

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1926/Section.II/2019

Dated:08-08-2020

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P.Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati -522 503.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Government of India,
Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 365.66 Ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 113,114,115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Stage-I approval accorded - Request of the User Agency to allow transfer of CA land before commissioning of the Project instead of prior to Stage II approval - Forwarded - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dt.07.06.2019.
2) State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Section-II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.12-11-2019.
3) From the DIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File No.8-32/2019-FC, dt.23.04.2020 and even No.dt.28.04.2020 and 13.05.2020.
4)Govt.Memo.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II), Dept., Dt.05.06.2020.
5) From the CEO&MD, Greenko Group, Letter dated.14.07.2020.
6) Govt.Memo.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept.,dt.30.07.2020.
7)From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15036/2/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dt.01.08.2020.

Kind attention is invited to the reference 2nd cited wherein the proposal received from the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, for diversion of 365.66 Ha (i.e. 319.02 Ha for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 Ha for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 Ha for Penstock + 8.02 Ha for Intake Structure + 2.43 Ha for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 Ha for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compt. Nos. 113,114,115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Bethamcherla Section, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of 1200 MW Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad, has been forwarded to Government of India with a request to obtain and communicate the approval under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. In the reference 3rd cited, while according Stage -I /In-principle approval for the above Project by you, under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions as stipulated therein, it has been informed that after receipt of compliance report on fulfilment of the Stage-I conditions, the proposal shall be considered for final approval under Section -2 of the Forest Conservation) Act, 1980. Further it has also been indicated therein that transfer of forest land shall not be effected till final approval is granted by the Central Government in this regard.

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3. Vide reference 4th cited, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF) has been requested to obtain and furnish the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, while according Stage-I approval and also requested to furnish his report in respect of the additional conditions imposed by the Government of Andhra Pradesh for taking further necessary action in the matter. The compliance report is awaited.

4. In the meanwhile, the User Agency i.e. Greenko Energies Pvt.Ltd. in the reference 5th cited (copy enclosed), has informed that due to COVID 19 pandemic situation, acquisition of 365.66 ha land towards Compensatory Afforestation and mutating the same in the name of Forest Department has become a huge challenge. The "Agreements of Sale" for the entire proposed CA land have been completed in the past. However transfer requires registration of "Sale Deeds" from-286 individual land parcels involving-374 farmers & their descendants, legal heirs etc. and due to increasing daily COVID 19 cases and declaration of large parts of SPSR Nellore District wherein the proposed CA lands are located as "Red Zones" and "Containment Zones", it is preventing land owners from completing necessary formalities for transfer and registration of lands which is significantly affecting the project timelines.

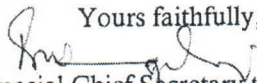
5. In view of the above difficulties, the User Agency has requested to address to Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Government of India, New Delhi to request "the FAC to allow start of construction in forest land with a condition to transfer Compensatory Afforestation land as per forest diversion proposal on or before commissioning of the Project given the delays and difficulties faced due to global pandemic COVID-19 situation and urgent need to create Energy Storage capacities in India".

6. In this regard, State Government vide reference 6th cited, has requested the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh to examine the request made by the User Agency as per extant rules and furnish specific remarks to the Government immediately.

7. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, in the reference 7th cited (copy enclosed), has informed that as per condition No.vii (b) of the Stage-I approval accorded by the Government of India, the non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. Further, a copy of the original notification declaring the non forest 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, has to be submitted by the State Government to Government of India prior to Stage-II approval.

8. Further, he has stated that there is no provision under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for giving temporary working permission for Non-linear projects and work can commence only after Stage -II approval is accorded by the Government of India. Hence, apart from the condition of mutation and notification of non forest land, the User Agency also has to comply with all the other conditions prescribed in the stage-I approval of the project by the Government of India, for giving final Stage-II approval.

9. Accordingly, the letter of the User Agency and the remarks of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Andhra Pradesh, are herewith enclosed with a request to examine the proposal of the User Agency and communicate a suitable decision in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

 for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
 Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
 M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad.

cc.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

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Dated: 25.08.2020

From
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Amaravati-522503.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
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8).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.08.08.2020.
9).From PCCF (HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated.21.08.2020.

