxvii) of the Stage-I approval, the State Government shall ensure complete compliance with the condition. If, due to technical reasons, the State Government is unable to comply, a proposal for modification of the condition, along with proper justification may be submitted.</p>	<p>Retention of Trees between Full Reservoir Level (FRL) and FRL- 4 meters is not feasible in the instant project as the reservoir(s) are formed by constructing artificial embankment(s) above the ground away from natural stream/rivers.</p> <p>As the proposed project is a Closed Loop Project in nature, leaving any tree in FRL-4 may cause any floating material/debris which in turn may cause damage to the turbine/machine(s).</p> <p>In view of the above, due to technical limitations as highlighted. It is herewith requested to kindly recommend to MoEFCC for modification of the Condition No. (xxvii) of the Stage-I approval.</p>
5.	<p>In compliance with Condition No. (xxviii) of the Stage-I approval, the State Government shall ensure complete compliance with the condition. If, due to technical reasons, the State Government is unable to comply, a proposal for modification of the condition, along with proper justification may be submitted.</p>	<p>It is submitted that the instant project is a pumped storage project and located away from the natural streams/rivers. One time water shall be drawn and stored in the artificial reservoirs created for power generation.</p> <p>This one-time water is allotted by the State govt on commercial usage basis (on payment basis) and there shall be no surplus water available with the user agency to allot water for forestry related activities. Hence, provision of free water for forestry related activities from the from the project reservoirs is not possible.</p> <p>However, Greenko is ready to support free water for the forestry related projects and accordingly proposes to provide 2 (Two) Solar powered bore wells/pumps to the forest Dept for undertaking forest related activities. An undertaking in this regard is enclosed at Annexure-03.</p> <p>In view of the above, due to technical limitations as highlighted. It is herewith requested to kindly recommend to MoEFCC for modification of the Condition No. (xxvii) of the Stage-I approval.</p>

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6.	In compliance with Condition No. (xxix) of the Stage-I approval, the State Government shall submit a copy of the Environmental Clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, issued under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Environment clearance under the Environment Impact Assessment Notification, 2006 is applicable to the instant project. The project has been recommended by Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) in its meeting held on 13-08-2024 & 13-09-2024 for Environmental Clearance. The issuance of Environment Clearance letter is awaited. The Copy of the EC shall be submitted to State Govt/MoEFCC as and when EC letter is issued.
7.	Further, the State Government is requested to submit the latest status of the court case (DBCWP No. 17161/2024) pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan.	The operative portion of the interim order of the HON'BLE High Court, Jodhpur Bench, dated, 28/04/2025 is as follows: <i>"At this stage, we think it proper that the Central Government should take final decision in the matter and any decision taken in the matter to grant or not to grant approval should be placed before this Court for perusal, with a copy of the same to learned Amicus Curiae. Further proceedings in this case would depend upon the decision that may be taken by the Central Government in the matter".</i> Copy of the daily Order dated 28-04-2025 is enclosed at Annexure 04.

For **Greenko Energies Private Limited.**

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Greenko Energies Private Limited

CIN: U40109TG2000FTC034990



GEPL/RJ01/WLCP/260410

Date: 10.04.2026

To

The APCCF cum Nodal Officer (FCA)
Rajasthan Forest Dept
Govt of Rajasthan, Jaipur

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Ref: 1. Stage-I Forest Clearance by MoEF&CC vide letter No. 8-25-2023-FC dated 15.03.2024
2. CWLW letter No. F11 (484) Vikas-11/CWLW/2025-26/544-545 dated 13.10.2025 directing to deposit 20% of approved in-principle Wildlife Conservation Plan
3. MoEF & CC, EDS/observations dated 06.04.2026

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With respect to the subject cited above, MoEF & CC while reviewing the Stage I Compliance report submitted by the State Govt has raised observations vide letter dated 06.04.2026 *inter-alia* that (i) *In compliance with Condition No. (iii) of the Stage-I approval, the State Government shall ensure that the amount for the Wildlife Conservation Plan is deposited in the CAMPA account.* In this regard, it is respectfully submitted that:

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Greenko Energies Private Limited
CIN: U40109TG2000FTC034990



This is submitted for urgent necessary action.

