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Date: 7th October, 2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
 Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department, Government of
 Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
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 522503

**Subject: Diversion of 2.99 ha of forest land in compartment No.978,
 Gilman field RF, Visakhapatnam for installation of desalination
 plant in favour of Divis Laboratories Ltd., Visakhapatnam -Reg**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 2631/Section.II/2022/(1895457) dated 29.11.2022 and online application No. FP/AP/Others/147251/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-APB196/2022-VIJ /62 dated 06.01.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 2631/Section.II/2022/1895457 Dated: 24.09.2024 has reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in- principle approval.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's **final approval** under Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhinyam, 1980 for diversion of **2.99 ha** of forest land in compartment No.978, Gilman field RF, Visakhapatnam for installation of desalination plant in favour of Divis Laboratories Ltd., Visakhapatnam, 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 User Agency shall construct retaining wall or link fencing around the diverted area, at the project cost;
- (iv) The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of **2.99 ha of non-forest land i.e. 0.36 ha in Sy No 71-2 and 2.63 ha in Sy No s 72-1 & 72-2 in Kuntambadevalasa Village, Pachipenda (Mandal)**, at the cost of the User Agency;
- (v) The State Forest Department shall raise the required number of seedlings in the identified non forest area and in case of not possible to accommodate required number of seedlings, the balance seedlings may be raised in the nearby DFL area;
- (vi) The display board clearly mentioning legal status of the CA area shall be erected and DFO shall sensitize nearby villagers regarding applicability VSESA, 1980 and other provisions of the IFA 1927 on such land to avoid encroachments;
- (vii) Since large numbers of Casuarina trees are proposed to be felled under the project which are acting as a wind barrier, proper shelter belt plantations wherever possible, shall be raised, around the diverted forest area , at the cost of user agency so that such plantations may act as Shelter Belts & also tackle wind erosion;
- (viii) Wherever possible, the User Agency shall take up similar plantations on the bordering areas within the diverted forest land at their cost;
- (ix) Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;

- (x) 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;
- (xi) The user agency shall obtain all such clearances required for the project including CRZ clearance, if necessary, prior to the execution of the project and the State Government shall ensure strict compliance to that effect;
- (xii) The User Agency shall ensure that no discharge of effluents post desalination shall be released into the adjoining forest area and also ensure no plastics, or any other wastage is dumped in the adjoining forest areas;
- (xiii) No residential buildings shall be constructed in the diverted forest area;
- (xiv) 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 waterlogging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;
- (xv) The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;
- (xvi) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xvii) The User Agency shall provide firewood 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;
- (xviii) 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 forestflora & fauna;

- (xix) The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **2.99** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;
- (xx) The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxi) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;
- (xxii) Any other conditions that the Central Government 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;
- (xxiii) 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,

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(Balaji Kari)

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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1. The Inspector General of Forests, ROHQ Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi – 110 003 for information.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department & HoFF, AP Forest Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503
3. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Aranya Bhavan, P.V.S. Land Mark, Ground Floor, Opposite to IHC Corporate, Industrial Park, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Andhra Pradesh-522503

4. M/s. DIVIS Laboratories Ltd, Unit 3, Chippada Village, Bheemunipatnam Mandal, Visakhapatnam District. Andhra Pradesh. 531162. ysk@divislabs.com
5. Guard file.

Signed by Balaji Kari

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