In continuation of the reference 8th cited, I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, in his letter 9th cited, has submitted condition-wise compliance report on the conditions stipulated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, while according (Stage-I) approval. The Copy of the reference 9th cited is enclosed and the conditions and compliances reported by Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) are as follows:-

Sl. No	Conditions imposed by the GoI, MOEF&CC	Compliance report submitted by the PCCF (HoFF)
i	Legal Status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged:	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion will remain unchanged. (Copy enclosed as <i>Annexure-1</i>).
ii	User Agency shall submit the approved Detailed Project Report (DPR) through the State Government;	The user agency has submitted the Detailed Project Report(DPR) approved by the Central Electrical Authority (CEA) as well as Central Water Commission (CWC). (Copy enclosed as

		<i>Annexure-1a & 1b).</i>
iii	The forest compartments (compartment Nos.113, 114, 115, 116 and 117), which are getting adversely affected will be taken care of and afforestation (for improving canopy density from "open" to moderately dense forest) 'will be taken up by the Forest Department at the cost of User Agency only to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e., 100 mts from the periphery of the HFL. Rest of the forest areas of affected compartments shall be taken up for improving canopy density through NPV, collected from this project;	The District Forest Officer, Kurnool is preparing a scheme for afforestation (for improving canopy density from "open" to moderately dense forest) to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e., 100 mts. from the periphery of the HFL. This is under preparation. After preparation of the scheme proposals and arriving at the scheme cost, demand notice will be issued to the user agency for depositing the amount. The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-2).
iv	User agency will allow use of road infrastructure within project area to common public;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-22).
v	As per site inspection report, over an extent of 8.15 ha. within the 408.68 ha. of non-forest land surveyed for compensatory Afforestation are in the nature of streams/cart road/Government lands etc. Hence, this 8.15 ha. area shall be demarcated suitably.	The user agency has identified CA land in Nellore District. The compliance report in this regard is awaited from the Divisional Forest Officer, SPSR District, Nellore. However, the user agency has submitted that 8.15 ha. area has been demarcated on the map. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-3).
vi	The User Agency shall raise avenue plantation on either side of the road proposed in the proposal, at the project cost;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-15).
vii	Compensatory Afforestation:	
	a) Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 400.53 ha Non-forest land (land in Mangupalli Village, Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu Village in Sy.no.3 to 170 Ananthasagaram Mandal, of SPSR Nellore District) at the cost of the User Agency. As per as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted and monoculture of a species has to be avoided.	The Divisional Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore prepared the scheme for afforestation on non forest land i.e., 400.53 ha. including water bodies identified in Mangupalli Village, Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu in Sy.no.3 to 170 Ananthasagaram Mandal, of SPSR Nellore District at a cost of Rs.35,92,00,000/-. The user agency has expressed that due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic in the State, the survey of the non forest land and mutation of the non forest lands in favour of Forest Department are getting delayed. Hence the CA cost as proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, SPSR Nellore could not be deposited under " State CAMPA Fund " of A.P State. Further, the user agency is under the opinion that depositing CA funds without demarcation of non forest land identified for CA and its mutation in favour of Forest Department may not be appropriate. In this regard, the user agency has furnished an undertaking. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-23).
	b) The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval. A	The user agency has identified CA land in SPSR Nellore Division. The user agency has not mutated the land in favour of Forest Department. In this

	copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest 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, will be submitted by the State Government prior to Stage-II approval;	regard, the user agency has stated that, the procedure in registering and mutation of the non forest land is getting delayed because of Covid-19 pandemic which is prevailing across the country. However, the user agency has submitted in their letter dt. 14.07.2020 addressed to GoAP (copy enclosed) that they will comply with the condition, prior to the completion of the project as and when could get the relief from Covid-19.
viii	The cost of compensatory afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per compensatory 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>The DFO, SPSR Nellore has prepared the CA scheme for CA on non-forest land i.e., 400.53 ha. including water bodies identified in Mangupalli Village, Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu in Sy.no.3 to 170 Ananthasagaram Mandal, of SPSR Nellore District at a cost of Rs.35,92,00,000/-.</p> <p>The user agency has expressed that due to the prevailing Covid-19 pandemic in the State, the survey of the non forest land and mutation of the non forest lands in favour of Forest Department are getting delayed. Hence the CA cost as proposed by the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore could not be deposited under "State CAMPA Fund" of A.P State. Further, the user agency is under opinion that depositing of CA funds without demarcation of non forest land identified for CA and mutation if favour of the Forest Department may not be appropriate. In this connection, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-23).</p>
ix	NPV:	
	a) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 365.66 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 in this regard.	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.22,89,03,160/- (Rupees Twenty two crore eighty nine lakh three thousand one hundred and sixty only) towards Net Present Value (NPV) in "State CAMPA Fund" of A.P State through e-challan vide application no.5635371040, Dt.14.08.2020 vide UTR No.SBIN220227550707. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-4).
	b) 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	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-5).