Thanking You
Yours Sincerely
for **Greenko Energies Private Limited**

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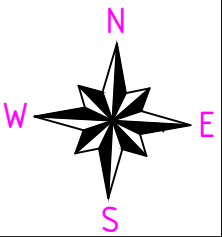
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1. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HOFF, Govt of Rajasthan, Jaipur
2. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt of Rajasthan, Jaipur

MAP SHOWING THE UNDERGROUND AREA AND SURFACE RIGHTS AREA OF THE WCS (57.225 HA)-SHAHPUR PUMPED STORAGE PROJECT



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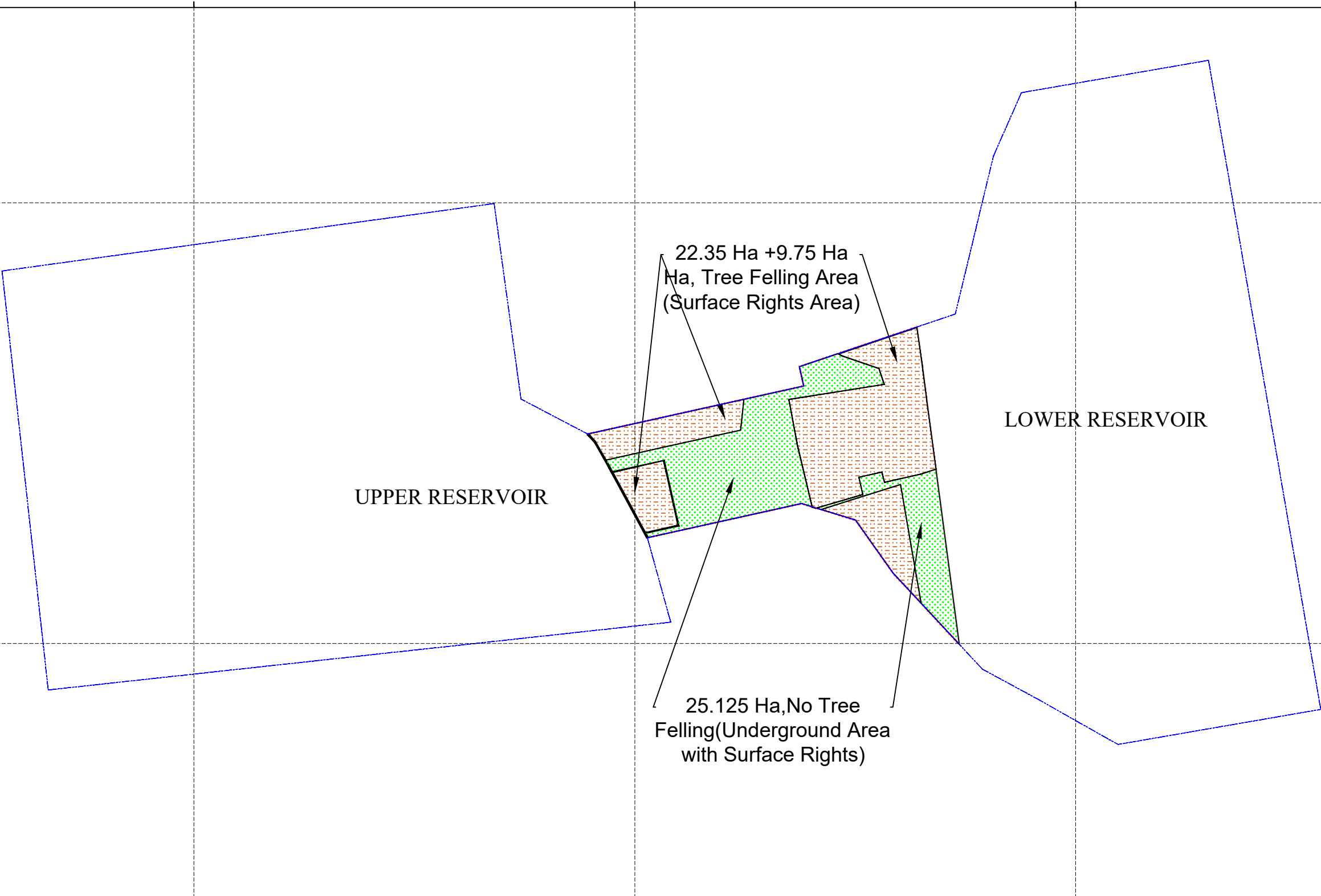
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UPPER RESERVOIR

