

General Approval for underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline.

Government of Gujarat

Forest and Environment Department Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.

Resolution No: JMN/1016/1970/15/SF-38/F Dt.15.09.2016

Read:

(1) This Department's Circular No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F(1), Dt.04.02.2016 & Dt.13.05.2016.

Resolution:

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, New Delhi vide letters as referred above, has accorded general approval under the Forest (Conservation). Act, 1980 for underground laying of optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width, subject to conditions as suggested in Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change's Letter No. 11-9/98-FC, Date:16.10.2000.

Accordingly, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer were authorized to grant approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground optical fibre cables, telephone lines, drinking water, electric lines, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to conditions as mentioned in the circular read at sr.no.(1)

However, "Online Submission & Monitoring of Forest and Wildlife Clearance Proposals" portal does not support Deputy Conservator of Forests (as "approving authority". In view of the delegation of power to Divisional Forest Officers, necessary modification in online system has been requested to the Government of India.

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In some cases of telephone lines, electric lines of more than 22 K.V. in rural areas, electric lines in urban areas, CNG/PNG pipeline and Petroleum pipeline where the user agencies are required to deposit the amount of Net Present Value(NPV) or any other amount in the CAMPA Fund of Government of India, the Deputy Conservator of Forests cannot approve the proposals on online portal, hence the user agencies cannot deposit any amount through online portal as per the instruction of Government of India, which has lead to pendency of such proposals.

After careful consideration, the State Government has decided that:

- 1. All the proposals of 'telephone lines', 'Drinking Water Pipeline of more than 4"diameter', 'electric lines of more than 22 K.V. in rural areas', 'electric lines in urban areas', 'CNG/PNG pipeline' and 'Petroleum pipeline' where the user agencies are required to deposit the amount of Net Present Value(NPV) or any other amount in the CAMPA Fund of Government of India, shall be processed as per the procedure followed before this Department's Circular dated.04.02.2016 read at sr.no.(1).
- 2. All the cases of 'telephone lines', 'Drinking Water Pipeline of more than 4"diameter', 'electric lines of more than 22 K.V. in rural areas', 'electric lines in urban areas', 'CNG/PNG pipeline' and 'Petroleum pipeline' where the user agencies are required to deposit the amount of Net Present Value(NPV) or any other amount in the CAMPA Fund, pending for In-Principle Approval and/or Formal Approval shall be submitted immediately to the State Government by the procedure followed before this Department's Circular dated.04.02.2016 read at sr.no.(1).
- 3. All the cases of underground laying of 'Optical Fiber Cable', 'Drinking Water Pipeline of 4"diameter', 'electric lines of upto 22 K.V. in rural areas' where no amount is required to be deposited in the CAMPA Fund of Government of India shall be processed as per the procedure mentioned in this Department's Circular dated.04.02.2016.
- 4. All the cases where Formal Approvals are accorded as per this Department's Circular read at sr.no.(1) dated.04.02.2016 shall not be re-submitted to the State Government.
- 5. The Concerned Deputy Conservator of Forest, for all the cases mentioned in above para(3), and the State Government, for all the other cases shall take the precautions that such cases should (a) be within existing right of way, (b) not fall in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, (c) involve any felling of trees, and (d) be done within maximum size of the trench of not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width, and it must fall within the general approval category as granted by Government of India.

 A monthly monitoring report shall be submitted by the concerned Divisional Conservator of Forest to the Nodal Officer and the State Government in prescribed format(Annexure-I)

This issues with approval of the State Government dated 14.09.2016. By order and in the name of Governor of Gujarat.

(Gaurav Dahiya)

Deputy Secretary

Forest and Environment Department

Copy to:

- PS to Hon Minister(Forest), Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.
- PS to Hon.Minister of State(Forest), Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.
- Director, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Bhavan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
- Addl.Principal Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), Ministry of Environment & Forest, Regional Office, Western Region, Kendriya Paryavaran Bhavan, Link Road No.3, E-5, Arera Colony, BHOPAL(M.P.)-462016.
- Secretary, Minsitry of Communications & Information Technology, Department of Telecommunications, Sanchar Bhavan, 20, Ashok Road, New Delhi-110001.
- DS to Chief Secretary, Government of Gujarat, Block NO.1, 5th Floor, Sardar Bhavan, Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar.
- Secretary, Department of Science & Technology, Government of Gujarat, Block
 No.7, 5th floor, Sardar Bhavan, Sachivalaya, Gandhingar.
- PS to Principal Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Sachivalay, Gandhinagar.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, HoFF, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10/A, Gandhinagar.
- Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forest, Land, Aranya Bhavan, Sector-10/A. Gandhinagar.
- All Divisional Forest Officers, Gujarat.
- To kept with File No. FCA/1015/1013/15/SF-83/F.

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PART - II (To be filled by the concerned Deputy Conservator of Forests)

Location of the Project / Scheme.