	to this effect.	
x	The State Government shall submit a certificate certifying that no schemes/programmes with respect to plantation have been proposed or undertaken in the land identified for taking up Compensatory afforestation in last 10 years;	As report by the Divisional Forest Officer, Nellore in the land suitability certificate, the land is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments.
xi	The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.	The plan for extraction of tree growth is under process, after completion of the same the cost required for felling trees will be known and demand will be raised on the user agency. In this regard, the user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed).
xii	Copy of approved Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) Plan, if applicable shall be submitted in accordance to para no.4.8(i) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 Handbook and commensurate funds shall be deposited in the account of CAMPA through on-line portal;	The user agency has stated that the Catchment Area Treatment (CAT) plan is not applicable to this proposal. The Government of India has exempted in their letter MoEF & CC F.No.4-APA097/2019-CHN/071, Dt.16.01.2020. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-6).
xiii	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector;	The user agency has completed the compliance of FRA, 2006 in the prescribed certificates from the District Collector, Kurnool. The copies of the same were submitted along with proposals at the time of processing. (A copy of the same is enclosed as Annexure-7).
xiv	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/)	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.22,89,03,160/- (Rupees Twenty two crore eighty nine lakh three thousand one hundred and sixty only) towards NPV in " State CAMPA fund " of the Andhra Pradesh State through e-challan vide application no.5635371040, dt.14.08.2020 vide UTR No.SBIN220227550707. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-4).
xv	The land identified for the purpose of CA shall be clearly depicted on Survey of India topo-sheet of 1:50,000 scale;	The user agency has furnished the Survey of India topo-sheet of CA land in 1:50,000. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-8).
xvi	The admissible non-forest land shall be identified for raising compensatory afforestation and the same shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department before issue of the Stage-II clearance. The non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as Reserve Forest under Section-4 or Protected Forest under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months.	The user agency has not mutated the non-forest land identified for CA in SPSR Nellore District in f/o Forest Department. In this regard, the user agency has stated that, due to COVID-19 pandemic situation, acquisition of 365.66 ha. land towards Compensatory afforestation and mutating the same in the name of Forest Department has become a huge challenge. The Agreements of Sale for the entire proposed CA land were completed in the past, but transfer requires registration of Sale Deeds from-286 individual land parcels involving-374

		farmers and their descendants, legal heirs etc. Further, increasing daily COVID-19 cases and declaration of large parts of SPSR Nellore District as "Red Zones" and Containment Zones where the proposed CA lands are located is preventing land owners for completing necessary formalities for transfer and registration of land and which in turn is affecting the project timelines and as result Stage-2 clearance is being delayed and requested to allow construction of work in forest land with a condition to transfer of non-forest land identified for CA over an extent of 365.66 ha. in Nellore Division to Forest Department on or before commissioning the Project.(Copy enclosed).
xvii	The User Agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of Ad-hoc CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	<p>The DFO, SPSR Nellore prepared the scheme for CA on non forest land i.e., 400.53 ha. including water bodies identified in Mangupalli Village, Sy.no.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu Village in Sy.no.3 to 170 Ananthasagaram Mandal, of SPSR Nellore District at a cost of Rs. 35,92,00,000/-</p> <p>The CA cost as proposed by the DFO, Nellore could not be deposited by the user agency under "State CAMPA Fund" of A.P State. Further, the user agency is under opinion that depositing CA funds without demarcation of non forest land identified for CA and it's mutation in favour of Forest Department may not be appropriate. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-23).</p>
xviii	At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-5).
xix	The Forest clearance will be for a period coterminous with the lease period specified in the lease agreement. The State Government will submit the lease agreement document specified in the lease agreement;	The user agency has submitted that they will be following the terms and conditions specified and approved by the Government in this regard scrupulously.
xx	The user agency shall implement the R&R Plan as per the R&R Policy of State Government in consonance with National R&R Policy, Government of India before the commencement of the project work. The said R&R Plan will be monitored by the State Government /Regional Office of MoEF&CC along with indicators for monitoring and expected observable milestones, if applicable ;	<p>The user agency has submitted the information is as follows.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With regard to the applicability of the provisions relating to R&R for the Project as per the Section 2 (3) (a) of The Right To Fair Compensation And Transparency In Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation

		<p>And Resettlement Act, 2013 the Act and its provisions applies in case:</p> <p><u>(a) a private company purchases land, equal to or more than such limits in rural areas or urban areas, as may be prescribed by the appropriate Government, through private negotiations with the owner of the land in accordance with the provisions of section 46; (RFCTLARR 2013 attached).</u></p> <p><u>As per AP State Govt. rule (29), "The limits on extent of land beyond which provisions of Rehabilitation and Resettlement under the Act apply, in Cases of purchase by a private company through Private Negotiation with the owner of the land shall be five thousand acres of dry land or equivalent extent of Irrigated Dry or Wet lands in rural areas subject to any further notification as may be notified by Government. However, the provisions of Rehabilitation and Resettlement shall be applicable wherever any habitation is part of such land".</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• In view of the above, the total private land proposed to be purchased through private negotiations for the Stand alone Pumped storage component of Pinnapuram IRE Project is well within the prescribed limits as specified above. Further the land procured for the Project does not involve any habitation.• Based on the provisions of RFCTLARR, 2013 and Rules issued by the Government of Andhra Pradesh as specified above the provisions relating to Rehabilitation and Resettlement are not applicable for the proposed Project. <p>Copy enclosed at Annexure-9(a&b)</p>
xxi	The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required;	The user agency has furnished the Environmental Clearance. A copy of the Environmental Clearance letter no.J-12011/12/ 2018-IA-I(R) dated 14.07.2020 is enclosed at Annexure-10 .
xxii	The User Agency shall carry out muck disposal at pre designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down;	The user agency has stated that they will carry out the muck disposal at pre-designated sites in such a manner so as to avoid its rolling down.
xxiii	The dumping area for muck disposal shall be stabilized and reclaimed by planting suitable species by the user agency at the cost of project under the supervision of State Forest Department. Retaining walls and terracing shall be carried out to hold	The user agency has stated that, to stabilize and reclaim the dumping area for muck disposal, planting suitable species under the supervision of State Forest Department will be done. Further, the user agency will construct

