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To,

The Principal Secretary,
Government of Mizoram,
Department of Environment, Forests & Climate Change,
Aizawl-796001.

Sub : Diversion of 34.9963 ha of forest land for Panisagar – Aizawl Gas Pipeline Project in favour of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited.

Sir,

I am directed to reference to the Government of Mizoram's letter No. G.20015/74/2022-FST dated 18.11.2022 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee (REC) constituted by the Central Government under Section-6 of the aforesaid Act. The In-principle approval was granted vide this office letter of even number dated 25.01.2023 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions. The State Government has furnished compliance report in respect of the conditions stipulated in the In-principle approval.

In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide letter G.20015/74/2022-FST dated 09.06.2023 and NEFT/RTGS Challan Generated with transaction dated 13.02.2023, the '**Final approval**' of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **34.9963 ha** of forest land for Panisagar – Aizawl Gas Pipeline Project in favour of Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited, (IGGL), subject to the following conditions:

1. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over **69.0316 ha** at 3 locations i.e. (i) 34.7604 ha under Mamit Forest Range, Mamit Forest, (ii) 9.50 ha at Uibo ram, Sateek within Tlawng Riverine Reserve Forest under Aibak Forest Range of Aizawl Forest Division and (iii) 25.7712 ha at Tut- Langkiah Protected Reserve Forest, Kawrtethawveng Range, Kawthah Forest Division. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided;
3. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.5 meter below the ground and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be levelled.
4. The User Agency shall undertake strict precautionary measures to ensure that minimal disturbance during construction phase and appropriate measures to be taken to prevent soil erosion.
5. Permanent demarcation of forest land for diversion shall be done on the ground at project cost before handing over the forest land to the User Agency.
6. The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.
7. At the time of payment of the Net Present Value (NPV) at the present rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

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8. The user agency shall explore the possibility of translocation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
9. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal. Thus, the State Govt, shall ensure that the forest land shall be used exclusively for the purpose of Panisagar – Aizawl Gas Pipeline as per the plan approved from the competent authority.
10. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
11. The User Agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.
12. The State Government will ensure complete compliance of Forest Rights Act, 2006.
13. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.
14. No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.
15. The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Government, concerned Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year regularly.
16. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, IRO, Shillong may stipulate, with prior approval of the competent authority in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife.
17. The user agency shall comply all the provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, Hon'ble Court Order (s) and NGT Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
18. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest(Conservation) Act,1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest(Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.

This is issued with approval of Deputy Director General of Forests (C).

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(Mrs. L. J. Syiemiong)

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