

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

Letter No.275/Section.II/2020/1086660,

Dated 20.09.2024

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

To
The Assistant Inspector General
of Forests (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Sub-office at Vijayawada of Regional Office, Chennai,
Green House Complex, Gopal Reddy Road,
Vijayawada-520010 (w.e)

Sir,

Sub: EFS&T Dept. – Diversion of 4.23 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M) Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals - Stage-I approval accorded – Submission of compliance report for final approval - Reg.

Ref: 1)From the PCCF(HoFF), Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA-SEC-PCCF/FCA-2, Dated:24.01.2020.
2)State Govt.Lr.No.275/S.II/2020, EFS&T(Sec.II) dept. Dt.14.07.2020.
3)From the RO, GoI, MoEF & C.C, Chennai, Lr.No.4-APB103/2012-CHN/175,dt.04.09.2020.
4)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21.03.2021.
5)From the GoI , MoEF& CC, IRO, Vijayawada F.No 4-APB103/2020-CHN/52, Dated.31.07.2021.
6)From the PCCF & HoFF, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, Dated:21.03.2021.
7)The GoI, MoEF&CC, IRO, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APB103/2020-CHN/80, dt.04.10.2021.
8)From the PCCF&HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/2018-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated.08.11.2022 and even No.dt.28.03.2023.
9)State Govt.Letter.No.275/Section.II/2021, EFS & T (Sec.II) Dept., dt.29.08.2023.
10)From GoI, MoEF& CC, RO,Chennai (Sub-Ofce Vijayawada),Lr.No.4-APB103/2020-CHN/1349, dated 1.11.2023.
11)From PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15029/94/218-FCASEC-PCCF/FCA-3, dated 13.08.2024.

I invite your attention to the reference 10th cited, wherein the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change have conveyed the Central Government's in-principle approval (Stage-I) U/s 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 4.23 Ha of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V), Kanigiri (M), Prakasham District for excavation of quartz in favour of Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals, subject to fulfillment of conditions stipulated therein.

2. In the reference 11th cited, the PCCF & HoFF has furnished the following compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the reference 10th cited, for consideration and onward submission to the GoI, MoEF&CC for according final approval for the above proposal:

Sl.No.	Conditions imposed by the GOI	Compliance report furnished by PCCF & HoFF
i.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	The status of forest land will remain unchanged and the User Agency has given an undertaking accordingly.
ii.	Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars by numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency. The User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety Zone;	The District Forest Officer has demarcated the forest area proposed for diversion by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars 75 no's duly numbered at an interval of 20 Meters. Further, the User Agency has given an undertaking that they will ensure demarcation of the boundary of the safety zone (7.5 Meters strip all along the boundary within the mining lease area) as per Acts and Rules. The details with Geo- Coordinates and photos are enclosed herewith.
iii.	Compensatory afforestation over identified non-forest land over an extent of 4.53 ha of non-forest area in Sy.No. 269/269-1 at Balayyapalli (V) Seetharamapuram (M), SPSR Nellore District shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department;	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.52.751 Lakh in A.P. State CAMPA fund through e-challan vide application No.6838806384, dt:11.03.2024, towards Compensatory Afforestation. A copy of the Challan is submitted herewith.
iv.	Entire non-forest land identified over an extent of 4.53 ha of non-forest area in Sy.No.269 / 269-1 at Balayyapalli (V) Seetharamapuram (M), SPSR Nellore District for raising compensatory afforestation shall be transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department and shall be notified as RF/ PF before issue of the Stage-II clearance and copy of such notification shall be submitted along with the compliance report;	The entire non-forest land identified for raising of Compensatory Afforestation in an extent of 4.53 ha in Sy.No.269/269-1 at Balayyapalli (V), Seetharamapuram (M), SPSR Nellore District was transferred and mutated in favour of the State Forest Department vide Registration document No.2950, Dt:27.11.2023. The Copies of the mutation, registration documents are submitted herewith. Further, it is to inform that non-forest CA land has been notified vide Gazette No.G.342, Dt.29.07.2024 Bhairavanikonda Extn – I RF (4.53Ha) U/s-24 of AP Forest Act, 1967 and the same are enclosed herewith.
v.	The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 4.23 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme court dated 28.03.2008 and	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.40.5141 lakh in A.P. State CAMPA fund through e-challan vide application No. 6838806384, dt:11.03.2024 towards Net Present Value for the proposed diversion of 4.23

