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The Secretary (Environment & Forests) Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli Secretariat, Silvassa (U.T).

(Online Proposal No: FP/DN/TRANS/108286/2020)

Sub: Diversion of 4.6135 ha (1.215 ha protected forest land & 3.3985 ha Reserve Forest in Wildlife Sanctuary) forest land for construction of 220 KV D/C Vapi - II- Sayli overhead transmission line in the U.T. of Dadra and Nagar Haveli. Sir,

This refers to letter No. 7-5/3-FD/625/47 dated 06.12.2021 of the CCF & Nodal Officer, UT Govt. Dadra and Nagar Haveli on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change under section 2 of Forest (Conservation) 1980. Act.

The proposal was duly considered and approved by the Central Government for issuance of In-Principle approval. Therefore, the undersigned, on the behalf of the Central Government, conveys In-Principle/Stage-I Approval for diversion of 4.6135 ha (1.215 ha protected forest land & 3.3985 ha of Reserve Forest in Wildlife Sanctuary) for construction of 220 KV D/C Vapi - II- Sayli overhead transmission line in the U.T. of Dadra and Nagar Haveli subject to the following terms and conditions: -

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.

- 2. Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over an area of 10.00 ha de-graded forest land in Reserved Forest Compartment No. 32P, Village-Bonta, Northern Range, Dadra and Nagar Haveli at the cost of the user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- 3. 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.
- 4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 4.6135 ha. forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the User Agency as per the orders

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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.

- 5. 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.
- 6. The working permission for the project shall be issued only after receiving mandatory approval from Standing Committee of National Board of Wildlife (NBWL).
- 7. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector.
- 8. User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to 1157 numbers/ minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department.
- 9. No violation of FCA certificate from concerned DFO shall be provided.
- 10. The User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department prepare a detailed scheme for creation and maintenance of plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under the transmission line for execution of the said scheme to the State Forest Department.
- 11. The user agency at its cost shall provide bird deflectors, which are to be fixed on upper conductor of transmission line at suitable intervals to avoid bird hits.
- 12. The User Agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission lines through forest areas issued by Ministry vide letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 & 19/11/2014.
- 13.User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
- 14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
  - 15.No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
  - **16**.Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
  - 17. 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.
  - **18**.No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
  - **19**. 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.
  - 20. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
  - 21. 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.
  - 22. The KML file of the area to be diverted and the CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details, before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

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- 23. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the MoEF&CC Guideline F. No. 11-42/2017-FC dt 29/01/2018.
- 24. 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.
- 25.All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through e-portal.

26. The compliance report shall be uploaded on *e-portal (https://parivesh.nic.in/)*.

After receipt of compliance report on fulfillment of all of the above conditions from the State Government, proposal will be considered for final approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, by this office.

The order for transfer of forest land to user agency shall not be issued by the State Government till final approval order for diversion of forest land is issued by Government of India.

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## Copy to:

- 1. The Inspector General of Forests (Central), ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment Forest and Climate Change, Indira paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003.
- 2. The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FCA), Administration of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Department of Environment, Forest & Wildlife, Secretariat, Silvassa (U.T).
- 3. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Territorial, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Silvassa (U.T).
- 4. Vapi II- North Lakhimpur Transmission Limited, F-1, Mira Corporate Suites, Mathura Road, Iswar Nagar, New Delhi.
- 5. Guard File.