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To

**The Additional Chief Secretary to Government of Karnataka,**  
 Forest, Ecology & Environment Department,  
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**Sub:- Diversion of 5.1734 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 165/B of Somlapura village and Sy.No. 1/B of Ankamanahalu villages, Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of 220 Kilo Volt Single Circuit Transmission line from existing 220/66/11 Kilo Volt Sub Station, Badalaku village, Kudligi Taluk to M/s. Resource Pellets Concentrates Pvt Ltd, Somlapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for length of 27.90 KM in favour of M/s. Resources Pellets Concentrates Pvt Ltd, 2nd Floor, No.53, Empire Towers, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru -560 020,General Manager (Projects), No.2198, BKG House, KHB Colony, Sandur, Ballari District .(Online Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/151786/2022 )-Reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letters No. No. FEE 27 FLL 2023 (e) dated 24/08/2023 seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in respect of the above project. The in-principle (Stage-I) was accorded by the Central Government on 16/11/2023. The State Government vide letters No. FEE 27 FLL 2023 (e) dated 14/03/2025 and 22/05/2025 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal, I am directed to convey the Central Government's final approval **(Stage-II)** under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 5.1734 ha. of forest land in Sy.No. 165/B of Somlapura village and Sy.No. 1/B of Ankamanahalu villages, Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of 220 Kilo Volt Single Circuit Transmission line from existing 220/66/11 Kilo Volt Sub Station, Badalaku village, Kudligi Taluk to M/s. Resource Pellets Concentrates Pvt Ltd, Somlapura village, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for length of 27.90 KM in favour of M/s. Resources Pellets Concentrates Pvt Ltd, 2nd Floor, No.53, Empire Towers, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru - 560 020,General Manager (Projects), No.2198, BKG House, KHB Colony, Sandur, Ballari District subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 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 i.e. 5.85 ha at Sy. No. 10/2 and 4.33 ha at Sy. No. 10/A of Malapura village of the Toranagallu Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District, within two years from the date of final/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. 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.
5. The KML files of the forest area diverted and CA area shall be uploaded in the e-green watch portal with all requisite details and same shall be submitted along with GPS ids.
6. The State Government shall ensure that the approved Wildlife Mitigation plan and the Soil & moisture conservation plan submitted shall be implemented.
7. 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.
8. The State Government shall ensure that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land.
9. The State Government shall ensure that the User Agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the area proposed for diversion 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.
10. 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.
11. 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.
12. The State Government shall ensure that the plantation of dwarf species (preferably medicinal plants) in right of way under transmission line shall be carried out as per the detailed scheme submitted.
13. No additional or new paths will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
14. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the workers after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
16. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.1734 ha.
17. 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;
18. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
19. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of

the Central Government.

20. User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.
21. The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forest in the surrounding area.
22. The User Agency shall submit the annual self -compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government and Regional Office, Bengaluru by the end of March every year.
23. 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.
24. 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.
25. The State Government shall ensure that the conditions required to be adhered under the Forests Right Act, 2006 as per the guidelines issued under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 shall be strictly complied with.
26. 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,

**(Praneetha Paul)**

Deputy Inspector General of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

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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 (CAMPA), O/o PCCF(CAMPA), 1st Floor, Aranya Bhavan, 18th cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003.
5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FCA) /Nodal Officer (VSESA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Karnataka, Aranya Bhavan, 18th Cross, Malleswaram, Bengaluru – 560 003.
6. M/s. Resources Pellets Concentrates Pvt Ltd, 2nd Floor, No.53, Empire Towers, Railway Parallel Road, Kumara Park West, Bengaluru -560 020.
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