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To,

The Principal Secretary,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 0.1809 ha Protected Forest land for laying Dahej-Nagothane Ethane pipeline (DNEPL) project in Social Forestry Division Bharuch, Surat, Navsari and Valsad Districts in favour of Reliance Gas Pipeline Ltd. Mumbai.

I am directed to refer to your letter No. FCA-1015/10-12/15/S.F.-73/F dated 03/11/2015 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

After due consideration of the above proposal of the State Government, the undersigned, on behalf of the Central Government, is hereby directed to convey **in-principle** approval for diversion of 0.1809 ha Protected Forest land for laying Dahej-Nagothane Ethane pipeline (DNEPL) project in Social Forestry Division Bharuch, Surat, Navsari and Valsad Districts in favour of Reliance Gas Pipeline Ltd. Mumbai subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over to the User Agency only after the User Agency has got possession of non-forest land, if any, required for the project.
3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha degraded forest land (Compartment 645pt, Village-Patal, Taluka-Mandvi, District-Surat) at the cost of the User Agency. Compensatory afforestation will be a mix of local indigenous species and monoculture of species will be avoided.

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 - a) The cost of Compensatory Afforestation shall be deposited in advance at prevailing wage rates as per compensatory afforestation scheme and the cost of survey, demarcation, erection of boundary pillars etc. on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the User Agency.
 - b) Compensatory Afforestation Scheme will be effective for maintenance of plantation for 07 to 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.
 - c) Land identified for CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50,000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between two successive points will be recorded alongwith the GPS readings of Geo coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
5.
 - a) The State Government shall charge the "Net Present Value" (NPV) for the 0.1809 ha of forest land to be diverted under the 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 and 09/05/2008 in IA No. 566 in WP (Civil) 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 regards.
 - b) Additional amount of the NPV of 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, which shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
6. All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the Ad-hoc Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management & Planning Agency (CAMPA) in Savings Bank A/c No. (CAF Gujarat) SB01025208 Corporation Bank, Lodhi Complex, New Delhi-110003.
7. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after lying down of pipe line the ground will be leveled.
8. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
9. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made there under and as amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.

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10. Muck disposal, if required, should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
11. Soil conservation measures, if required, should be taken up by the User Agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
12. No felling of tree shall be involved in the implementation of the proposal.
13. No damage shall be done to flora & fauna.
14. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials to be used for execution of the project work. Camps shall not be allowed in Forest Area.
15. Proposed temporary labour camps outside the forest area are to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.
16. a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
b) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
17. The User Agency shall provide fuel preferably alternate fuel to the staff and labourers working at the site to avoid damage /felling of trees and pressure on forest areas.
18. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of User Agency or the project life whichever is less.
19. a) The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st January of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of Forest Clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st July of every year.
20. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
21. Statutory provisions under various Acts, rules made there under and guidelines applicable to this project shall be strictly adhered to.
22. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation and development of forests & wildlife.

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The compliance report on condition Nos. 4, 5 and 6 shall be sent to this office. Transfer of Forest land to User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government till the formal approval for diversion of forest land is issued by the this office.

Yours faithfully,

(B. Abhay Bhaskar)

Dy. Conservator of Forests(C)

Copy to:-

1. The Director (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, AGNI, C-Wing, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC), Gandhinagar.
3. The Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Bharuch, District-Bharuch, Gujarat.
4. Reliance Gas Pipeline Ltd., Building No.-10A, Ground Floor Reliance Corporate IT park, Thane- Belapur road, Ghansoli, Navi Mumbai 400 701.
5. Order file.

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