	09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and Ministry's guideline No.5-3- 2011-FC(Vol-I), dated. 06.01.2022 and clarification issued vide letter dated 22.03.2022;	ha of Forest land. A copy of the challan is submitted herewith.
vi.	Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
vii.	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 /transferred all the requisite funds as per Stage-I approval to CAMPA fund only through e- portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/).
viii.	In case of the mining leases adjoining the habitation stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the user agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/ regeneration activities in the safety zone;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
ix.	Safety zone shall be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the User Agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
x.	No storage of magazines shall be done in the forest area;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xi.	Mitigative measures plan for protection of forest located adjacent to the proposed quarry lease prepared by the consultant Mining Geologist shall be carried out at the cost of the User Agency;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xii.	The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land, to be selected elsewhere measuring one and half times the	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.8.00 Lakhs in the "A.P. State CAMPA fund" through e-challan vide application No.6838806384, dt:11.03.2024 towards cost of fencing

	area of forest land under safety zone at the project cost;	and regeneration in SZA over an extent of 1.625ha (one and half times the safety zone area) in degraded forest area in Compt.No.457, Hazeepuram RF, Kanigiri Range. The GPS map and approved CA Scheme is submitted herewith.
xiii.	The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species at the project cost;	The user agency has deposited an amount of Rs.2.50 lakh in the "A.P. State CAMPA fund" through e-challan vide application No. 6838806384, dt:11.03.2024 towards gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4) located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species.
xiv.	The User agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner and take due care for reclamation of the mined over area' reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed as per the mining plan to be approved by the competent authority.	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xv.	The User Agency shall ensure stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/benching so as to ensure that angles of repose at any given place is less than 280;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xvi.	The mining shall be done in the forest area in accordance with the mining plan to be obtained from the competent authority and mining area shall not be opened up haphazardly;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xvii.	Diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under;	The CCF/CF, Guntur has noted the condition and undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xviii.	As the User agency submitted mining plan for a period of 5 years, the User agency shall submit mining plan for the period from 6 th year of mining to the RO Chennai/Sub-Office Vijayawada;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.

xix.	User agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;	The user agency has furnished an undertaking that they will obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act 1986, and submit it after getting Stage-II approval.
xx.	The consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it will be reviewed regularly.	The user agency has furnished an undertaking that they will obtain the consent of the State Pollution Control Board under commencement of mining operations and it shall be reviewed regularly;
xxi.	No labour camps shall be established on the forest land User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any Damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xxii.	The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	The undertaking furnished by the User Agency is enclosed.
xxiii.	The User Agency and the state Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xxiv.	The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 4.23 ha (including safety zone area). User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xxv.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the central Government;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xxvi.	A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining, if it is found that the lessee has violated or	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.

	is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked;	
xvii.	The User Agency shall submit the annual self compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the Regional office Chennai / Sub Office Vijayawada and to the State Government;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xviii.	Any other condition that the DDG (Central), Regional office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of aforesaid, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area shall be complied by the user agency;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xix.	In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as per the provisions of rules / guidelines framed under FCA, 1980;	The undertaking furnished by the user agency is enclosed.
xxx.	Compliance report shall be submitted through online (http://parivesh.nic.in)	The user agency has uploaded the compliance report through Online ie., in http://parivesh.nic.in

3. I, therefore, forward herewith the above compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the reference 10th cited and request you to obtain and communicate the final approval of GoI, MoEF&CC under the provisions of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980 and Rules 2023 for "diversion of 4.23 Ha. of forest land in Compt.No.450 of Yerragonda RF, Tummagunta (V) Kanigiri (M) Prakasham District for excavation of Quartz in favour of M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals".

Yours faithfully,

(Signature)
for Special Chief Secretary to Government
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Copy to:

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

M/s. Sri Ahobila Narasimha Minerals,
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