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F. No. 4-APC137/2021-VIJ/498

Date: 30th 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,
 Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

Subject: Diversion of 10.02 ha in Sy No 505 of Chaganam (V) (Compartment No 108) and Sy No 528 of Molakalapundla (V) Compartment No. 107 of Sydapuram Mandal SPSR Nellre District for grant of quarry lease of Mica, Quartz & Feldspar in favour of M/s Krishna Mining Company Mg Partner Sri G.Bharath- reg.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 1028/Section.II/2021(1434333) dated 16.09.2021 and online proposal No.FP/AP/QRY/49372/2020 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2(1)' of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval by the Central Government vide letter F.No. 4-APC137/2021-VIJ/814 dated 31.03.2023. The State Government vide letter No. 1028/Section.II/2021/1434333 Dated: 18.10.2024 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) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of **10.02 ha** in Sy No. 505 of Chaganam (V) (Compartment No 108) and Sy No 528 of Molakalapundla (V) Compartment No.107 of Sydapuram Mandal SPSR Nellre District for grant of quarry lease of Mica, Quartz & Feldspar in favour of M/s Krishna Mining Company Mg Partner Sri G.Bharath, subject to the following conditions.

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

- (ii) Demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion 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. The User Agency shall ensure demarcation of boundary of safety zone;
- (i) Compensatory afforestation over the identified non-forest land over an extent of 10.58 ha of non-forest area in Sy No 802/2 of Molakalapundla (V), Sydapuram (M) SPSR Nellore District shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department from the funds to be provided by the User Agency;
- (ii) A minimum of 1000 plants / ha of diverted forest area shall be planted in the identified CA land. In case, the required numbers could not be planted therein, the balance shall be planted in the nearby RF/PF by the State Forest Department at the cost of the User Agency;
- (iii) The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (iv) 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;
- (v) The User Agency shall carry out mining operations over the proposed specified extent of area under each method i.e. open cast and underground mining and in case of any change in land use is required, then prior approval of GoI shall be obtained;
- (vi) The User Agency in consultation with the State Forest Department shall carryout reclamation activities in the balance area of 9.89 ha (within 19.91ha which was earlier approved in favour of Sri G Ramesh Babu) at the cost of the project. Such reclamation activities shall be taken up within two years from the date of beginning of the mining activity under the subject project area;
- (vii) Two old building infrastructure reported to be existing over an extent of 0.020 ha prior to enactment of FCA, 1980, may be allowed to be utilized during proposed lease period, with a condition that, no additional area shall be utilized for infrastructure and its allied activity and in any way the buildings shall not be utilized for residential purpose;

- (viii) In case the amount earmarked under CA scheme for fencing is not sufficient, same shall be revised according to field condition and amount shall be realized accordingly from the User Agency;
- (ix) Dumping shall not be done in the forest area;
- (x) To ensure timely completion of reclamation activities by the user agency, a bank guarantee @ Rs. 1 lakh per ha of area being diverted shall be deposited with the DFO concerned which will be released to the user agency after the satisfactory completion of reclamation works and certified by the RO of the Ministry. The Bank Guarantee will be forfeited in the event of failure to undertake the reclamation works.
- (xi) As the User Agency submitted approved mining area for 5 years, the User Agency shall submit revised approved mining plan to Sub Office, Vijayawada (issued by the competent authority for a specified period) before commencement of mining activity from sixth year onwards;
- (xii) As proposed in the Mining plan, plantation shall be carried out wherever possible on the surface where underground mining is proposed;
- (xiii) In case the mining lease is adjoining habitation, the stretch of the boundary of the safety zone of the lease adjacent to the habitation/roads should be properly fenced by the User Agency at the project cost to protect the vegetation/regeneration activities in the safety zone;
- (xiv) The safety zone shall be maintained as a green belt and to ensure dense canopy cover in the area, regeneration activity shall be taken up by the User Agency at the project cost under the supervision of the State Forest Department;
- (xv) The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land over 1 ½ times the extent of safety zone at the project cost;
- (xvi) The State Forest Department shall undertake gap planting and soil and moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forest (having crown density less than 0.4), if any, located in the area within 100 meters from the outer perimeter of the mining lease using native species at the project cost;

- (xvii) The User Agency shall undertake mining and reclamation as per the approved mining plan, and submit an annual compliance report to the Sub Office, Vijayawada;
- (xviii) The diversion of the said forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease proposed to be granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) amendment Act, 2015, or Rules framed there under. The User Agency shall submit a copy of the mining lease once obtained, to the Sub Office, Vijayawada for record;
- (xix) The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
- (xx) The consent of the State Pollution Control Board shall be obtained under the Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations, and it shall be renewed regularly;
- (xxi) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land. The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;
- (xxii) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxiii) The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to all the Acts, Rules, Regulations, Court Orders and Guidelines of the Ministry, for the time being in force, as applicable to such project;
- (xxiv) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 10.02 ha (including safety zone area);
- (xxv) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency or Department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxvi) 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;

(xxvii) 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)

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