LOWER RESERVOIR

22.35 Ha +9.75 Ha
Ha, Tree Felling Area
(Surface Rights Area)

25.125 Ha, No Tree
Felling (Underground Area
with Surface Rights)



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पत्रांक/ Letter No.: 1219/CED/REC/2025-26

दिनांक/ Dated: 29.12.25.

सेवा में/ To

Shri Gopi Krushna N.
General Manger
Greenko Energies Private Ltd., Hyderabad

विषय/ Subject: [परीक्षण / Testing] / [परीक्षण एवं परामर्श/ Testing cum Consultancy] / [परिकल्प परामर्श/ Design Consultancy] रिपोर्ट / Report (Final)

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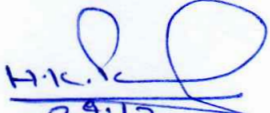
- 1.सेवार्थीपत्रांक / Client Letter No.: GEPL/RJ01101/MNIT/REPORT/251104 दिनांक /Dated:04.11.2025.
- 2.आवंटित विभागीय परामर्शसंख्या /Allotted Dept. Consultancy No.:253 .दिनांक /Dated:10.11.2025

प्रिय महोदय / Dear Sir,

उपरोक्त के संदर्भ में, विभाग के संरचनात्मक / भू-तकनीकी / पर्यावरण / परिवहन / सर्वेक्षण प्रयोगशाला / अनुभाग द्वारा किए गए परीक्षण / परीक्षण एवं परामर्श / डिजाइन परामर्श कार्य की रिपोर्ट आपके विचार के लिए संलग्न है / With reference to the above, the final report of the Testing/ Testing cum Consultancy/ Design Consultancy work carried out by Structural/ Geotechnical/ Environmental/ Transportation/ Survey Laboratory/ section of the Department is attached herewith for your consideration.

इस रिपोर्ट से संबंधित किसी भी स्पष्टीकरण के लिए कृपया हमसे संपर्क करें /Please feel free to contact us for any further clarification.

धन्यवाद/ Thanking You.


29.12.25
(Prof.H.K.Pandey)
मुख्यअन्वेषक/ PI

Report

On

**Technical Review of feasibility Report of Shahpur Pumped Storage
Power Project (PSP) 1800 MW, District: Baran (Rajasthan)**

Submitted to

M/s. Greenko Energies Private Limited

by



**CIVIL ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT
MOTILAL NEHRU NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY ALLAHABAD,
PRAYAGRAJ-211004**



Technical Review of feasibility Report of Shahpur Pumped Storage Power Project (PSP) 1800 MW, District: Baran (Rajasthan)

1. Introduction

With reference to the letter No GEPL/RJ0101/MNIT/REPORT/251104 dated 04.11.2025 of Greenko Energies Private Limited regarding technical review of the feasibility report particularly regarding the suitable options for path of Water Conductor System inside the project site. The site has been selected by Greenko Energies Private Limited near Hanumanthkhera, Mungawali and Shahpur villages falling under Shahbad tehsil, District: Baran (Rajasthan). It is pumped storage power project of 1800 MW which is near river Kuno. The area is bounded between Lat.25°11' 22.66" to 25° 12' 16.01" and Long.77° 11' 3.58" to 77° 13' 17.95". The area near selected location (Fig.01) was visited on 01.12.2025 by MNNIT Allahabad team. Mr. Rajeev Nayan Manager (Environment) and his team accompanied during the field visit and provided details/information about the project.

2. Purpose of Work

To review the technical report submitted by the Greenko Energies Private Limited particularly the alignment of Water Conducting System. The objective of field visit is to validate the points of VPS, Powerhouse and Surface and Sub-surface stretch suitable for WCS.