	the dumping material in place. Stabilization and reclamation of such dumping sites shall be completed before handing over the same to the State Forest Department in a time bound manner as per Plan;	retaining walls and terracing to hold the dumping material in place. Further, the user agency will complete the stabilization and reclamation of such dumping sites before handing over the same to the State Forest Department in a time bound manner as per Plan.
xxiv	The State Government and the user agency shall ensure that the tress available between full reservoir level (FRL) and FRL-4 meters are not felled	The user agency has stated that they will comply with the condition.
xxv	The User Agency shall undertake afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir;	The user agency will undertake afforestation along the periphery of the reservoir.
xxvi	User Agency shall provide free water for the forestry related projects;	The user agency has agreed to provide free water for all forest related projects.
xxvii	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the User Agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed herewith as Annexure-11 .
xxviii	The boundary of the diverted forest land, mining lease and safety zone, as applicable, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates;	The user agency has stated that, the boundary of the diverted forest land demarcation on ground is under progress.
xxix	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government and the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed as Annexure-16 .
xxx	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed as Annexure-17 .
xxxi	No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed as Annexure-18 .
xxxii	The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department;	The user agency has stated that the condition will be evaluated and implemented in consultation with the local forest department wherever required.
xxxiii	User Agency either himself or through the State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities. The plan for plantation and SMC activities will be prepared and submitted to MoEF&CC prior to Stage-II Clearance;	The DFO, Kurnool has submitted that the plan for Gap planting and SMC activities to be undertaken is under preparation. Soon after preparation of the scheme, the demand will be raised on the user agency for depositing the funds in " State CAMPA Fund " of the A.P Forest through e-challan. The undertaking furnished by the user agency in this regard is enclosed as Annexure-12 .

xxxiv	The User agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly;	The user agency has agreed to submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions stipulated to the State Government concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year regularly after getting stage-II approval.
xxxv	The violation of any of the conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the para 1.21 of comprehensive guidelines issued vide this Ministry F.no.5-2/2017-FC dt.28 th March, 2019;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed herewith as <i>Annexure-19</i> .
xxxvi	Any other condition that the concerned Regional Office of this Ministry may stipulate with the approval of competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife; and	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed herewith as <i>Annexure-20</i> .
xxxvii	The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court order(s) and NGT order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect and the same is enclosed herewith as <i>Annexure-21</i> .
xxxviii	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/);	Not complied.

In addition to the above conditions, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force) has furnished the condition-wise compliance report as imposed by the State Government, as follows:

Sl.No.	Conditions of State Government to be imposed	Government of India condition to that of State Government condition.
1	In addition to the conditions mentioned by the PCCF (HoFF) in his proposal, that the conditions imposed in the G.O. Ms. No. 24, E,I & I (Power.II) Dept., dt. 19.07.2018 shall be followed.	It is submitted that, the G.O. Ms. No. 24, E,I& I (Power.II) Dept., dated: 19.07.2018 does not pertain to Forest Department as the Government have issued orders to the Vice Chairman & Managing Director, New and Renewable Energy Development Corporation of Andhra Pradesh for implementation of the said project.
2	It has been informed that the User Agency has not yet prepared the DPR. Hence, while preparing the DPR, Maximum care should be taken to cause least disturbance to the forest areas.	It is submitted that, the user agency has submitted Detailed Project Report (DPR) approved by the Central Electricity Commission (CEA) and Central Water Commission (CWC). Further, it was stated by the user agency that the proposed diversion of forest area to an extent of 365.66 ha. in Gani RF Compartment no.113, 114, 115, 116 & 117, Kurnool Division for "Establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project-Pinnapuram in f/o M/s Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad is unavoidable and for the project it is the barest minimum.
3	As part of Corporate Social Responsibility, the Company shall also be asked to take up intense afforestation over a period of 5 years to improve forest density to more than 0.5 in the 5 compartments (Compartment	It is submitted that, the Government of India has imposed that, in regard to this condition that the forest compartments (Compartment no. 113, 114, 115, 116 & 117) which are getting adversely affected will be taken care of and afforestation (for improving canopy density form 'open to moderately dense forest') will be taken up by the

