Government of Punjab Department of Forests & Wildlife Preservation O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(HoFF) Forest Complex, Sector 68, SAS Nagar (FCA Branch)

Date : 12/04/2023

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Divisional Forest Officer, Shri Muktsar Sahib.

Subject: Diversion of 0.82101 ha forest land for laying of water supply and sewerage line at Malout-Fazilka Road KM Stone no. 25-28 RHS and KM Stone no.26-28 LHS Distt Fazilka under Forest Division Shri Muktsar Sahib (FP/PB/Others/29888/2017)

The Stage-I approval was accorded to the proposal Government of Punjab vide letter no File No. FCA/1980/261/2018/PB-102/3437 dated 10.12.2019. Divisional Forest Officer Shri Muktsar Sahib has reported vide letter no. 56 dated 05.04.2023 that the User Agency has deposited the cost of C.A, ACA and NPV as per the In-principle approval. A Certificate has also been submitted by DFO that none of the provisions of **Acts/Rules/Guidelines and circulars** of Govt. of India/State Govt. is violated.

The Nodal Officer FCA has been authorized by the State Government to issue **Final Approval** vide e-office file no. 72024 . After careful examination of the proposal under General Approval issued by Govt. of India vide letters No F.No 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019 and "**Stage-II approval**" is hereby conveyed for diversion of **0.82101** ha. of forest land for the above mentioned proposal on the following conditions:-

- i. The NOC is issued for non-forestry use of **0.82101** ha. of forest area only. The User Agency under no circumstances shall exceed the area limit either while in the process of development or anytime in future.
- ii. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- iii.01 trees, 04 poles and 300 plants will be felled in this case.

- iv. The Compensatory Afforestation is proposed to be raised over 3.253 ha. (CA area 2.053 ha and 1.200 ha ACA) land bearing Survey No../ Compartment Inna Khera drain Rd Vill. Lundewala pul to Inna Khera road pul tak B/s on Malout range of District Muktsar at a cost of C.A Rs. 9,99,820/- (Rupees Nine Lacs Ninety Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty only) and A.C.A Rs. 4,05,600/- (Rupees Four Lacs Five Thousand Six Hundred only) provided by the user agency.
- v. No damage will be done to the adjoining forest land.
- vi. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and shall under no circumstances, be transferred to any one without prior approval of the Central/State Government.
- vii.The User Agency shall pay additional amount of NPV as and when increased in compliance to any such order of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- viii.Muck disposal should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
- ix. The required soil conservation measures should be taken up by the User Agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
- x. The User Agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance as per the provisions of the Environmental (Protection) Act, 1986, if required.
- xi. No labor camp shall be established on the forest land.
- xii.The User Agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuels to the laborers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest area.
- xiii.The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
- xiv.The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the wildlife available in the area.
- xv.Any other condition that the Forest Department, Punjab may stipulate, from time to time, in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & Wildlife.
- xvi.The User Agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above conditions to the State Government and to the Regional Office regularly.

xvii.The User Agency and the DFO shall ensure compliance to the provisions of all the Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines for the time being in force and as applicable to the project.

The Forest Department may revoke/suspend the NOC if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory. Divisional Forest Officer will ensure fulfillment of these conditions through Forest Department.

Basanta Raj Kumar

NODAL OFFICER (FCA) 12/04/2023 Copy to:-

- 1. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
- 2. Add. Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Punjab, Department of of Forest and Wildlife Preservation Chandigarh.
- 3. Chairman Punjab Pollution Control Board, Nabha road Patiala.
- 4. Member Secretary SEIAA, State Level Environment Impact Assessment, Science & Technology, MGSIPA, Sector-26 Chandigarh.
- 5. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle, Ferozepur.
- 6. EXECUTIVE ENGINEER WATER SUPPLY SEWERAGE DIVISION FEROZEPUR.