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To

The Additional Chief Secretary to Government
Forest, Environment and Ecology Department
M.S. Building, Bengaluru - 560 001

Sir,

Sub: Diversion of 4.338 ha of forest land for construction of 7.005 kms of 33 KV D/C transmission line from the proposed 220/33 KV pooling substation at Kakkuppi village in Sy No. 286,368,283,282,280,301,304,306 and 314 of Kakkuppi village, Kudligi Taluk and Sy No.229 of Agrahara Village Kudligi Taluk in Vijayanagara Forest Division in favour of Deputy Manager, M/s Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited, Ansal Chambers, Bhikaji Cama place, New Delhi
Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/154485/2022 [Form-A]

Ref: 1. Online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] dated 12-09-2022 (re submitted) of Deputy Manager, Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited, New Delhi. Acknowledgement uploaded online on 30-09-2022 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copy proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests (s) and Deputy Commissioner.
2. This office online communication dated 12-10-2022 to Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division for further processing of proposal.
3. Online submission of PART-II on 04-01-2023 by the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Ballari Division.
4. Online submission of PART-III on 07-01-2023 by the Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle [letter No. M1/TRANSLine/Renew Green/CR-31/2022-23(4042) dated 08-03-2023]
5. This office even letter dated 10-04-2023.
6. Government Of Karnataka letter No FEE/41/FLL/2023 (e)dated 06-01-2024

1. Deputy Manager, M/s Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited, Ansal Chambers, BhikajiCama place, New Delhi [USER AGENCY] vide Ref (1) has submitted an online proposal [FORM-A PART-I] through FC web portal seeking approval under Section 2 Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for diversion of 4.338 ha of forest land in Kakkuppi village in KudligiHobli, Kudligi Taluk, Agrahara village in Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Vijayanagara District for construction of 33 KV Double circuit Tower Line from proposed Kudligi 220 KV Pooling substation to proposed wind farm for 100 MW Wind Power Project.

After uploading of acknowledgement on 30-09-2022 by User Agency for having delivered the hard copies of the proposal to jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests and Deputy Commissioner, an online communication

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was made by the Nodal Officer (FCA) vide Ref (2) to the Deputy Conservator of Forests Ballari Division to process the proposal under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and to submit specific opinion / recommendation.

The above proposal for diversion of 4.338 ha of forest land submitted to the Government of Karnataka vide this office letter cited at Ref (5) above. However, the Government of Karnataka vide their letter cited under Ref (6) above directed to resubmit the proposal as per Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023.

Hence, following facts are submitted herewith :

2. Location details and Component-wise breakup of forest land requirement:

The details of the location of forest land and component wise requirement are given below.

District, Taluk, Hobli, Village	Division	village	Sy No.	Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)	Legal status of land
Vijayanagara District, Chorhanuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk	Vijayanagara (the than Ballari)	Kakkuppi	286	0.0315	Reserved Forest
			368	0.18	
			283	0.2235	
			282	0.29232	
			280	0.274935	
			301	0.17685	
			302	0.030105	
			304	0.03399	
			306	0.535575	
			314	0.892725	
		Agrahara	229	1.6665	
Total				4.338	

- The online PART II application has been filled by DCF Ballari division. Earlier the proposed forest land would come under Ballari District. Now, since the new District (Vijayanagara District) formed. Therefore, the proposed forest land comes under newly formed Vijayanagara Division. Hence, DCF Vijayanagar Division has inspected the proposed land and submitted the reports through offline.

Component wise breakup of the forest land proposed for diversion is given below.

Name of Project component		Forest extent proposed for diversion (ha)
1	Tower foundation	0.2016
2	Stringing & Corridor	4.1364
Total		4.338

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3. Report of DCF, Vijayanagar Division Hosapete: The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagar Division has inspected the site on 15-12-2022 and vide Ref (3) has submitted his report along with Site Inspection Report in PART-II to Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle. Main features of the proposal based on the reports of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagar Division r/w report of Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle and that of ICT Centre of Forest Department are summarized below.