3. Site Description

As reported by Greenko Energies Private Limited is developing an 1800 MW closed-loop Pumped Storage Project in Shahpur village, Shahbad Tehsil, Baran District, Rajasthan. The project comprises of following major components:

- Upper Reservoir: FRL 507m, MDDL 490m, 1.01 TMC live storage
- Lower Reservoir: FRL 349m, MDDL 328m, 1.01 TMC live storage
- Powerhouse: 7 units (5×300 MW + 2×150 MW).
- WCS:940M length
- VPS: 01 number
- Head race L/H ratio:~6
- Tail race L/H ratio:~4

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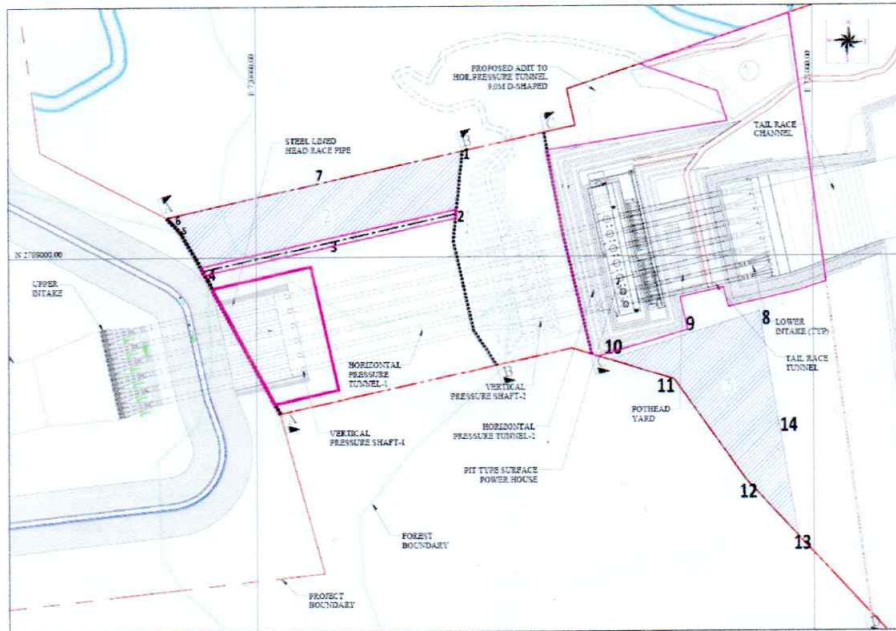


Figure 1- Project Layout (Original & Modified)

The salient topographic features and geological details are mentioned below;

- a- Topography:** The site exhibits excellent topographic conditions for pumped storage. The upper reservoir occupies a sandstone plateau at 480-507m above mean sea level. There is also presence of cliff in the Vindhyan Sandstone intercalated with Shale. The lower reservoir is located in dissected terrain at 320-349 mamsl with gentle slope and seasonal gullies deepening to 20m near Kuno River. A prominent north-south scarp provides ~153m elevation separation between physiographic regions, naturally accommodating reservoir placement.
- b- Geology:**
- The project site exhibits distinct geological stratification confirmed through 50 drill holes (2404 m total drilling) including 15 boreholes specifically along the WCS alignment and power house area:
 - **Upper Plateau (Upper Reservoir):** It has predominantly medium to coarse-grained sandstone of the Bhandar Group, Vindhyan Supergroup (Fig.2). The sandstone shows horizontal to low north-westerly dips (8° - 15°). The plateau is located approximately 180m above the Kuno River bed with prominent 15-25 m vertical cliff which is having fresh sandstone.
 - **Lower Terrain (Lower Reservoir, WCS and Powerhouse Area):** Sandstone intercalated with Shale is a major lithology in the area under lower reservoir, Water Conducting System and Powerhouse area). The shale is olive grey to light purple coloured, fine-grained, splintery in nature, and weak to moderately strong. This is overlain by 3-18 m alluvial formation which acts as overburden.
 - **Lithological Contact:** The sandstone-shale transition occurs at elevation EL +426 m to +446 m. This contact zone is concealed beneath overburden along the slope but has been confirmed through subsurface drilling.