(i) State/ Union Territory

(ii) District

(iii) Forest Division

(iv) Area of Forest Land Proposal for Diversion (in ha.)

: Gujarat

: Anand

: Social Forestry Anand

Diversion of **0.6394** ha. Protected Forest Land for Laying 125/90 MM DIA MDPE Pipeline to set up a piped Natural Gas distribution network in Petlad & Khambhat surrounding area of Taluka Khambhat, Borsad, Petlad & Sojitra in Anand District.

: (A) Khambhat Taluka - 0.3075 ha. (B) Borsad Taluka: 0.0012 ha. (C) Petlad Taluka: 0.1562 ha.

(D) Sojitra Taluka: 0.1744 ha.

(E) TOTALING: 0.6394 ha. in Khambhat, Borsad, Petlad and Sojitra Taluka.

(v) Legal Status of Forest

(vi) Density of Vegetation

(vii) Species-wise (Scientific names) and diameter class-wise enumeration of trees (to be enclosed). In case of Irragation / Hydel projects : Attached Annexure- 16 enumeration at FRL-2 meter & FRL-4 meter

also to be enclosed.

: Protected Forest

: Medium

(viii) Brief note on vulnerability of the Forest area to erosion.

(ix) Approximate distance of proposed site for

diversion from boundary of forest. (x) Whether forms part of National Park, Wildlife

Sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, Tiger reserve, Elephant corridor etc. (If so the details of the area and comments of the chief wild life warden to be annexed).

(xi) Whether any rare / endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in the area- If so detail thereof.

(xii) Whether any protected archaeological heritage site / defense establishment or any other important monument is located in the area. If so, the details thereof with NOC from competent authority, If required.

There won't be any erosion to Forest Area outing to very small patches of Forest kind effected.

: Proposed site is adjoining to Forest boundary

: No

: Attached Annexure- 16

: Not Applicable

Place: ANAND Date: 28 /12/2015

(A.H.GADHVI)

Deputy Conservator of Forests Social Forestry Division Anand

8 Whether the requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency in col-2 of part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the Project. If No, recommended area item wise with details of alternatives examined.

The User Agency as mentioned in the Area Part-1, : Col-2 is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

9 Whether any work in violation of the Act has been carried out (Yes / No). If Yes, details of the same including period of work done, action taken on erring officials. Whether work in violation is still in progess.

: The User Agency has not violated the act.

10 Details of Compensatory Afforestation Scheme

- (i) Details of Non forest area/ Degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation, its distance from adjoining forest, number of patches, size of each patch.
- (ii) Map showing Non forest / Degraded forest area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and adjoining forest boundaries.
- (iii) Detailed compensatory afforestation scheme including species to be planted, Implementing Agency, Time Schedule, Cost Structure etc. plan (To be enclosed)
- (iv) Total financial outlay for Compensatory Afforestation scheme
- (v) Certificates from competent authority regarding suitability of area identified for Compensatory Afforestation and from management point of view (To be signed by the concerned Dy. Conservator of Forests).

The Compensatory Afforestation scheme will be followed by Model GIB KUTCH in Forest Area, Village: **Bhachunda**, District: **Kachchh**, Taluka: **Abdasa**, Range: **Naliya (S)**, Survey No. **346/2,351,356**, Division: **Kachchh-Bhuj West**, Area: **58** ha.

: Map is Attached, Annexure- 19

: Please refer Annexure -19

: Rs. 1,20,42,610 /- (One Crore Twenty Lacs Fourty Two Thousand Six Hundered Ten Only)

: Certificate is attached as Annexure- 21

Place: **ANAND**Date: 2% / 12/2015

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Deputy Conservator of Forests
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- 11 Site inspection report of the DCF (To be enclosed) especially highlighting facts asked in col.7 (xi, xii), 8 and 9 above.
- : Site Inspection report is attached as Annexure- ${f 17}$

- 12 Division / District Profile
- (i) Geographical area of the district
- (ii) Forest area of the district **TOTAL**
- (iii) Total forest area diverted since 1980 with number of cases (30/09/2011).
- (iv) Total Compensatory Afforestation stipulated in the district / division since 1980 on.
- **a** Forest land including penal compensatory afforestation
- b Non Forested Land **TOTAL**
- (v) Progress of Compensatory Afforestation as on Date 30/09/2011 on.

13 Specific recommendation of the DCF for

- a Forest land
- b Non-forest land TOTAL
- acceptance or otherwise of the proposal with reasons.

: 2951.00 Sq.Km

: 422.35 Roadside Protected Forest

: 422.35

: 186.04210 (16 Cases)

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: It is recommended to divert this Land for above mentioned purpose.