- a. Proposed forest area is situated on relatedly plain area and is not very vulnerable to erosion.
- b. The forest land proposed for diversion is in general landscape of Eco-class-IV (Density of up to 0.01).
- c. As per Item 4(ii) of PART-II, there are 658 trees in different girth classes. Main tree species include *Azadirachta Indica*, *SyzigiumCumini*, *Eucalyptus*, *DendrocalamusStrictus*, *Anona Squamosa* and others.
- d. There are other rare /endangered/ unique species of flora and fauna reported in the area.

Flora: *Azadirachta Indica*, *SyzigiumCumini*, *Eucalyptus*, *DendrocalamusStrictus*, *Anona Squamosa* and others.

Fauna: *Leopard*, *Sloth Bear*, *Jackal*, *Hares*, *Peafowl*, *Wild Boar*, *Grey partridge*, *Indian porcupine*, *Monitor lizard* and *pangolin*.

- e. The forest land proposed for diversion does not form part of any National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor/ etc.
- f. There are no National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary/ Biosphere Reserve/ Tiger Reserve/ Elephant Corridor/ Wildlife Migration Corridor within one kilometre from the boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion.
- g. The forest land proposed for diversion is not located within Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) of any Protected Area notified under Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- h. There are no protected archaeological/ heritage site/defence establishment or any other important monument located in the area.
- i. The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and bare minimum for the project.
- j. There is no violation reported under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980

4. CCF, Ballari Circle Report: The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle has not inspected the site and has agreed with the report of Deputy Conservator of Forests Vijayanagar Division. The Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle vide Ref (4) has submitted his report in PART-III and has also recommended the proposal.

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5. **Net Present Value (NPV):** The User Agency is required to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of forest land proposed for diversion as per Para 3.1 to 3.4 of the Consolidated Guidelines and clarifications issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi order dated 29-12-2023. **The User Agency has submitted an Undertaking agreeing to pay the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land proposed for diversion.**
6. **Compensatory Afforestation (CA):** In accordance with the provisions of para 13 (4) (b) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules 2023 and Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi order dated 29-12-2023 The Compensatory Afforestation can be raised and maintained at the cost of User Agency on degraded forest land twice in extent of the forest area proposed for diversion in the cases of laying of transmission lines. The user agency has submitted CA land suitability certificate duly issued by the **Deputy Conservator of Forest Vijayanagar Division. The details of the degraded forest land identified for compensatory afforestation is as follows:**

Division/ District	Range/ Taluk	Name of village	Sy.No.	Forest area (in ha)	Status of forest land
Vijayanagar	Kudligi	Sunkadakallu	435 (Palayyanak ote Forest block)	8.676	Degraded forest
Total					8.676

The User Agency has also submitted an Undertaking agreeing to pay the Compensatory afforestation charges.

7. **Status of RoFR compliance:** In order to meet the requirement of the provisions of the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 and Rules 2008 and the FC Guidelines, the User Agency has not obtained/ furnished the (copy of) requisite **RoFR Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects)** issued by the jurisdictional Deputy Commissioner as per Annexure II of the FC Guidelines communicated by Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, New Delhi vide F.No. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28-03-2019. Accordingly, **the User Agency is being informed once again to obtain the said certificate in prescribed format and submit a copy.**

Under the above circumstances and agreeing with the recommendation of the field officers, **it is requested to move the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for Diversion of 4.338 ha of forest land in Kakkuppi village in Kudligi Hobli, Kudligi Taluk, Agrahara village in Chorhanuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of 33 KV Double circuit Tower Line from proposed Kudligi 220 KV Pooling substation to proposed wind farm for 100 MW Wind Power Project in favour of Deputy Manager, M/s Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited, New Delhi for a period of twenty (20) years subject to submission of**

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RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.