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The geological investigation specifically targeting the WCS alignment provides confidence in the feasibility of underground tunnel construction with appropriate support measures.

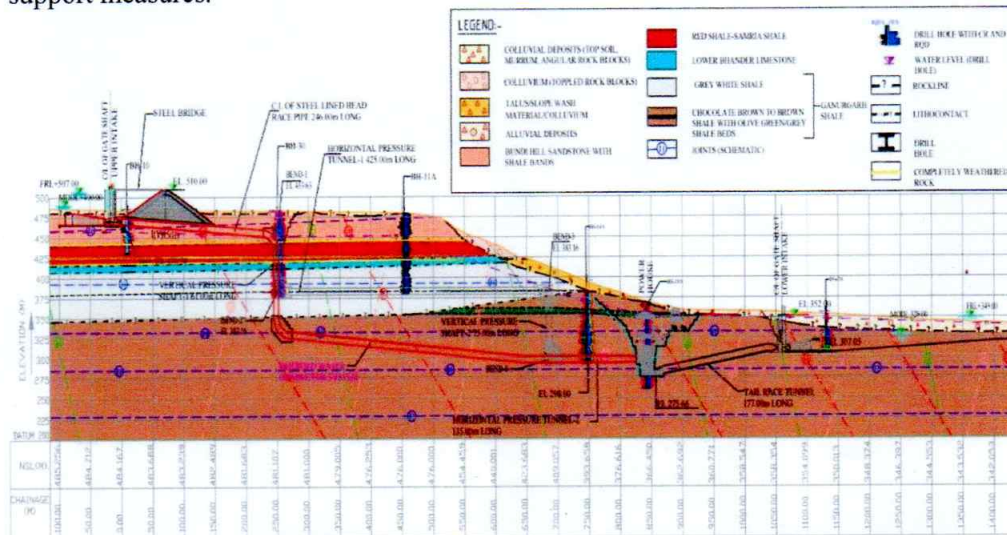


Figure 2- Sub-surface Geological configuration

4. Current Status:

The current status of the project is as below;

Alternative-1: Surface powerhouse (south) with 944m WCS approved by CWC.

Following the MoEF&CC stipulation, the approved Alternative-1 has been further modified to eliminate VPS-2 (which required excavation in 4.9 ha forest area with significant tree felling and take the entire WCS underground between VPS-1 and the powerhouse.

5. Scope of Technical Review

- A technical assessment of eliminating VPS-2 and extending underground water conveyance system under Alternative 01.
- The Land requirements and tree impact assessment.

As per CWC approved plan of Alternative -01, the salient features are given below;

- Surface headrace pipe: 246 m
- VPS-1: 61 m depth
- VPS-2: 76 m depth with surface excavation in 2.59 ha forest area
- Horizontal tunnels: 426 m + 135 m
- Total WCS length: 944 m

In view of the above, it is observed that if the following plan is implemented under the project, the significant numbers of tree felling could be avoided on one hand and stability of the WCS will also be maintained.

Modified Plan:

- Surface headrace pipe: 246 m

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- VPS-1: Single vertical shaft (eliminating VPS-2 entirely)
- Extended horizontal pressure tunnels: Direct connection from VPS-1 to powerhouse
- Surface pit-type powerhouse with same configuration
- Tailrace tunnel: 179m to lower reservoir

The elimination of VPS-2 avoids excavation in 4.9 Ha forest area while maintaining project functionality by extending the horizontal underground tunnels.

The location of Bend-1 has been reviewed to minimize the impact on existing trees, and it is clarified that Bend-1 has been strategically placed approximately 100 m downstream of the dam toe. This positioning ensures adequate clearance from critical dam structures and foundation zones, while also allowing cost savings through reduced steel lining in the lower portion. The offset further provides safe working space for excavation, storage, and erection of steel ferrules.

