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EDS QUERY

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests Ballari Circle, Ballari

Sub: Diversion of 1.84 hectare of forest land in Sy No. 25 of Chikkakasanakandi Village and submerged villages of Hole Mudlapur & Lingapur villages, HitnalaHobli, Koppala Taluk & District for layingof Pipeline, Transmission Line, Substation and Break Pressure Tank in favour of M/s Aaress Iron and Steel Limited, Hosapete

Proposal No. FP/KA/IND/26447/2017 [Form-A]

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 26-04-2021 to Government of Karnataka [Stage-I proposal] and letter dated 27-04-2022 [EDS communication to you]
 - **2.** Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2019 (e) letter dated 19-04-2022 [communication of the reply to EDS query sought by the Government of India]
 - **3.** Government of India letter F.No.4-KRB 1346/2022-BAN/01 dated 31-03-2022 [EDS Query]
 - **4.** Your letter No. M1/MNG/Pipeline/CR-15/2020-2/1856 dated 12-12-2022 [communication of EDS reply provided by DCF, Koppal]

The proposal seeking Stage-I approval under FC Act, 1980 was submitted to Government vide this office letter dated 26-04-2021. The Government of India vide their letter dated 31-03-2022 raised EDS query. The same was forwarded to you vide this office letter dated 27-04-2022.

On perusal of the EDS reply and online Form A, Part-I and Part-II of the said proposal, it was noticed that the proposal suffers from the following inconsistencies in the online information available on FC web portal vis-à-vis hard copies of the proposal.

1. Corrections need to be carried out by the User Agency:

- a. Since, the User Agency has changed the alignment and also has revised the forest land extent from 1.84 ha to 1.745 ha (non-forest land extent 5.47 ha to unknown ha), the same change of extent in the Form-A Part-I in various columns needs to be changed (in column such as A-1 (viii) and (ix), B-2.1, 2, 3 and 4).
- b. Geo-reference Map and Topo Map: The User Agency needs to upload the Village map showing proposed entire alignment of the project including forest and non-forest land in differentiable colors (i.e in Authenticated whole village map) in column C-(iv) and Topo-map in column C-(iii) and it should be ensured that the KML Polygon of the forest land proposed for diversion matches exactly with the corresponding GPS readings and ground features as seen in satellite imagery, instead of uploading the old map showing old alignment.
- c. Kml file: the user agency needs to upload the component wise proposed Kml file showing the entire forest and non-forest alignment in differentiable colors in column C(ii)(b).
- d. Justification Note: The User Agency need to upload a proper justification note in relation to the alternate map uploaded in the D (ii) in the D (i) instead of the old one.
- e. **FRA certificate**: The User Agency also needs to upload all the annexures mentioned in the FRA certificate in the English translated version of it.

2. Corrections need to be carried out by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests.

- a. Some of the information regarding above needs to be verified by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division.
- b. The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division needs to upload the CA Scheme for raising of plantation @ of 1000 plants per ha with 10 years of maintenance as per FC guidelines in the Part-II 13 (iv).

You are therefore directed to obtain the corrected information in PART-I & II from the User Agency and Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division on FC web portal and revise the hard copies of all documents (including maps) ensuring that there is a uniformity of information in the proposal with inclusion of all the above-mentioned shortcomings.

The online link is being herewith transferred to you for further transmission to the User Agency through the Deputy Conservator of Forests.

The revised proposal in 4 ink-signed sets should be resubmitted to this office at the earliest

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) And Nodal Officer (FCA)

Copy communicated to the:

- 1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division, Koppal for necessary action as mentioned above through the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle at the earliest.
- 2. M/s Aaress Iron and Steel Limited, Baldota Enclave, Abheraj H Baldota Road, Near Sai Baba Temple, Hosapete, Ballari District 583 203 for information and necessary action as mentioned above.

