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Memo No: 1370/3F (Lease) /2021.

Dated, Bhawanipatna the 16 March 2021.

To

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Bhawanipatna Circle, Bhawanipatna.

Sub:-

Proposal for diversion of 15.265 ha of Revenue Forest land (Gramya Jungle) located in village Rengopali of Lanjigarh Tahasil in Biswanathpur Range under Kalahandi South Forest Division for construction of Red Mud Pond by M/s. Vedanta Ltd. (Proposal No. FP/ OR/ IND/ 40650/2019 with State Sl. No. OR/ 048/ 2019 dt.03.07.2019)-Submission of compliance report.

Ref :-

Memo No.18995/9F (Misc)-398/2020 dt.02.11.2020 of the Conservator of Forests, (Nodal) O/o: the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar and your office Memo No.3151/4F (Misc)-102/2020 dt.03.11.2020.

With reference to the above cited memos on the captioned subject, the detailed compliances to the deficiencies noticed during scrutiny of the diversion proposal by Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o: the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha relating to the proposal for diversion of 15.265 ha of Revenue Forest land for construction of Red Mud Pond by M/s. Vedanta Ltd. are furnished below for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

| No | Deficiencies noticed | Compliances |
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| i. | Hard copy of Part-II of DFO, Kalahandi South Division is wanting. | The hard copy of Part-II is enclosed herewith in (Annexure-I) and also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No.19 to 24. |
| ii | The CA Scheme prepared for taking up CA over identified Govt. Non-Forest CA land does not comply with the guideline of MoEF & CC GOI as per Para 2.8 of their Guidelines issued dt.28.03.2019, regarding number of seedlings required to be planted in Non-Forest CA Land. Hence, the Scheme may be revised, if the site permits or provision be made for Addl. Compensatory | As per the Guidelines of MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, the purpose of compensatory afforestation (CA) is to compensate the loss of 'land by land' and 'trees by trees' and at least 1000 plants per hectare will be planted over Non Forest Government land identified for CA as per Para 2.8 of the Guidelines. To compensate the loss of 'land by land', suitable non-forest government land over an area of 15.379 ha. has been identified at village Dangajore under Lanjigarh Tahasil of Kalahandi District for taking up CA (@ 200plants/Ha) against proposed diversion of 15.265 ha. of Revenue Forest land. |

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| | Afforestation elsewhere to accommodate the balance seedlings. | Further to compensate the loss of 'trees by tree', and as per the guidelines of Para 2.3(iii) CA could be carried out over degraded forest twice in extend of are being diverted. Accordingly, for the balance 12190 nos. of seedlings (15265-3075=12190), a suitable Degraded Forest land has been indentified in Ghana South RF of Junagarh Range of this division over an area of 125 ha. for planting balance 24380 nos. of seedlings i.e. twice the no's of balance 12190 nos. seedlings has been prepared and the abstract of CA Scheme is enclosed herewith in (Annexure-II) . Further, the said CA Scheme has also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No.126 to 127. |
| iii | There is miss-match in extent of forest land required for the project falling in Rengopali Village as shown in sabik kisam land schedule with the corresponding extent of area shown in hal kissam and taken up for diversion pertaining to Plot no. | Regarding miss-match in extent of revenue forest land between Hal and Sabik settlement. In this connection, the Tahasildar, Lanjigarh vide his Memo No.1999 dt.30.12.2020 has intimated to this office that, clarification was sought for from the settlement authorities i.e. Addl. Sub-Collector, Settlement, Kalahandi regarding mis-match in extent of revenue forest land of Hal and Sabik Settlement of the corresponding plots in connection with the diversion of revenue forest land in Mouza-Rengopali. From the report of the Addl. Sub Collector, (Settlement) Kalahandi, it is clarified that, area of the corresponding plots according to the map of sabik settlement was less than the actual which was rectified during the Hal Settlement and extent of area is increased according to the map and the copy of the letter of the Tahasildar, Lanjigarh is enclosed herewith in (Annexure-III) and also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No.208 to 210. |
| iv | Enumeration of trees on non-forest land involved in the project to be furnished. If no tree is available a certificate to that effect with joint signature of both DFO & Tahasildar concerned be enclosed. | The statement of 927 nos. of enumerated trees in 18 sheets standing on non-forest land involved in the project along with the Abstract is enclosed herewith in (Annexure-IV) and also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No.93 to 111. |
| v | There is no mention about construction of Red Mud Pond or need of land for that in the documents enclosed in DP by the User Agency as administrative approval for the project. | The User Agency has intimated to this office that requirement of 37.72 Ac. of land for expansion of Red Mud Pond constitute a part of the land for which administrative approval has been obtained by the project proponent M/s. Vedanta Ltd, Lanjigarh. A copy of declaration by M/s. Vedanta Ltd, Lanjigarh dt.28/12/2020 and proceeding of 83 rd SLSWCA meeting held on 19/02/2019 are attached herewith in (Annexure-V) and also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No. 206 & 207. |

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| vi | Two sapling at Sl. No.157 & 203 have been included in the enumeration list of trees done over Forest land. | During preparation of the enumeration list of the trees, the girth in cm of the tree of sl. No.157 & 203 was wrongly typed as 09 & 04 instead of 29 and 24. Accordingly, necessary correction in the enumeration list of the girth of the trees of Sl. No. 157 & 203 have been made and the copy of the corrected enumeration list is enclosed herewith in (Annexure-VI) and also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No.88 and 89. |
| vii | It is revealed that State Polluting Control Board vide their OM No. 106 dt.02.10.2016 has granted Consent to Establish the project which was valid up to 15.02.2020. User Agency may be requested to furnish valid Consent to Establish from State Pollution Board or furnish an undertaking to furnish the same. | Revalidation of Consent to Establish has been issued by State Pollution Control Board, Odisha vide his letter No.12821 dt.28/12/2020 and the copy of the same is enclosed herewith in (Annexure-VII) and also appended in Draft Proposal at Page No.142 to 144. |

In this connection, the compliance report in triplicate along with 5 (Five) sets of Draft Proposal along with CD are re-submitted herewith for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Encl:- As above.


Divisional Forest Officer
Kalahandi South Division

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Copy submitted to the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o: the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Odisha Bhubaneswar for favour of his kind information and necessary action with reference to his office Memo No.18996 dt.02.11.2020.


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Kalahandi South Division

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Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Land), IOdisha Industrial Infrastructure Development Corporation, IDCO Towers, Janpath, Bhubaneswar-751022, Odisha for his information and necessary action.


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