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To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests
Belagavi Circle, Belagavi

Sub: Diversion of 160.4 hectare of forest land in Sy. No.138 and 146 of Karlakatti village, Sy No. 128, 129 and 130 of Chakrageri village and Sy No. 3 and 4 of Kagihal village, Savadatti (Saundatti) Taluk, Belagavi District (Ghataprabha Division, Gokak) for construction of Standalone Pumped Storage Component of Saundatti Integrated Renewable Energy Project (IREP) in favour of the M/s Greenko Solar Energy Private Limited, Bengaluru.

Proposal No. FP/KA/HYD/37723/2018[FORM-A]

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 16-08-2021 [seeking Stage-I approval]
 2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 57 FLL 2021 dated 03-17-11-2021 [seeking Stage-I approval] 03-12-2021 [Communication of GOI EDS query]
 3. Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, New Delhi letter F.No. 8-29/2021-FC dated 01-12-2021 [EDS query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the above mentioned proposal to Government of Karnataka seeking 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 17-11-2021 has forwarded the proposal to Government of India.

In response, the Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised EDS query seeking clarification and information on the following four points (copy enclosed).

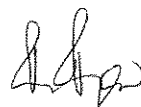
1. The State Government is requested to offer the comments on the points raised by the CF in his Site Inspection report i.e. "there is one old temple by name Sogal Someshwar Temple and One waterfalls within an aerial distance of 3 KM from the proposed project boundary."
2. The DCF in his site inspection report has raised an issue regarding displaced people of Malaprabha Project. It was informed that as per the available records wherein as per the Government of Karnataka Order No. RD453FGL 69 dated 18-10-1969 about 1020 acres have been allotted to displaced persons of Malaprabha Project under Kagihal forest under various sy No's. out of 1020 acres, about 72 acres have been allotted for displaced persons in forest Sy. No.146 (total land in Sy. No. 146 445 acres). As per the Forest Diversion proposed of User Agency

about 120 acres (48.37 ha) i.e. Part of land falling under Forest Sy.No. 146 is required by the User Agency for project development. It is pertinent to highlight by the DCF that the land under Forest Sy No.146 is still under Forest as per the forest records and the same has not been de-notified. In this regard, the State Government is requested to offer the comments on the issued raised by the DCF in his Site Inspection Report ant the current status of the land (i.e. 48.37 ha of Sy No.146) proposed for diversion may be forwarded to this Ministry.

3. As per the DSS report the Solid structure, agriculture filed and plantation near proposed approach road is visible. In this regard the State Government is requested to provide its comment on this issue.
4. The Nodal Officer (FCA) in his Site Inspection has informed that the User Agency has to seek NOC from the State Government Departments such as Water Resources, Energy, Environment and Other Statutory Authorities. Further, it was also stated by Nodal Officer that the diversion of the project may be conditional that is unless all the required approvals are obtain the forest land shall not be handed over to the project authorities. In this regard the User Agency shall submit an undertaking stating that they will obtain all the NOC from the concerned departments.
5. As per the Site Suitability certificate submitted by the DFO it has been mentioned that the plantation as per this Ministry's guidelines is not possible therefore the reaming plants will be planted in the Degraded Forest Land (DFL). In this regard the KML file of the identified wrt DFL may be forwarded to this Ministry.
6. The State Government is requested to appraise status of approved detail project report (DPR) to this Ministry.
7. The instant proposal is designated to lift the water from the Renuka Sagar Reservoir. In this regard the NOC from User Agency of Renuka Sagar Reservoir has not been submitted by the User Agency. In this regard the State Government is requested to submit the same.

Accordingly, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (3) letter dated 03-12-2021 has communicated the same to this office and directed to submit the information/clarification sought by Government of India.

Therefore, **you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak and User Agency.** The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak.



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

Copy along with copy of Government of India and Government of Karnataka letters communicated for information and necessary action to:

1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ghataprabha Division, Gokak.
2. M/s Greenko Solar Energy Private Ltd, Ground floor, Prestige Khoday Tower, No.05, Raj Bhavan Road, Bengaluru 560 001.