numbers 113, 114, 115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF) surrounding this project area.	Forest Department at the cost of User Agency only to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e. 100 mts from the periphery of the HFL. Rest of the forest areas of affected compartments shall be taken up for improving canopy density through NPV collected from the project. The same will be complied with, as stated above in the compliance condition no.(iii).
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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force) has informed that the user agency has complied with some conditions, **except conditions relating to handing over CA land, payment of CA levies etc as enumerated above.** Further, the user agency requested to allow construction work in forest land duly permitting to transfer non-forest land identified for CA over an extent of 365.66 ha. in Nellore Division to Forest Department on or before commissioning the Project in view of Covid-19 pandemic.

3. In continuation of the report in reference 8th cited, I enclose herewith the copy of the letter of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force), Andhra Pradesh together with the enclosures for taking necessary action in the matter.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswari
for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forests Force),
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1926/Section.II/2019

Dated:16.10.2020

From
The Special Chief Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 365.66 Ha (i.e. 319.02 Ha for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 Ha for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 Ha for Penstock + 8.02 Ha for Intake Structure + 2.43 Ha for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 Ha for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compt. Nos. 113,114,115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Stage-I approval accorded - Compliance report submitted for consideration - Reg.

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6)Govt.Memo.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept.,dt.30.07.2020.
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14)From the PCCF(HoFF),A.P., Lr.Rc.No. EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:29.09.2020.

I invite your kind attend to the reference 12th cited. I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh, has stated that the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi letter in the reference 12th cited, has been forwarded to the Conservator of Forests, Guntur and Kurnool circles vide letter dt.25.09.2020, for compliance report. On receipt of the information from them, further report will be submitted separately to the Government.

2. Further, he has stated that, in the meantime, the User Agency vide its letter dt.22.09.2020, duly quoting the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (FC Division) File No.8-32/2019/FC, dt.14.09.2020, submitted the following undertakings:

- i. The User Agency has certified that there are no schemes/ programmes with respect to plantation have been proposed / undertaken by the State Forest Department in the non-forest land identified for the purpose of CA in the last 10 years.

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- ii. The User Agency had given undertaking regarding Muck disposal sites that they will be appropriately stabilized as per Muck Disposal Plan approved in Environmental Clearance and shall be reclaimed in consultation with the State Forest Department.
- iii. The User Agency has requested 12 months time for transfer and mutation of non-forest land identified for CA purpose, in favour of State Forest Department, after the grant of Stage- II Forest Clearance. Accordingly, an Undertaking is submitted by the User Agency.
- iv. The User Agency has given undertaking requesting 6 months time after grant of Stage-II forest clearance, for depositing the cost of Compensatory Afforestation for Rs.35.92 crores.

3. In view of the unprecedented situation arising out of COVID-19 pandemic and since, it is a major renewable energy project, the copies of the letters dt. 05.09.2020 and 29.09.2020 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force), Andhra Pradesh together with enclosures are submitted to you with a recommendation to consider the application of the User Agency, i.e. Greenko Energies Private Limited., to give 12 months time for transfer and mutation of non-forest land identified for CA purpose in favour of State Forest Department, after the grant of Stage-II Forest Clearance and also grant of 6 months time after grant of Stage-II forest clearance for depositing cost of Compensatory Afforestation for Rs.35.92 crores.

Yours faithfully,

for Special Chief Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force),
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
M/s.Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1926/Section.II/2019

Dated:08.01.2021

From
The Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P.Secretariat,
Velagapudi,
Amaravati.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

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Sub: Diversion of 365.66 Ha (i.e. 319.02 Ha for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 Ha for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 Ha for Penstock + 8.02 Ha for Intake Structure + 2.43 Ha for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 Ha for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compt. Nos. 113, 114, 115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s.Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 – Stage-I approval accorded – Additional information submitted - Reg.

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12)State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.16.10.2020.
13)The DIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC(FC Division) , New Delhi, Lr.File No.8-32/2019-FC, dt.24.12.2020.
14)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:31.12.2020.
15) From the Authorized Signatory, M/s.Greenko Energies Pvt.Ltd., Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Lr.Ref.GEPL/PSP/FC/210106, 06.01.2021.

I invite your kind attention to the reference 13th cited. I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force has stated that the Government of India, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in the reference letter 13th cited has observed certain shortcomings pertaining to the subject proposal and requested to furnish information, for further consideration and grant of Stage-II approval.