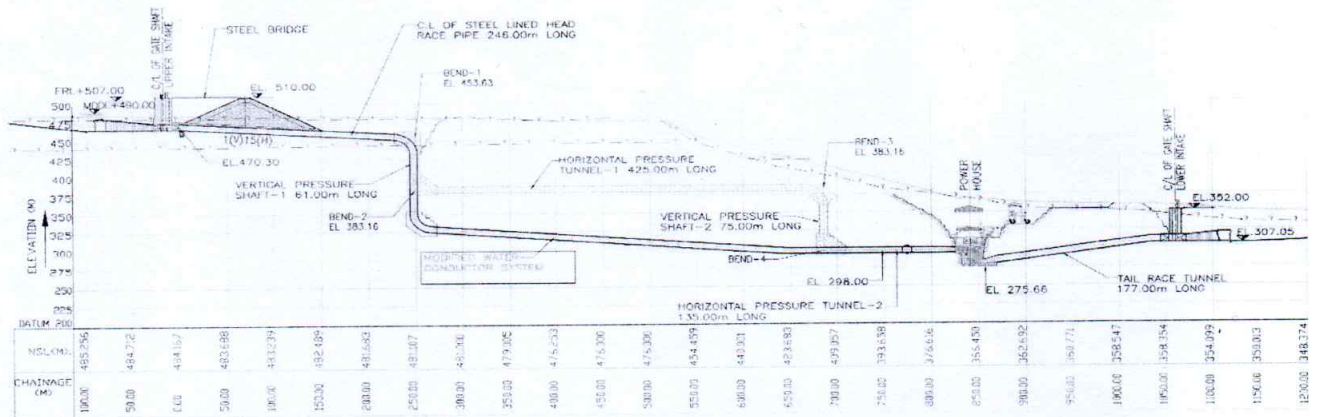


Figure 3- Longitudinal Section of PSP under Alternative 01.

6. Key Observations

The project exhibits excellent topography with 158 m gross head between upper reservoir and lower reservoir. The water availability is assured through one-time filling of 1.01 TMC from Kuno River ensuring reliable source. Environmental compliance is also satisfactory with safe distances from Madhav and Kuno National Parks (>40 km), no eco-sensitive zones, and minimal flora/fauna impact.

Modified Alternative-1 (Fully Underground WCS with Surface Powerhouse) is technically feasible and recommended. The optimized design eliminates VPS-2 excavation (which required 4.9 Ha of forest land), routing the complete WCS underground through a single vertical pressure shaft (VPS-1) and horizontal pressure tunnels (Fig.03). This achieves maximum tree preservation while maintaining technical viability.

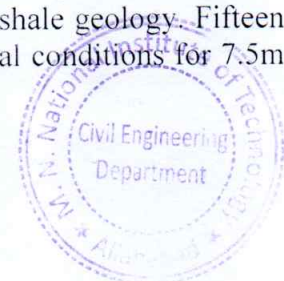
Tree Impact: The modified design consisting underground routing from VPS-1 to powerhouse eliminates surface penstocks, achieving 62% reduction in tree felling. The 9.75 Ha temporary area will be restored and surrendered post-construction. Forest continuity is maintained through 34.875 Ha (60.9% of total area) that is preserved or will be restored.

Technical Assessment: The underground pressure tunnels connecting VPS-1 to the powerhouse can be safely constructed in the prevailing sandstone and shale geology. Fifteen boreholes along the WCS & PH alignment confirm favorable geological conditions for 7.5m diameter tunnel excavation with standard support system.

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7. Conclusions and Recommendations:

This independent technical review by MNNIT, Allahabad confirms that the modified Alternative-1, with fully underground water conducting system (WCS) and surface pit-type powerhouse, successfully achieves the environmental objectives mandated by MoEF&CC while maintaining technical feasibility.

Detailed studies of Geological investigation comprising 50 drill holes including 15 boreholes along WCS and Powerhouse (PH) alignment confirm technical feasibility. Rock mass conditions (Class II-III in sandstone, Class III-IV in shale) are adequate for 7.5m diameter tunnels with conventional support systems.

It is also found that out of 57.225 ha area, the 22.35 ha forest area will be affected whereas 25.125 ha forest area will not be affected during construction of the project. Remaining 9.75 ha temporary area will be restored and handed over to the forest department as post construction activity. The modified design by the Greenko Energies Private Limited consisting of underground routing from VPS-1 to powerhouse help to eliminate surface penstocks, achieving significant reduction (approximately 44% in felling of trees). Forest continuity is maintained through 34.875 Ha (60.90% of total area) during the operational phase of the project.