Yours faithfully

(BRIJESH KUMAR DIKSHIT IFS) 05/03/24

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)

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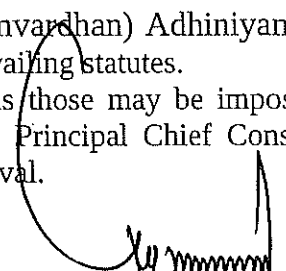
1. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Vijayanagar Division, Hosapete for information.
3. Deputy Manager, M/s Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited, Ansal Chambers, Bhikaji Cama place, New Delhi for information.

ANNEXURE - A

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged and it shall continue to be forest land.
2. The User Agency shall pay the applicable Net Present Value (NPV), Compensatory, Plantation cost of extraction of trees, land lease rent and any other levies as per the conditions of approval.
3. The User Agency shall demarcate the lease area in the manner specified at the time of approval at its own cost.
4. The lessee shall not sub-lease, mortgage and hypothecate the forest area.
5. The Lessee shall provide signages in appropriate dimensions and kind near the proposed transmission line within forest limits for sensitization of general public towards the

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- forest, wildlife and environmental issues in consultation with the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests.
6. The leased out area should be used for the purpose for which it is granted. In case the land is not used for the stipulated purpose within two years or when it is no longer needed for the stipulated purpose, the area would stand resumed to the Forest Department.
 7. No change in Land Use Plan on forest land shall be done except with prior approval of Government of India under Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980.
 8. The application for renewal of the lease in the prescribed form and manner shall be submitted at least six months prior to the expiry of forest lease. In case no renewal is sought, the Lessee shall hand over the lease.
 9. No residential or commercial buildings shall be permitted in the forest area proposed for diversion.
 10. No crushing / breaking of stones or labour camp shall be allowed on forest land and all waste / debris generated shall be scientifically disposed off outside the forest area.
 11. Any damage to forest area because of implementation of the proposal shall be compensated by the Lessee. The extent of damage shall be assessed by the jurisdictional Deputy Conservator of Forests/ Conservator of Forests/ Chief Conservator of Forests.
 12. The Lessee shall ensure that no avoidable harm is caused to the fauna and flora in and around the proposed area.
 13. In case, any violation of the provisions of the Karnataka Forest Act, 1963 & Rules, 1969 or other relevant Acts/Rules is reported during the lease period, the lease will be liable for forfeiture under Section 82 of Karnataka Forest Act, 1963. The Chief Conservator of Forests / Deputy Conservator of Forests concerned are authorized to take necessary action in this regard.
 14. The approval under the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 is subject to any other clearances necessary under the prevailing statutes.
 15. The User Agency shall also abide by other conditions those may be imposed by the Government of India, Government of Karnataka and Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Head of Forest Force) before or after the approval.


 (BRIJESH KUMAR DIKSHIT)
 Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
 (Head of Forest Force)

PART – IV


(To be filled in by the Nodal Officer or Principal Chief Conservator of Forests or Head of Forest Department)

Detailed opinion & specific recommendation of the State Forest Department for acceptance or	Recommended for moving the proposal to Government of India for according 'in-principle' (Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.338 ha of forest land in Kakkuppi village in Kudligi Hobli, Kudligi Taluk, Agrahara village in Choranuru Hobli, Sandur Taluk, Ballari District for construction of 33 KV Double circuit Tower Line from
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<p>otherwise of the proposal with remarks.</p> <p>(While giving opinion, the adverse comments made by concerned Conservator of Forests or Deputy Conservator of Forests should be categorically reviewed and critically commented upon.)</p>	<p>proposed Kudligi 220 KV Pooling substation to proposed wind farm for 100 MW Wind Power Project in favour of Deputy Manager, M/s Renew Green Energy Solutions Private Limited, Ansal Chambers, Bhikaji Cama place, New Delhi for a period of twenty (20) years subject to submission of RoFR Compliance Certificate in FORM-I (for Linear projects) and the conditions listed in Annexure 'A'.</p> <p>Proposal No: FP/KA/TRANS/154485/2022</p>
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Signature:
Name:
Designation:

 5/3/2024
BRIJESH KUMAR IFS
**Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Conservation) and Nodal Officer (FCA)**

Counter signed by :
Name:
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Signed by
Brijesh Kumar Dikshit
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**Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)**

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