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Forest & Environment Department

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To,

Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central)
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Regional Office, Western Region,
Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan,
Link Road No.3, E-5, Ravi Shankar Nagar,
BHOPAL (M.P.)-462016.

Subject: Diversion of 75.88625 ha. Protected Forest land for the project of Widening & Strengthening four lane of (1) Sayla-Sudamda-Paliyad road Km.0/0 to 25/600 (2) Sayla-Muli road Km.0/0 to 10/890 (3) Muli-Surendranagar road Km.126/0 to 144/700 District Surendranagar in favour of Executive Engineer, R&B Division, Surendranagar.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter F.No. 6-GJA014/2019-BHO/237 dated 24.02.2020 on the subject cited above and it is informed that:-

Sr. No.	Condition	Compliance
1	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.	The User Agency has Agreed
2	Forest land will be handed over to the User Agency only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over by the User Agency.	After the non-forest land is acquired by the user agency forest land will be handed over to them.
3	(b) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 152.00 ha degraded-forest land. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species shall be avoided: i. Area = 20.00 ha at Survey No. 283Pt, Village-Ratanpur, Taluka-Dhrangadhra, District-Surendranagar. ii Area = 20.00 ha at Survey No. 747/2, Village-Methan, Taluka-Dhrangadhra, District-Surendranagar.	The User Agency has already transferred an amount of Rs.6,86,93,066/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation & Survey Demarcation in the CAMPA fund.

	<p>iii. Area = 20.00 ha at Survey No. 18Pt, Village-Mevsa se, Taluka-Chotila, District-Surendranagar.</p> <p>iv. Area = 22.00 ha at Survey No. 14Pt, Village-Rampara Ru, Taluka-Chotila, District-Surendranagar.</p> <p>v. Area = 20.00 ha at Survey No. 36Pt, Village-Karadi, Taluka-Sayla, District-Surendranagar.</p> <p>vi. Area = 20.00 ha at Survey No. 16/1/9, Village-Shekhod, Taluka-Sayla, District-Surendranagar.</p> <p>vii. Area = 15.00 ha at Survey No. 164, Village-Raysangpar, Taluka-Muli, District-Surendranagar.</p> <p>viii. Area = 15.00 ha at Survey No. 158Pt, Village-Gadhada, Taluka-Muli, District-Surendranagar.</p>	
	g) Total No. of saplings to be planted shall not be less than nos. 1,68,872 (152.00 ha x1111) in CA land. The composition of saplings (number species wise) to be planted shall be as per the National Forest Policy and shall be recorded in plantation journal.	Noted
	h) The standard size sapling (minimum height & minimum collar girth species wise) as approved by the State Govt. shall be planted in the selected CA land.	Noted
	i) The height and collar girth (specie wise) shall be measured & recorded at the time of plantation and in November of plantation year. Further, data of height, collar girth and survival percentage (species wise) twice a year (April & November month) shall be recorded & records shall be maintained.	Noted
	j) All the live stumps & pollards upto 90 cm Girth shall be dressed from ground level for the purpose of regeneration & record shall be kept in plantation journal.	Noted
	k) Plantation shall be taken up before end of 2021 monsoon.	Noted
4	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory	The User Agency has already transferred an amount of

	<p>afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars, if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the 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.</p>	<p>Rs.6,86,93,066/- towards the cost of Compensatory Afforestation & Survey Demarcation in the CAMPA fund.</p>
5	<p>NPV :</p> <p>(b) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value(NPV) for the 75.88625 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders of the 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 WP (C) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters 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 5-3/2007-FC dated 05/02/2009 and chapter 3 of FCA Handbook, 2019 in this regard.</p>	<p>The User Agency has already deposited an amount of Rs.3,32,38,178/- towards the cost of Net Present Value in the CAMPA fund.</p>
	<p>c) 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 Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.</p>	<p>The User Agency has already given the undertaking in this regard.</p>
6	<p>User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees upto 19,150 nos. in the diverted forest land and trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department. The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.</p>	<p>The User Agency has Agreed</p>

7	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited in CAMPA fund only through e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	Funds from the user agency has been transferred online to the CAMPA fund through e-portal.
8	The certificate of Collector under FRA, 2006 for proposed CA land as per para 6.2e(ii) of Forest Conservation (Rules), 2003 (Amended upto August 2017) shall be submitted.	The user agency has submit FRA certificate of Collector, Surendranagar.
9	User agency shall raise strip plantation on both sides and central verge of the road as per the IRC norms.	The user agency has stated that as per prevalent IRC norms and guidelines, every effort will be made to raise strip plantation on both side/central verge of the orad.
10	Speed regulating signage will be erected along the road at regular intervals in the Protected Areas/ Forest Areas.	The User Agency has Agreed
11	User Agency shall provide suitable measures for free movement of wildlife in and around the forest area in accordance to Eco friendly measures to mitigate impacts of linear infrastructure on wildlife (2016).	Noted however, no wildlife area exists in the immediate vicinity of the project corridor
12	User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.	Environment clearance is not required in the above proposal.
13	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government.	The User Agency has Agreed
14	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	The User Agency has Agreed
15	Sufficient firewood, preferably alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.	The User Agency has Agreed
16	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer	The User Agency has Agreed
17	No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction	The User Agency has Agreed

	materials for execution of the project work.	
18	The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.	The User Agency has Agreed
19	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.	The User Agency has undertaken that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose, other than that specified in the FCA Proposal.
20	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India.	The User Agency has Agreed
21	The user agency shall adhere to all rules, regulations, guidelines & acts enforced by State Govt. and Central Govt. for the proposal.	The User Agency has Agreed
22	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per para 1.21 of FCA, 1980 Handbook 2019.	The User Agency has Agreed
23	Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.	The User Agency has Agreed
24	The complete compliance report for all conditions stipulated in this Stage-I approval letter shall be uploaded on e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in).	The compliance report is uploaded on e-portal.

In view of above and since the conditions of In-principle approval have already been complied with, the matter may now be referred to APCCF(Central), Bhopal for issuance of formal approval.

Yours faithfully,



(S. M. Saiyad)

Additional Secretary

Forest & Environment Department

Encl. As above.

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1. Nodal officer (FCA), Pr. Chief Conservator of Forest's Office, Gujarat State, 'Aranya Bhavan' Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
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