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

**Dated : 20/03/2023**

To

Divisional Forest Officer,  
Shri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab.

**Sub:- Diversion of 0.177 ha of protected forest land various road side strip plantation declared as protected forest for laying of 8" dia steel Natural Gas Pipeline in Shri Mukatsar Sahib District of Punjab State Request for granting permission under Forest Division Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab FP/PB/Pipelines/144367/2021.**

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The Stage-I approval was accorded to the proposal vide letter No I/500675/2023 dated 30.01.2023. Divisional Forest Officer has reported vide letter no. 8408 dated 27.02.2023 the User Agency has deposited the 50% NPV as per the In-Principal 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. 38957. After careful examination of the proposal under General Approvals issued by Govt. of India vide letter No. F.No. 5- 2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019, "**Stage-II approval**" is hereby conveyed for diversion of **0.177 ha.** of forest land for laying natural gas pipeline along & across the road/rail/canal declared as PF in Punjab State towards PNGRB authorization for development of CGD Network is hereby conveyed subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land will remain unchanged.
2. The forest land will not be used for any other purpose.
3. No tree will be felled by the user agency.
4. 50% NPV of forest land being diverted for non-forestry purpose has been deposited by User Agency, as per MoEF & CC Guidelines dated 28.03.2019.
5. User Agency has given Bank Guarantee of Rs.73,750/- to DFO, Shri Muktsar Sahib.
6. The Natural gas pipeline will be laid along the road within the existing right of way and close to the outermost edge of the forest land. The dug out land shall be restored by the User Agency and the same shall be made good immediately after the approved operation.
7. User agency shall obtain the Environment Clearance under prevailing Acts/Rules/ Guidelines, if applicable.

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8. This approval is subject to the clearance of the proposal under relevant local Acts/Rules/ Court's Rulings/instructions etc. as applicable.
9. The User Agency shall seek prior permission from the DFO, Shri Muktsar Sahib for carrying out any maintenance operation.
10. The User Agency shall abide by any other condition (s) that may be imposed by this Department in the interest of afforestation and protection of environment.
11. The State Forest Department may revoke/suspend this approval, if any of the above conditions is not satisfactorily fulfilled by the User Agency.
12. An undertaking is signed by the User Agency for abiding by all the aforesaid conditions.
13. If any other NOC is necessary under any Act/Rules/Guidelines etc. from other Departments, the user agency should obtain the same before the commencement of laying pipeline.
14. CF, Ferozepur Circle, Ferozepur/DFO, Shri Muktsar Sahib shall ensure fulfillment of the above conditions.
15. This approval is granted subject to the condition that there is no court case pending in any court pertaining to the land or trees in the present FCA case. Any legal liability arising out of such case; if any, will be the sole responsibility of the land owning Department.

Saurabh Gupta

ADDL PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS-CUM-NODAL OFFICER  
(FCA)

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**CC:-**

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2. Deputy Director General of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, Bays No. 24-25, Sector 31-A, Chandigarh.
3. Member Secretary, Pollution Control Board, Nabha Road, Patiala.
4. Member Secretary SEIAA, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Punjab, Directorate of Environment, Science & Technology, MGSIPA, sector-26, Chandigarh.
5. Conservator of Forests, Ferozepur Circle, Ferozepur.
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