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Office of

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
(Head of Forest Force)



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Date 18-03-2024

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To,

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

**Sub:** Diversion of 1.74 (revised from 1.84) hectare of forest land in Sy No. 25 of Chikkakasanakandi Village and submerged villages of Hole Mudlapur & Lingapur villages, Hitnala Hobli, Koppala Taluk & District for laying of Pipeline, Transmission Line, Substation and Break Pressure Tank in favour of M/s Baldota Steel and Power Limited Hosapete, Ballari District.

**Proposal No: FP/KA/IND/26447/2017**

- Ref:**
1. This office letter of even number dated 26-04-2022 to Government of Karnataka [Stage-I proposal]
  2. Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 16 FLL 2019 (e) letter dated 02-03-2022 [Stage-I proposal], 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. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division Letter No. A4/Land/AaressIron&Steel/FC/CR/2023-24 /dated 18-11-2023 and 03-02-2024.
  5. Chief Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle Letter No. M1/MNG/Pipeline/CR-15/2020-21 dated 07-12-2023 and 13-02-2024.
  6. M/s Aaress Iron and Steel Limited Hosapete letter dated 31-01-2024.

With regard to the proposal submitted by this office vide Ref (1) seeking Stage-I approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 to the Government of Karnataka and

by the State Government vide Ref (2) letter dated 02-03-2022 to the Central Government, the Government of India vide Ref (3) Vide letter dated 31-03-2022 has raised the EDS Query. The Deputy Conservator of Forests Koppal Division and Chief Conservator of Forests Ballari Circle Ballari reported vide (ref) (4) and (5) Details are as below.

Sl.No	EDS Query	Reply
1	Alternative examined are not provided.	The Deputy Conservator of Forests Koppal Division has reported that, The user agency has submitted three alternatives for the proposed pipeline, electricity lines and other buildings. All three options are being enclosed herewith.  Option No II proposes the least forest area for diversion with 1.745 Ha. against the previously submitted proposal for 1.84 Ha. Earlier the number of trees to be felled was 40 in no's, however now with the submitted the option II <b>no extra trees are to be felled except the previous once listed.</b>
2	Feasibility of laying of pipeline on elevated structure may be explored so as to minimize the felling of trees.	As explained above the alignment of the pipeline has been changed with no felling of trees.
3	Location of break pressure tank is proposed in deep inside the forest area. Possibility of relocating the same at the initial point as done previously by other User Agencies, may be examined. If at all it is not possible to locate at the initial point then the same may be proposed in non-forest area / periphery of the forest area.	There is no proposal for the break pressure tank in the option II submitted. Hence no felling of trees involved.
4	Whether the validity of the consent given by the Water Resources Department vide order dated 09-11-2015 for drawl of water from Tungabhadra reservoir has been renewed as per the condition no. 24 of the said order. If so copy of the renewal document may be furnished.	The said order permitting withdrawal of water from Tungabhadra reservoir has been renewed vide GO No: Ja:sum:E:04:MTB:2018 Dated 04/02/2020 valid upto 14/07/2025. (copy enclosed)
5	CA scheme is given only for 4 years and the same has to be	The CA scheme for ten years is submitted with this letter.

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	revised for 10 years as per the FC guidelines.	
6	FRA compliance certificate furnished along with the proposal is not in proper format as per the FC guidelines.	FRA certificate is submitted herewith this in the format as per FC guidelines.
7	Discrepancies in the uploaded KML file of the proposed area to be resolved.	The KML file of the proposed area (option II) is submitted.

The hard copy of the proposal along with the relevant documents in 3 sets is submitted herewith for further needful.

Signed by Yours Faithfully,

Brijesh Kumar

Date: 20.03.2024 12:10:28  
(BRIJESH KUMAR IFS)

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

**Copy to the:**

1. Conservator of Forests, Ballari Circle, Ballari for information.
- ✓ 2. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Koppal Division, Koppal for information.
3. M/s Baldota Steel and Power Limited Baldota Enclave, Abheraj H Baldota Road, Near Sai Baba Temple, Hosapete, Ballari District – 583 203 for information.

