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**Government of Punjab
Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation
(Forest Branch)**

To

Dated 14/03/2022

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF),
Punjab, S.A.S. Nagar.

Sub:- Div. of 2.95135 ha of forest land for M/s Vindhya Telelinks Pvt. Ltd. for laying optical fibre cable from Ferozepur-Faridkot Road KM 28.200 to 31.200 Mt, Turning point Village Allewala to Village Mallanwala Qadim on NH 05= 3200 Mt, Village Bazidpur to Mudki on FZR-MDK road- 23000 Mt, Mudki Chowk to Turning point Lungiana Kalan on Mudki-Baghapurana from KM 0-16.3=16300 Mt, Chungi No. 7 to Satti wala Chowk on Zira road FZR= 1300 Mt, Sadiq chowk to Village Machaki Kalan KM 18.400-10.300=8100 Mt, Zira-Jatra road 2600 Mt, Jatra road to Longiwind, Near canal-7930 Mt. Total length 65430 Mtr. under forest Division Ferozepur. FP/PB/OFC/119120/2021/

Government of India has accorded general approval under the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 vide letter No. F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 in under para 4.2 according in the cases of laying of Underground Telephone Lines, Optical Fiber Cable/Underground Laying of Drinking Water Supply Pipeline.

After careful consideration of the proposal submitted vide your letter under reference general approval of Govt. of India under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "Stage-1 approval "of temporary diversion of 2.95135 ha. of forest land measuring 65430 mtrs. Long, 1.65 depth and depth 0.45 mtrs wide along the road for laying of Optical Fiber Cable is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land to be diverted as per in-principle approval will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
4. As per the order of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28-3-08 in I.A No. 826 in 566..... in W.P.(C) 202 of 1995, the user agency is exempted for paying of the charges under NPV: (a) no felling of trees is involved; and (b) the areas fall outside National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary.
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs. 16,35,750/- to Divisional Forest Officer Ferozepur.
6. The Optical Fiber Cable will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and closed to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same

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- shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
7. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
 8. It is Mandatory for the User Agency not to exceed the permissible trench limit of 65430 meter Length, Width 0.45 meter and depth 1.65 meter.
 9. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Ferozepur for carrying out any maintenance operation.
 10. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
 11. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
 12. An undertaking is tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.
 13. If any other NOC is necessary for the work under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from any other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same on its own before the commencement of laying of Cable.
 14. DFO, Ferozepur shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, Ferozepur Circle will supervise it.

Gursharan Kaur

UNDER SECRETARY

Copy to: -

1. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh
2. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle.
3. Divisional Forest Officer, Ferozepur.
4. M/s Vindhya Telelinks Ltd. E-237, Indl area phase 8B, Mohali. Punjab 160068.