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2. Based on the report of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force vide reference 14th cited, the following information as desired by the Government of India, in the reference 13th cited, is submitted as follows:-

Sl. No	Short-comings observed by GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Reply in respect of short comings indicated by GoI
i	The State Govt./ User agency has not submitted the approved copy of muck disposal plan in accordance with EIA/EMP report. The copy of the same is still awaited.	The User Agency has submitted the abstract of approved Muck Disposal Plan under EMP by GoI, MoEF&CC (IA.I Division), New Delhi, in F.No.J-12011/12/2018-IA-I, Dt.14.07.2020 (Annexure-1)
ii	The Govt. of AP has not provided point wise complete information in respect of this Ministry's letter dated 14.09.2020 specifically with respect to point (i) to (iv).	
	(i). The State Government has not submitted approved scheme for improving canopy density from "open" to "moderately dense forest" to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e. 100 m. from the periphery of the HFL. The above scheme with the deposition of the admissible fund is required prior to Stage-II approval.	The scheme for afforestation has been prepared for improving the canopy density from "open" to "moderately dense forest" to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e., 100 m. from the periphery of the HFL for Rs.319.253 lakh for a period of 12 years from 2021-22 to 2032-33 (Annexure-4)
	(ii) The User Agency has not complied the condition No. (vii) of the stage-I letter dt 23.04.2020 with respect to Compensatory Afforestation.	The Compensatory afforestation scheme has been prepared for Rs.35.92 crore to take up the CA with mixture of local indigenous species over an area of 400.53 hectares which includes water bodies identified in Mangupalli village, Sy.No.1 to 65 and Kamireddipadu in Sy.No.3 to 170, Ananthasagaram Mandal of SPSR Nellore District. The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs.35,92,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Crore Ninety Two Lakh only) towards cost of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme through RTGS UTR No.SBINR52020122904000831, Dt. 29.12.2020. (Annexure-2)
	(iii) The State Government has not submitted a copy of certificate of the land is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments.	The land is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments. (Annexure-3)
	(iv) The compensatory levies has not been transferred by the user agency into CAMPA account through e-portal yet.	The User Agency has deposited the cost of CA scheme for Rs.35,92,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Crore Ninety Two Lakh only) into CAMPA account through RTGS UTR No.SBINR52020122904000831, Dated 29.12.2020. (Annexure-2) Further, the User Agency has deposited Rs.22,89,03,160/- (Rupees Twenty Two Crore Eighty Nine Lakh Three Thousand One Hundred and Sixty only)

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		towards NPV into CAMPA account. (Annexure-5)
(iii)	The User Agency has not deposited the CA amount neither has mutated the CA land in favor of State Forest Dept. Instead the User Agency has submitted undertakings stating that within six months the CA amount will be transferred and within 12 months the CA land will be transferred and muted in favor of Forest Department after the grant of Stage-II.	The User Agency has deposited the cost of CA scheme for Rs.35,92,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Five Crore Ninety Two Lakh only) into CAMPA account through RTGS UTR No.SBINR52020122904000831, Dated 29.12.20. (Annexure-2) Further, the User Agency has stated that they are ready to mutate 120 acres of land out of 400.53 ha (981.71 acres) in favour of State Forest Department. The transfer of non-forest land towards CA in favour of Forest Department is getting delayed due to unprecedented pandemic situation of COVID-19, which has hampered normal way of life and genuine reason to reckon with. The CA lands would be mutated in favour of Forest Department before commencement of the Project.
iv	The State Govt./User agency has not uploaded complete compliance along with payment of all fund, undertakings and plans/schemes of the Stage-I approval letter dated 23.04.2020 on the e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/). Before consideration of the instant proposal for Stage-II approval the State Government has to upload the complete compliance report on PARIVESH portal of this Ministry.	The User Agency stated that the compliance report will be uploaded in e-portal https://parivesh.nic.in once the mutation of non-forest land is completed in favour of Forest Department.

3. Further, it is to inform that the User Agency in his letter dt.29.12.2020 has requested to allow them to start construction in the proposed diversion area for critical components of their project like "power house & TRC outlet (22.50 ha.), Pen stock (6.96 ha.), intake structure (8.02 ha.), tail race channel (2.43 ha.) and internal roads (6.73 ha.) altogether in 46.64 ha. out of 365.66 ha. required for the project.

4. I therefore request you to consider for grant of Stage-II approval as a special case in view of the unprecedented pandemic situation due to COVID-19 for the subject project under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 at the earliest. A copy of the letter dt.31.12.2020 of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force is enclosed herewith for further reference.

Yours faithfully,

N. Jagadeeswaru
for Secretary to Government:

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

M/s.Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad.

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1926/Section.II/2019

Dated:22.01.2021

From
The Secretary to Government,
EFS&T Department,
A.P.Secretariat,
Velagapudi, Amaravati.

