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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,
 M.S.Building, Dr.Ambedkar Veedhi,
 Bangalore – 560 001.

Subject: Diversion of 1.74 ha. (revised from 1.84 ha.) of forest land in Sy.No. 25, Chikkakasanakandi and forest areas of Holemudlapur village, Hitanala Hobli, Koppala Taluk and District for laying of Pipeline, Transmission Line, Substation and Jack Well cum Pump House in favour of M/s Baldota Steel and Power Ltd, Hosapete. (Online Proposal No. FP/KA/IND /26447/2017) -reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2019 (e) dated 02/03/2022, 06/05/2024 and 27/01/2025 seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) approval to the project was accorded by the Central Government vide letter of even number dated 21st February, 2025. The State Government vide letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2019 (e) dated 30/04/2026 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated by the Central Government in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's final approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **1.74 ha. (revised from 1.84 ha.)** of forest land in Sy.No. 25, Chikkakasanakandi and forest areas of Holemudlapur village, Hitanala Hobli, Koppala Taluk and District for laying of Pipeline, Transmission Line, Substation and Jack Well cum Pump House in favour of M/s Baldota Steel and Power Ltd, Hosapete, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The State Government shall ensure that the boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the

directions of concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

3. Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over equal extent of non forest land identified at Sy. No.131/Bpl, Chatnihalli village of Davanagere District, within two years from the date of Stage –II Clearance and maintained thereafter by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency and at least 1000 plants per hectare shall be planted over identified non forest land within two years of grant of final approval. If it is not possible to plant so many saplings in the area identified for CA, the balance saplings will be planted in the degraded forest land as per prescriptions of approved working plan with provision for ten years maintenance.
4. The State Government shall ensure that the KML file of the forest area to be diverted and CA area shall be uploaded on the e-green watch portal with all requisite details before issue of final approval by the State Government.
5. User agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
6. 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.
7. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
8. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
9. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government.
11. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 1.74 ha.
12. 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.
13. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
14. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.
15. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
16. The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
17. The State Government and user agency shall comply the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT order & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
18. No non forestry activity shall be carried in the proposed forest land for laying of Pipeline, Transmission Line, Substation, and Jack Well cum Pump House, till all the statutory clearances are obtained by the user agency for setting up of proposed integrated Steel Plant in Halavarthi Village of Koppal District to

avoid *fait- accompli* situation.

19. Necessary renewal permission from the Irrigation Department shall be obtained by the User agency for lifting of water from Tungabhadra Reservoir.
20. The State Govt. shall ensure that the complete compliance of FRA 2006 as per the rule 11 (7) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023.
21. Any other condition that the Central Government may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of Forest and Wildlife.
22. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

Yours faithfully,

(Jayakrishnan V.K,IFS)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Chief Executive Officer, National Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority, Ministry of Environment Forests & Climate Change, 3rd Floor (Front Portion), Supreme Court Metro Station Building (Line-3), New Delhi-110 001.
2. The Inspector General of Forests (ROHQ Division), Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (VSESA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
5. The Chief Executive Officer, State CAMPA, office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bangalore – 560 003.
6. M/s Baldota Steel and Power Limited, Baldota Enclave, Adheraj Baldota Road, Vijayanagar-583203.
7. Guard file.