File No.8-29/2021-FC

Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,

Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj New Delhi: 1100 03,

Dated: 1st December, 2021

To

The Regional Officer,

Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bangalore – 560034.

<u>Sub:</u> Proposal for diversion of 160.4 ha. of forest land in Sy. No.138 and 146 of Karlakatti Village, Sy. No.128,129 and 130 of Chakrageri Village and Sy. No.3 and 4 of Kagihal Village, Savadatti (Saundatti) Taluk, Belagavi District (Ghataprabha Division Gokak) for construction of Standalone Pumped Storage Component of Saundatti Integrated Renewable Energy Project (IREP) in favour of the M/s. Greenko Solar Energy Private Limited, Bangaluru, Karnataka State (Online Proposal No.FP/KA/HYD/37723/2018). -reg

Sir,

I am directed to refer to the Government of Karnataka's letter No. FEE 57 FLL 2021 (e) dated 17th November, 2021 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, and to request the Integrated Regional Office, Bangalore of the Ministry to kindly inspect the forest land proposed for diversion including identified CA land (Both NFL and DFL). A detailed report shall be submitted to the Ministry, at the earliest.

Yours faithfully,

Sd/-

(Rinku Kumari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:-

- 1. The Principal Secretary (Forests), Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- **3.** The Nodal Officer, FCA O/o PCCF, Forest Department, Government of Karnataka, Bangalore.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.