To
The Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
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In continuation of the reference 16th cited, I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Forest, A.P., in his letter 17th cited (copy enclosed), has informed that the Authorized Signatory, M/s.Greenko Energies Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad has registered an extent of 48.80 ha. or 120.65 Acres (101.56 Acres in Kamireddypadu village and 19.09 Acres in Mangupali village) in favour of Governor of Andhra Pradesh (State Forest Department) vide document No.150 of 2021, dated:19.01.2021 registered at Office of Joint Sub - Registrar, Atmakur towards part CA on the subject proposal.

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3. As the User Agency has transferred part CA land to an extent of 48.80 ha. or 120.65 Acres, I submit the proposal of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests for favourable consideration.

Yours faithfully,


for Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
M/s Greenko Energies Pvt., Ltd., Hyderabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1926/Section.II/2019

Dated.05.02.2021

From
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Amaravati-522503.

To
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13) State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.22.01.2021.
14)From the AIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File.No.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.01.02.2021.
15)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:03.02.2021.

I invite your kind attention to the reference 15th cited in which the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi has raised certain short-comings and requested to furnish information for further consideration of the proposal.

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2. I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in the letter 15th cited (copy enclosed), has furnished the following information in respect of the short-comings observed by the Government of India:

Sl.No.	Short-comings observed by GoI	Information submitted by the PCCF & HoFF									
1.	The user agency has not deposited the amount of pertaining of the scheme of Stabilization of the rim of the reservoir as per condition (iii) of this Ministry's Stage-I letter dated.23.04.2020 in the CAMPA account.	<p>The following amounts were deposited by the user agency into Ad-hoc CAMPA account of Andhra Pradesh through e-challan application No.5635371633, Dt.02.02.2021 in UTR No.SBINR52021020209356492.</p> <p>Copies of the e-challan enclosed.</p> <table> <tr> <th>Sl.No.</th><th>Scheme</th><th>Amount (Rs.)</th></tr> <tr> <td>1.</td><td>Scheme for afforestation (for improving canopy density from 'open' to moderately dense forest) to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e., 100 m. from the periphery of the HFL (Condition No.(iii) of Stage -I approval)</td><td>3,19,25,300</td></tr> <tr> <td>2.</td><td>Gap planting and soil moisture conservation activities (Condition No.XXXiii of Stage-I approval).</td><td>2,53,99,400</td></tr> </table>	Sl.No.	Scheme	Amount (Rs.)	1.	Scheme for afforestation (for improving canopy density from 'open' to moderately dense forest) to stabilize the rim of the reservoir i.e., 100 m. from the periphery of the HFL (Condition No.(iii) of Stage -I approval)	3,19,25,300	2.	Gap planting and soil moisture conservation activities (Condition No.XXXiii of Stage-I approval).	2,53,99,400
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2.	The State Government has informed that the user agency has registered an extent of 48.80 Ha. in favour of Governor of Andhra Pradesh (State Forest Department). But as per this Ministry's letter dated.23.04.2020, the condition No.vii (b) stipulated was "the non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in	<p>The non-forest land to an extent of 48.82 Ha. (120.65 Acres) proposed for CA was transferred and mutated in the name of Government of Andhra Pradesh (State Forest Department) and physical handover of said lands will be done in due course along with remaining portions of CA land after attaining a sizeable proportion of total extent.</p> <p>It is intended to notify the said lands under Section-24 of the A.P. Forest Act, 1967 and further action is being taken.</p>									

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	the name of the Forest Department and notified as RF/PF prior to Stage-II approval". In this regard the copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under Section-4 or Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, has not submitted by the State Government.	
3.	The State Government is requested to upload the compliance along with payment of all fund, undertaking and plans / schemes of the Stage-I approval letter dated.23.04.2020 on e-portal (pariveh.nic.in)	The user agency stated that the compliance report would be uploaded online once balance CA land is registered and mutated in favour of A.P.Forest Department.

4. I, therefore request you to consider the above information and allow the user agency to start construction work in the proposed diversion area for the critical components of the project like "Power house & TRC outlet (22.50 Ha.), Pen Stock (6.96 Ha.), Intake structure (8.02 Ha.), Tail race channel (2.43 Ha.) and internal roads (6.73 Ha.) altogether in 46.64 Ha. out of 365.66 Ha. required for the project, in view of the fact that it is a clean energy project in a backward District of the State.

Yours faithfully,

S. Raju
for Secretary to Government

Copy to:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force,
Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.
M/s.Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Section-II) DEPARTMENT

Letter No.1926/Section.II/2019

Dated.19.04.2021

From
The Secretary to Government
EFS&T Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Velagapudi,
Amaravati-522503.

To
~~The~~ Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change
Government of India, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Aliganj,
Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -110 003 (w.e.)

