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Dated 21.08.2015

To,

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Andhra Pradesh. Secretariat,
Hyderabad- 500 022.

Subject: Diversion of 0.490 ha of protected Forest land in Odalarevu village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14'dia Duel pipeline & Umbilical from Land fall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.3227/Section.II/2015 dated 15.07.2015 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government's in-principle (*Stage-I*) approval under Section'2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.490 ha of protected Forest land in Odalarevu village of Kakinada Division for laying of 14'dia Duel pipeline & Umbilical from Land fall point to Onshore Terminal at Odalarevu Village of Allavaram Mandal for development of Vashista and S:1 development project of Eastern Off shore Asset, ONGC Kakinada, in favour of General Manager (Elect) ONGC (EOA) Kakinada, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.
- (iii) User agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall undertake planting of 10 times of the trees proposed to be felled in degraded forest land at the project cost.

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- (iv) The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.49 ha. from User Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995.
- (v) 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 User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (vi) The funds received from the User Agency towards Net Present Value under this project shall be deposited either in SB Account No.SB01025198- CAF Andhra Pradesh, Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.CORP0000371) or in SB A/c No.344902010105 407-ANDHRA PRADESH CAMPA, Union Bank of India, Sundar Nagar, New Delhi-110003 (RTGS/IFSC No.UBIN0534498). The details of deposition of funds, *inter-alia* the DD Numbers & date, Amount, the Bank on which drawn and the date of deposition in the designated Bank shall also be furnished.
- (vii) The pipeline shall be laid at least one meter below the ground level and the forest land shall be restored to its original state after laying the pipeline.
- (viii) User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 before commencement of the work.
- (ix) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (x) Minimal disturbance should be ensured by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it will be the responsibility of the UA to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in construction activity do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna.
- (xi) The felling of trees may be restricted to the extent only where it is necessary to remove. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (xii) Work shall be taken up during day time only. No work shall be carried out during night time; User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (xiii) User Agency shall undertake soil conservation measures around the forest area proposed for diversion at the project cost.
- (xiv) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.49 ha and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.



- (xv) User agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xvi) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. Transfer of forest land to User Agency shall not be effected prior to the issue of final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years. In the event of noncompliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,


(Dr.K.Ganesh Kumar)

Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

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2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, Saifabad, Hyderabad, PIN- 500 004.
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