Therefore, it is recommended that about 300 m WCS from starting may be kept on surface and remaining 640 m downwards WCS may be kept underground as per design guidelines keeping in view the following:

- (i) An Immediate downgradient may destabilize the storage embankment and WCS units.
- (ii) The presence of cliff near the storage may weaken the strength of natural rock mass and reactivate the discontinuity during the construction of WCS in the vicinity of storage point.
- (iii) Regarding mitigation measures, it is suggested to have possible experts' opinion during and post constructions of the project.

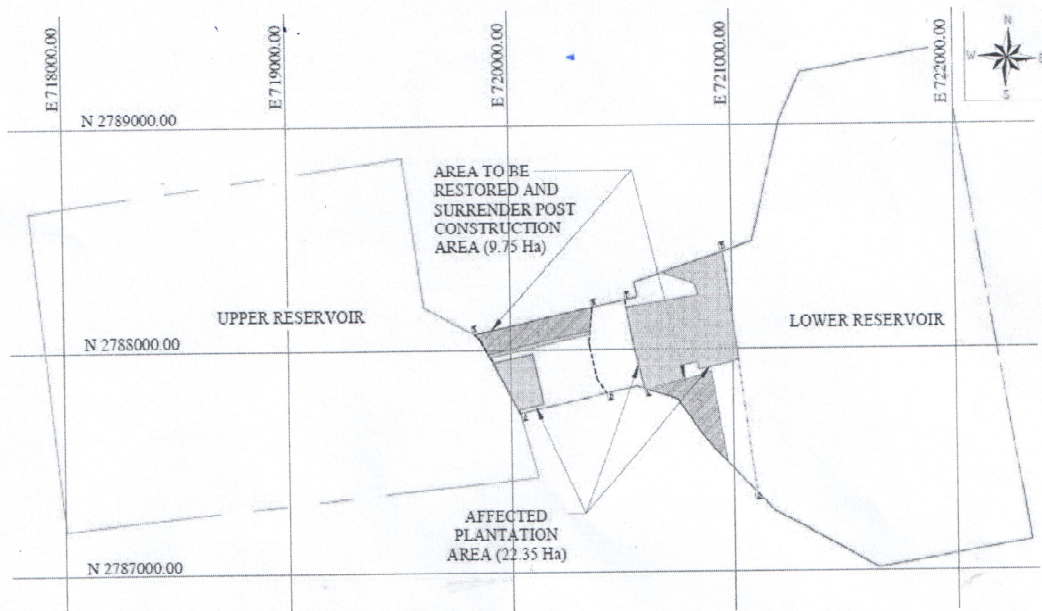
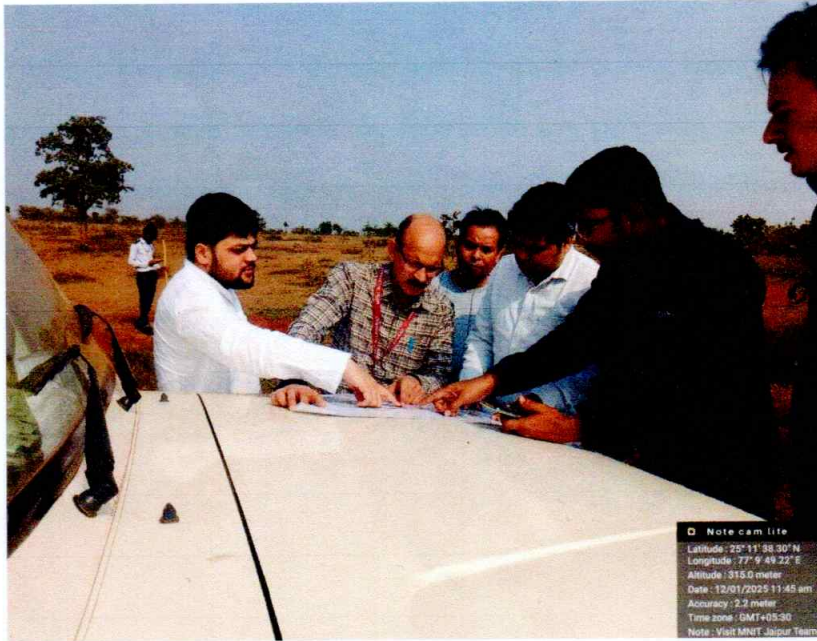


Figure 3- Land requirement and tree cutting



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Field Photograph 01: Area under Upper reservoir showing sparse vegetation.



