

No:M1/MNG/Pipeline/CR-15/2020-2.

Office of the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari. Dated:06-12-2022

The Prinipal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Forest Conservation) & Nodal Officer (FCA) 'Aranya Bhavan', Bengaluru.

Sir.

<u>Sub</u>: Diversion of 1.84 ha., of forest land in Sy.No.25 of Chikkakasanakandi village and submerged villages of Holemudlapur & Lingapur villages, Hitnal Hobli, Koppal taluk and district for laying/establishment of Pipeline Transmission Lin, Sub Station and Break pressure Tank in favour of M/s.AARESS Iron and Steel Limited, Hospet – reg. Proposal No.FP/KA/IND/26447/2017.

Ref: 1)Your office letter No.KFD/HoFF/A5-4(GFL)/42/2018-FC, dated.27-4-2022.

2) This office letter even No. dated.23-5-2022.

3)Letter No.A4/Land/FC/CR/2022-23/966, dated. 02-12-2022 of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division, Koppal.

In light of the directions issued by your good-self vide letter(1) cited above and followed by the letter dated.31-3-2022 of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi having sought for certain additional information by the REC involved in the aforesaid proposal, the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division, Koppal was directed vide this office letter of even no. dated.23-05-2022 cited at reference(2) above to submit the point wise additional information after obtaining the same from the concerned user agency for further processing of the aforesaid proposal.

Accordingly the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal in his self contained letter(3) cited above has submitted the point-wise information along with the pertinent maps and other essential documents and recommended to consider the revised proposal seeking diversion of 1.745 ha., of forest land for aforesaid non-forestry purpose.

On going through the report and other essential documents submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal, the following facts are brought to your kind notice.

- (i) It is reported that the above project proponent have examined all the three alternatives and finally option No.II proposed for diversion of 1.745 ha., is least among the earlier extent to the tune of 1.84 ha., which was proposed by the user agency and thus reported that no fresh trees to be felled other than the 40 Nos., which was earlier estimated.
- (ii) After examining all the alternatives it is reported that laying of pipeline and elevated structure was not found technically suitable and hence no fresh felling of trees involved other than the proposed 40 trees.
- (iii) As per the Option 2 map it is reported that break pressure tank has been eliminated from the Forest area.
- (iv) It is reported that the drawal of water from the Tungabhadra reservoir has been renewed vide G.O.No.Ja:sum:E:04:MTB:2018, dated.04-02-2020 issued by the Government of Karnataka, Water Resource Department, which is carried upto 14-07-2025. (copy enclosed)
- (v) The CA scheme earmarked for 10 years as per the FC guidelines has been issued by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Davanagere where the C & D class land has been identified in the jurisdiction of Davanagere District.
- (vi) The necessary FRA-Form-II certificate issued by the concerned jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner is enclosed herewith.
- (vii) Resolved and uploaded revised KML file of the proposed forest area to the tune of 1.745 ha., (Option-II alternative) as suggested is enclosed.

Hence, based on the additional point-wise information sought for by the Regional Empowered Committee during its meeting held on 22-03-2022, as submitted by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division, Koppal are submitted herewith for taking further needful action in this instant proposal.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari.

ours faithfully,