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To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,  
 Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,  
 Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor, 4<sup>th</sup> Block,  
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**Subject: Diversion of 4.96 ha of forest land falling in Compartment No.200 of Bodabanda RF, Chittoor West Range, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District in favour of M/s. Sri Vasista Mining, Hyderabad (Managing Partner-Sri B.SNithin Kumar Reddy) for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite- Reg..**

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. 1215/Section.II/2021/(1453124) dated 03.11.2021, 1215./Section.II/2021(1453124) dated 15.03.2022 and online proposal No. FP/AP/QRY/121204/2021 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project. The project was accorded in-principle approval (Stage-I) by the Central Government vide letter dated 16.11.2022. The State Government letter No. 1215/Section.II/2021/(1453124) dated 12.10.2023 have reported compliance to the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval;

After careful consideration of the compliance report submitted by the State Government, I am directed to convey the Central Government's approval (**Stage-II**) under Section '2' of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of **4.96 ha** of forest land falling in Compartment No.200 of Bodabanda RF, Chittoor West Range, Chittoor West Division & Chittoor District in favour of M/s. Sri Vasista Mining, Hyderabad (Managing Partner-Sri B.S.Nithin Kumar Reddy) for grant of quarry lease for Black Granite, subject to the following conditions:-

- (i) Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;
- (ii) Pillars erected for demarcation shall be maintained by the User Agency;

- (iii) The State Forest Department shall carryout SMC works like check dams, MOPTs, CCTs and gap planting as proposed in the identified non-forest land over an extent of **4.73 ha** in Sy No 19-2C2 of Ramagiri Village, Ramagiri Mandal, Ananthapuram Range, Ananthapuram District from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (iv) The State Forest Department shall raise and maintain plantation as proposed over an extent of **4.96 ha** in the degraded forest land in Compartment No. 424 of Ramagiri East RF & Beat from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (v) The approved CA land and compensatory afforestation scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government. Display board at CA land site may be erected for easy identification;
- (vi) 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;
- (vii) Proposed SMC works like a deep trench all along mining along mining boundary without disturbing surrounding vegetation shall be carried out by the User Agency before commencement of mining operation and as proposed a check dam in the Compt No.200 of the Bodababdla RF shall be constructed by the State Forest department from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (viii) Dumping shall be done in the designated place and the user agency shall ensure stabilization of the overburden dumps by appropriate grading/ benching so as to ensure that that angles of repose at any given place is less than 28 °;
- (ix) As the User Agency submitted approved mining plan for 5 years, the User Agency shall submit revised approved mining plan to Sub Office, Vijayawada & the Regional Office, Chennai (issued by the competent authority for a specified period) before commencement of mining activity from sixth year onwards;
- (x) The State Forest Department shall ensure in house monitoring of the project site every year and such monitoring report shall be submitted to to Sub Office, Vijayawada & the Regional Office, Chennai through State Government;

- (xi) The User Agency shall carryout fencing around the entire mine area including safety zone and road area under the supervision of the State Forest Department at the project cost;
- (xii) 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 State Forest Department from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xiii) The State Forest Department shall carry out afforestation and its maintenance on degraded forest land over an extent of 1.15 ha (one and half times the safety zone area) in degraded forest area in Compt No 241, Vovilathola RF, Santhapeta Beat, Chittoor West Range in lieu of safety zone area of 0.75 ha from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xiv) 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 from the amount already been realized from the User Agency;
- (xv) 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 and Regional Office, Chennai;
- (xvi) 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 and Regional Office, Chennai;
- (xvii) The User Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986;
- (xviii) 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;
- (xix) 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;

- (xx) The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of the Central Government;
- (xxi) 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;
- (xxii) 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 4.96 ha (including safety zone area). The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;
- (xxiii) 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;
- (xxiv) Any other condition that the DDG (Central), Regional Office, Chennai 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;
- (xxv) In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the User Agency is liable for penal action as per the rules / guidelines issued under FCA, 1980;

Yours faithfully

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**(Balaji Kari)**

Assistant Inspector General of Forests (Central)

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3. The IGF, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003 for information

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**Signed by Balaji Kari**

**Date: 18-11-2023 14:00:02**

**Reason: Approved**