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 365.66 Ha (i.e. 319.02 Ha for Lower Reservoir + 22.50 Ha for Power House & TRC Outlet + 6.96 Ha for Penstock + 8.02 Ha for Intake Structure + 2.43 Ha for Tail Race Channel and 6.73 Ha for Internal Roads) of forest land in Compt. Nos. 113, 114, 115, 116 & 117 of Gani RF, Kurnool Range, Kurnool Division for establishment of Integrated Renewable Energy Project, Pinnapuram in favour of M/s.Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad - Proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 - Stage-I approval accorded -Additional information submitted - Reg.

Ref: 1).From the PCCF(HoFF), A.P., Guntur, Lr.Rc.No.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3, Dt.07.06.2019.
2).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Section-II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.12-11-2019.
3).From the DIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File No.8-32/2019-FC, dt.23.04.2020 and even No.dt:28.04.2020 and 13.05.2020.
4).From the CEO&MD, Greenko Group, Letter dated.14.07.2020.
5).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.08.08.2020.
6).From PCCF (HoFF), Lr.Rc.No.EFS02/15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated.21.08.2020.
7).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.25.08.2020.
8).From the DIGF, MoEF&CC, GoI, New Delhi, Lr.File No.8-32/2019-FC, dt.14.09.2020.
9).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.16.10.2020.
10).The DIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC(FC Division) , New Delhi, Lr.File No.8-32/2019-FC, dt.24.12.2020.
11).From the Authorized Signatory, M/s.Greenko Energies Pvt.Ltd., Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad, Lr.Ref.GEPL/PSP/FC/210106, 06.01.2021.
12).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.08.01.2021.
13).State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.22.01.2021.
14).From the AIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File.No.8-32/2019-FC, Dt.01.02.2021.
15). State Govt.Lr.No.1926/Sec.II/2019, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.05.02.2021.
16).From the AIGF, GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi, Lr.File No.8-32/2019-FC, dt.11.02.2021.
17).From the PCCF&HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15036/2/2018/FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated: 08.04.2021 and even no.letters dt.17.04.2021.

I invite your kind attention to the reference 16th cited, in which the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi has requested to furnish certain information/documents for further consideration of the proposal.

2. I am to inform that the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, in the letter 17th cited (copy enclosed), has furnished the following information / documents as desired by the Government of India:

Sl. No	Information sought by the GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi	Information furnished as per the PCCF&HoFF report
1	The Kml files of the acquired non-forest land to an extent of	The User Agency so far handed over 62.99 ha. physically to the Forest

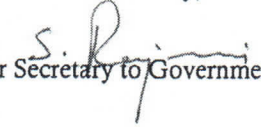
	48.82 ha. proposed for CA.	Department in various survey numbers, after completion of mutation of the lands by the Revenue Department in favour of Forest Department. The KML file for 62.99 ha. of CA block is enclosed in CD for information.
2	Clarification that no stand alone patch of land proposed for CA (within the acquired land) is less than 5 ha.	The CA land to an extent of 62.99 ha. mutated in favour of Forest Department is a compacted Block in different Survey numbers of Kamireddipadu Village.
3	Copy of notification vide which the proposed land for CA is declared as RF / PF.	The proposals for notification of the CA area over an extent of 62.99 ha. as Kamireddipadu Protected Forest U/s 24 of A.P. Forest Act, 1967 was submitted to the Government in PCCF & HoFF, AP, Guntur Lr.No.2473/2021/ WLR-1, dt.01.04.2021. Hence, a copy of the notification of the proposed block may be forwarded to Government of India after notification of the block by the Government.
4	Status of physical possession of the acquired CA lands by the Forest Department.	Out of the identified CA area of 400.53 ha, the User Agency had physically handed over an area of 62.99 ha. and mutation and physical handing over of the balance CA area is under process.
5	State Government is again requested to upload the compliance in PARIVESH Portal.	The User Agency had uploaded the compliance report on the conditions stipulated by GoI in the Stage-I approval in PARIVESH Portal.

3. With regard to Sl.No.3, it is submitted that Government have notified Kamireddipadu Block to an extent of Ac.155.66 cents or 62.99 Ha. (part area) of Compensatory Aforestation land in Sy.Nos.7-2, 9-5 etc., Kamireddipadu Village of Ananthasagaram Mandal, as Protected Forest under section 24 of Andhra Pradesh Forest Act, 1967 (Andhra Pradesh Act No.1 of 1967) vide G.O.Ms.No.22, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dt.16.04.2021. A copy of the same is enclosed herewith.

4. The PCCF & HoFF, in his letter dt.17.04.2021, has furnished reply for condition No.X of Stage-I approval that, no schemes / programmes with respect to plantation were proposed or undertaken in the last (10) years in the land identified for Compensatory Aforestation in respect of the subject proposal. A copy of the certificate is enclosed.

5. I therefore submit the above information for your consideration and orders in the matter.

Yours faithfully,


for Secretary to Government

Copy to:

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Andhra Pradesh, Guntur.

M/s.Greenko Energies Private Limited., Hyderabad.