To.

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

Dated: 23/12/2022

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

Subject:-Diversion of 1.540 ha (34100 Mtr) forest land for laying underground OFC by Telesonic Network Ltd. 4th floor, C-wing Airtel Centre Plot 16, Udyog Vihar IV, Gurugram-1220015, Harvana Starting From our Tower (HAZ001, Hazipur Lat/Long.31.97403/75.75347) Near stone 14/500 on Mukerian-Talwara Road towards brother sweet shop (One another Route istowards village Gera (900 Mtr) from Main OFC Route to connect tower) to Gurudwara Bhatha Sahib to HP Petrol Pump to CE/BEAS Dam, BBMB Talwara turn right towards (Anothers OFC Towards) Main Market Chowk and left turn towards Police Station Talwara to wards Ana TV Reparing Shop than Left till IVY Hospital Talwara) (100 Mtr) Kesri Hotel to CERA Sanitary Ware again turn right towards Karan bike gallery towards Bhamotar village road crossing to Gautam eye hospital to bhol Kolata village opp Preet Petroleum to Thakur Dhaba to Govt. Sr. Sec School, Ramgarh Sikri to Laxmi electronic and turn right (Mill stone 41/200) towards Bhambhor village from LAT/Long 31.95453/75.82740 near Ms 22 towards Rouli village to our tower Rali 20 (1150 Mtr) from Lat/long. 31.89405/7592030 turn towards Gurudwara Bringli Sahib till our tower at Bringali village (3200 mtr) total Route Length 34100 Mtr in Tehsil & Forest division Dasuya Distt. Hoshiarpur, (FP/PB/OFC/155919/2022).

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 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-I Approval" diversion of 1.540 ha of forest land for digging of trenches measuring 34100 mtrs. long and 0.45 mtrs wide along the road for laying for laying underground OFC by Telesonic Network Ltd. 4th floor, C-wing Airtel Centre Plot 16, Udyog Vihar IV, Gurugram-1220015, Harvana Starting From our Tower (HAZ001, Hazipur Lat/Long.31.97403/75.75347) Near stone 14/500 on Mukerian-Talwara Road towards brother sweet shop (One another Route istowards village Gera (900 Mtr) from Main OFC Route to connect tower) to Gurudwara Bhatha Sahib to HP Petrol Pump to CE/BEAS Dam, BBMB Talwara turn right towards (Anothers OFC Towards Main Market Chowk and left turn towards Police Station Talwara to wards Ana TV Reparing Shop than Left till IVY Hospital Talwara) (100 Mtr) Kesri Hotel to CERA Sanitary Ware again turn right towards Karan bike gallery towards Bhamotar village road crossing to Gautam eye hospital to bhol Kolata village opp Preet Petroleum to Thakur Dhaba to Govt. Sr. Sec School, Ramgarh Sikri to Laxmi electronic and turn right (Mill stone 41/200) towards Bhambhor village from LAT/Long 31.95453/75.82740 near Ms 22 towards Rouli village to our tower Rali 20 (1150 Mtr) from Lat/long. 31.89405/7592030 turn towards Gurudwara Bringli Sahib till our tower at Bringali village (3200 mtr) total Route Length 34100 Mtr 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 "Stage-I 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 and MoEF & CC File no. 5-3/2011-FC (Vol-I) Dated 06.01.2022 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. The User Agency shall provide certificate regarding Scheduled Tribes and Traditional Forest Dwellers Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 from the concerned Deputy Commissioner to Divisional Forest Officer.
- 6. User Agency has given Undertaking about Bank Guarantee of Rs. **8,52,500/-** to **Divisional Forest Officer Dasuya**.
- 7. 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 shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
- 8. It is mandatory for the User Agency not to exceed the permissible trench limit of 0.45 meter in width and 1.65 meter in depth.
- 9. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under

relevant local Acts/Rules/Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.

- 10.The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the **DFO, Dasuya** for carrying out any maintenance operation.
- 11. 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.
- 12.The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
- 13.An undertaking is tendered by the User Agency for abiding all the aforesaid conditions.
- 14.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 commencemen of laying of Cable.
- 15.DFO, Dasuya shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions and CF, North Circle will supervise it.

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