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To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

**Subject: Diversion of 12.58 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 93, 94, 106, 111, 112, 113 & 114 of Gani RF, Kurnool Division for construction of Integrated Corridor (Laying Transmission Line, Water Pipe Network and Road) from Gorakallu Reservoir to Pinnapuram Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Panyam (M), Kurnool District in favour of M/s. Himachal Infracon Private Limited, Hyderabad-Reg.**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government letter No.1486/Section.II/2022/(1764447) Dated: 01.07.2022 and online proposal No. FP/AP/Others/153264/2022 seeking prior approval of the Government of India in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 27.07.2022. The State Government letter No.1486/Section.II/2022(1764447) dated 27.01.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am to convey the Central Government's **final approval (Stage-II)** under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **12.58 ha** of forest land in Compartment Nos. 93, 94, 106, 111, 112, 113 & 114 of Gani RF, Kurnool Division for construction of Integrated Corridor (Laying Transmission Line, Water Pipe Network and Road) from Gorakallu Reservoir to Pinnapuram Pumped Storage Project (PSP) in Panyam (M), Kurnool District in favour of M/s. Himachal Infracon Private Limited, Hyderabad, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) 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 the User Agency;

- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carry out required CA activities, if possible over an extent of **12.75 ha** (Bit-1 - 4.51 ha and Bit-II - 8.24 ha) in Sy.nos.1830, 1836, 1835, 1828/part, 1828/1part, 1828/2, 1829/part and 1827 in Panyam Village, Panyam Mandal, Kurnool District, from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency;
- (iv) The Non forest area identified for CA purpose and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. The CA land shall be demarcated properly and local villagers are adequately sensitized regarding the transfer of non forest land to Forest Department so as to avoid encroachments;
- (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 the User Agency;
- (vi) The User Agency shall get a Wildlife Mitigation Plan prepared & get it duly approved by the Chief Wildlife Warden before lifting of water from Gorakallu Reservoir. The State Forest Department shall implement the same at the cost of User Agency:
- (vii) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (viii) Felling of tree shall be carried out wherever necessary under strict supervision of the Forest Department;
- (ix) The User Agency shall maintain standard Right of Way for the proposed transmission line with capacity of 33 KV;
- (x) The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;
- (xi) Construction of culverts/bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;

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- (xii) The dug out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xiii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xiv) The User Agency shall provide fire wood preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;
- (xv) Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;
- (xvi) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **12.58 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xvii) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xviii) The 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;
- (xix) Any other conditions that the Central Government or Regional Officer (Central) of Integrated Regional Office, Vijayawada 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;
- (xx) 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 under rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980.

Yours faithfully



**(N.S.Murali)**

Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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