Field Photograph 02: Area under Upper reservoir showing sparse vegetation.

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Field Photograph 03: Location of Power house and WCS.



Field Photograph 04: Location of Powerhouse with VPS

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Field Photograph 05: Area under Lower reservoir showing terminal end of WCS.

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(PI)



Annexure-03

Certificate of Undertaking

M/s. Greenko Energies Private Limited hereby affirm and undertakes to provide 2 (TWO) Solar powered bore wells for assisting the forest-related projects in the vicinity of the proposed forest area for diversion.

Date:17/04/2026

Place: Hyderabad



Name: Gopi Krushna Nikku

N. Gopi krushna

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**HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN AT
JODHPUR**

D.B. Civil Writ Petition No. 17161/2024

Suo Moto, Suo Moto

----Petitioner

Versus

State Of Rajasthan, State Of Rajasthan & Ors.

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Dr. Sachin Acharya, Sr. Advocate Mr. Lakshay Singh Udawat
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. M.S. Singhvi, Sr. Advocate Mr. Abhishek Mehta Mr. Akshay Babu Mr. Shubhankar Johari Mr. Mahaveer Bishnoi, AAG Mr. Harshvardhan Singh Mr. B.P. Bohra

**HON'BLE THE CHIEF JUSTICE MR. MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUNIL BENIWAL**

Order

28/04/2025

1. Heard learned counsel for the respective parties, including the project proponent.
2. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the project proponent would submit that in view of the undertaking which has been granted by the authorities, the matter pending with the Central/State Government for grant of approval is not proceeding one way or the other and the project proponent is unable to take a strong decision because of the pendency of the case and pendency of his application for grant of approval before the Central Government. He would further submit that they have already



procured land and by now invested approximately Five Hundred Crores.

3. Learned counsel appearing for the Union of India would submit that upon submission of application by the project proponent, approval in-principle has been granted but certain queries have been made from the State Government which are pending consideration and as and when those queries are satisfied, the Central Government will be in a position to take final decision in the matter.

4. Learned Senior Counsel appearing as *Amicus Curiae* in this case would apprehend that no sooner the Central Government grants approval, the project proponent may proceed to cut the trees.

5. Learned counsel for the State would submit that queries made by the Central Government are pending consideration with it and it would be dealing with it expeditiously.

6. As a matter of public importance, touching upon an issue regarding felling of more than one lakh trees in the event of grant of approval, has arisen before this Court, at the same time, we find that the matter is still pending with the Central Government and final decision has not yet been taken.

7. Learned Senior Counsel appearing for the project proponent fairly submits that the project proponent must know its fate as early as possible and it should not be kept pending. He would further submit that in case the Central Government does not grant approval, the matter would end, though the project proponent may have remedy, if he feels aggrieved.



8. The matter, as it stands today, no final sanction has been granted by the Central Government, though there is in-principle approval, which concerns us. However, unless there is a forest clearance given, nothing can be done, much less cutting of trees.

9. At this stage, we think it proper that the Central Government should take final decision in the matter and any decision taken in the matter to grant or not to grant approval should be placed before this Court for perusal, with a copy of the same to learned *Amicus Curiae*. Further proceedings in this case would depend upon the decision that may be taken by the Central Government in the matter.

10. Taking into consideration the nature and magnitude of exercise required to be undertaken by the Central Government in co-ordination with the State Government, we are inclined to list the matter after two months. However, we make it clear that no tree shall be cut without the permission of the Court.

11. List this case after two months.

(SUNIL BENIWAL),J **(MANINDRA MOHAN SHRIVASTAVA),CJ**

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