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To

The Additional Chief Secretary,
Government of Kerala,
Forests & Wildlife (C) Department,
Secretariat, Thiruvananthapuram,
Kerala, PIN – 695 001.

Subject: Diversion of 0.758 ha. of forest land for laying of 12" dia cross-country LPG pipeline from Kochi refinery to Palakkad (Kanjikode) connecting Udhayamperoor to IOC Plant in favour of Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd. (KSPPL).

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No.C3/40/2016/F&WLD dated 04/03/2016 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section '2' of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Out of 0.758 ha. of forest land proposed for diversion, 0.2826 ha. falls in Thrissur and Nenmara Forest Division, and remaining area of 0.4754 ha. falls in Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary.

After careful examination of the proposal and as per the instruction issued vide letter No.11-327/2015-FC dated 14/08/2015, Stage-I approval was accorded initially for diversion of 0.2826 ha (0.1446 ha. in Thrissur Forest Division & 0.138 ha. in Nemmara Forest Division i.e. outside the protected area) for this project vide letter dated 18/04/2016. Subsequently, after receipt of clearance from the Standing Committee of NBWL, stage-I clearance for the area falling in Peechi –Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary (0.4754 ha) was also accorded vide letter dated 01/01/2018. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Kerala vide letter dated 03/05/2018 has furnished a consolidated compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the Stage-I clearances dated 18/04/2016 and 01/01/2018.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for re-diversion of 0.758 ha. of forest land (i.e. 0.2826 ha. falls in Thrissur and Nenmara Forest Division, and 0.4754 ha. falls in Peechi-Vazhani Wildlife Sanctuary) for laying of 12" dia cross-country LPG pipeline from Kochi refinery to Palakkad (Kanjikode) connecting Udhayamperoor to IOC Plant in favour of Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd. (KSPPL), for a period of 20 years subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area being diverted shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency.

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3. 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. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
4. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.758 ha.
5. Conditions stipulated in the Ministry's letter No. 6-69/2017-WL dated 02/06/2017 shall be strictly complied with.
6. Any other condition that the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time for protection, improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area and public convenience, shall also be applicable.
7. Violation of any of the conditions shall invite penal action, as deemed fit by the Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), Regional Office, Bangalore.
8. The above approval will be subject to the existing directives of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

Yours faithfully,


(M.K. Shambhu)

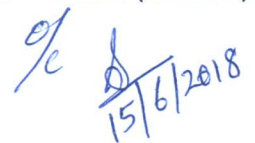
Conservator of Forests (Central)

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1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Agni Wing, Aliganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Deptt, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram-695 014, Kerala.
3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Special Afforestation) & Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Government of Kerala, 'Vanalakshmi', 1st Floor, Forest Headquarters, Vazhuthacaud, Thiruvananthapuram, PIN- 695 014, Kerala.
4. M/s Kochi Salem Pipeline Pvt. Ltd. (KSPPL), BPCL Installation, Irimpanam, Ernakulam Kerala).
5. M/s Petronet CCK Limited, BPCL Installation, Seaport Airport Road, Irimpanam (P.O., Cochin – 682 309 (Kerala)
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