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Dated: 24.10.2025

To

The Secretary (Forests),
Government of Maharashtra,
Revenue & Forest Department,
Mantralaya, Mumbai-400032

Sub: Diversion of 0.6497 ha for Berthing Jetty, Conveyor Corridor with Backup facilities and approach road for Raigad Cement Bulk Terminal proposed by Adani Cementation Limited at Village Shahapur, Shahbaz, Taluka Alibag, Distt Raigad in the state of Maharashtra - Final approval-regarding.

Sir,

The undersigned is directed to refer to the State Government of Maharashtra letter no. FLD-1321/ C.R.169/ F-10 dated 28.09.2021 and APCCF & Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra vide his letter No Desk-17/Nodal/Thane/I.D-12816/812/2021-22 dated 20.08.2021 on the above subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980**. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, 'in-principle' approval was accorded by the Central Government vide its letter of even number dated 29.10.2021. The Addl. PCCF and Nodal Officer (FCA), Government of Maharashtra, vide his letter no. Desk-17/FCA-S2/PID-40665/Thane/1614/2025-26 dated 13.10.2025 submitted compliance report and requested to grant final approval to the proposal

After careful consideration of the proposal and compliance report, I am directed to convey the Central Government's 'final approval' under Section- 2 of the **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980** for diversion of **0.6497 ha** for Berthing Jetty, Conveyor Corridor with Backup facilities and approach road for Raigad Cement Bulk Terminal proposed by Adani Cementation Limited at Village-Shahapur, Shahbaz, Taluka- Alibag, District- Raigad in the State of Maharashtra subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

- Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged;
- Compensatory Afforestation shall be taken up by the Forest Department over 1.00 ha. Degraded Forest Land of Reserved forest in Survey No. 134 A (New S. No. 135) of Village Navedar Beli, Taluka- Alibagn Dist. Raigad from the amount which has already been realized from the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species along with 10% RET species of Raigad District shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be

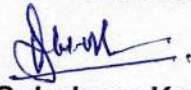
- avoided;
- iii. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;
 - iv. User agency shall 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 and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the User Agency with the State Forest Department;
 - vi. State Government, Maharashtra/ Nodal Officer (FCA), Maharashtra shall ensure settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (No. 2 of 2007) before issuing an order for handing over of forest land to the User Agency as per VSS Rules
 - vii. To improve the Forest/ Tree cover and to reduce pollution, as mandated in National Forest Policy, 1988 and Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986 respectively, the User Agency shall develop a separate nursery at one or more places to raise at least 5,000 seedlings of forestry species along with bamboo, fruit bearing, medicinal, ornamental and indigenous/local every year. At least 50% of seedlings shall be planted by User Agency in the vicinity of project area including forest area and for hand holding with local people residing in vicinity of proposed area, User Agency shall voluntarily distribute remaining 50% of seedlings to them free of cost. A compliance report including species wise details of seedlings raised, location of plantation area and details of villagers whom seedlings have been distributed need to be prepared every six month and submitted to Integrated Regional Office of MoEF&CC;
 - vii. User Agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable;
 - viii. The State Government/ User Agency shall take prior permission from Hon'ble High Court for Mangrove cutting before issue of order for diversion of the forest land in accordance with Hon'ble Mumbai High Court order dated 27/1/2010 in PIL 87 of 2006 and shall implement mitigation measures if any suggested by the Hon'ble High Court at the project cost;
 - ix. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;
 - x. No labour camp shall be established on the forest land;
 - xi. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel;
 - xii. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;
 - xiii. No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work;
 - xiv. 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;
- xv. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal;
 - xvi. The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India;
 - xvii. The User Agency should fulfil the conditions recommended by MCZMA vide its letter dated 10.12.2020;
 - xviii. The User Agency shall also obtain CRZ clearance and abide to the conditions mentioned therein.
 - xx. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of **Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam 1980** and action would be taken as per the provision of Adhiniyam and rules /guidelines issued there under;
 - xxi. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife

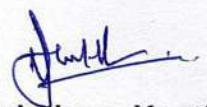
This order issues with the approval of Competent Authority, Regional Office, MoEF&CC, Nagpur.

Yours faithfully,


(Vijay Sahebrao Kanthale)
AIGF (Central)

Copy to:

- i. The IGF (RoHQ), MoEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi- 110003 **for information please.**
- ii. The PCCF (HoFF), Government of Maharashtra, Nagpur.
- iii. User agency.
- iv. Guard file.


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