Place: ANAND
Date: 75/12/2015

(A.H.GADHVI)

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Annexure-17



Site Inspection Report

(For the Forest land to be diverted under FCA)

A proposal has been received by this office from Senior Officer (ROU), Gujarat Gas Limited, Gandhinagar for permission for diversion (under FCA) of **0.6394** ha of Forest land for Non Forestry purpose i.e. for Laying 125/90 MM DIA MDPE pipeline to set up a Piped Natural Gas Distribution Network in Petlad & Khambhat surrounding Area of Taluka Khambhat (0.3075 ha), Borsad (0.0012 ha), Petlad (0.1562 ha) & Sojitra (0.1744 ha), TOTALING **0.6394** ha in Anand District in the State of Gujarat. The Site Inspection of the land involved in the proposed had been done by me on

Dt.:28/12/2015.

On inspection of the site it is found that the land required by the user agency is a PF forest admeasuring **0.6394 ha**.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the agency in Col.2 of part-I is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

No protected archaeological/heritage site/deface establishment or any other important and barest minimum for the project.

No rare/endangered / unique species of flora and fauna found in this area.

XX (A) The user agency has not violated the provision of Forest (Conversation) Act-1980 and no work has been stated without proper sanction.

OR

X (B) It has been found that the user agency has violated the FCA provision and has stated the following works without proper sanction under FCA.

(1)Date of starting the work.

(2) The nature and extent of work done.

It is recommended to divert this land for above mentioned purpose.

Place: - Anand.

Date: -28 /12/2015.

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Dy Conservator of Forests Social Forestry Division

Anand

N.B. X State the purpose for which the forest land is purposed to be diverted.

XX out of (a) ($\sqrt{ }$) and (b) (X) the option which is applicable and cross (X) the option which is not applicable.

As per latter No.2-2/2000-FC, Dt. 16/10/2000 from Ministry of Environment and Forest, Govt. of India, for proposals involving less than 40 ha. Of forest land. The site inspection report from Dy. CF is required and for proposal involving more than 40 ha. Of Forest Land Site inspection report from the conservator of forest it requires.

ક્રમાંક : અ/એફસીએ/પ/બ/ ૧૫૧ / ૧૦૧૬–૧૭ નાયબ વન સંરક્ષકશ્રીની કચેરી , સામાજીક વનીકરણ વિભાગ, જિલ્લા સેવા સદન, રૂમ નં.૧૨૩,૧૨૪. આણંદ. તા. ³⁰ /૦૫/૨૦૧૬

પ્રતિ, ગુજરાત ગેસ લીમીટેડ, ૩૦૧–૩૦૪, ત્રીજો માળ, આઈટી ટાવર –૧, ઈન્ફોસીટી, ગાંધીનગર.

PROPOSAL FOR GRANT OF PERMISSION FOR DIVERSION OF PROTECTED FOREST LAND FOR LAYING 125/90 MM DIA MDPE PIPELINE TO SET UP A PIPED NATURAL GAS DISTRIBUTION NETWORK IN PETLAD & KHAMBHAT SURROUNDING AREA OF TALUKA KHAMBHAT(0.3075Ha), BORSAD(0.0012ha.) PETLAD(0.1562 ha.) & SOJITRA (0.1744 ha.) IN ANAND DISTRICT.

Total: 0.6394 ha. in khambhat, Borsad, Petlad and Sojitra Taluka.

સંદર્ભ :- (૧) અત્રે ની કચેરી ના પત્ર ક્રમાંકઃ એફ.સી.એ./પ/ક/૧૯૦–૯૩ /૨૦૧*૬*–૧૭, તાઃ ૩૦ /૦૫/૨૦૧*૬*.

મહાશય,

સવિનય ઉપરોક્ત વિષય તથા સંદર્ભ-પત્ર અન્વયે જણાવવાનું કે, વિષયવાળી દરખાસ્તને સંદર્ભ-૧થી મળેલ સૈઘ્ધાંતિક મંજુરીની શરતો અન્વયે જણાવ્યા મુજબ નિયત નમુનામાં જણાવ્યા મુજબની ૨કમ ભરપાઈ કરવાની થાય છે જેની વિગત નીચે મુજબની છે.

DETAILS	AMOUNT
Net Present Value	2,80,057/-
Total For Government of India Ad-Hoc CAMPA Account No.	2,80,057/-
SB01025208 in the Corporation Bank, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.	

જે આ સાથે પાઠવવામાં આવેલ નિયત નમુના મુજબ છે જે અન્વયેનાં ભારત સરકારશ્રી માટેનાં ડિમાન્ડ નોટને ઓનલાઇન અપલોડ કરી નોડલ ઓફીસર પાસેથી કન્ફર્મેશન મેળવી, ચલાન ઓનલાઇન જનરેટ કરી ઉપર મુજબનાં બેંક એકાઉન્ટ માં ભરપાઇ કરી અસલ રિસીપ્ટ મોકલી આપવી જેથી દરખાસ્તની મંજુરી માટેની આગળની કાર્યવાહી હાથ ધરી શકાય જેની જાણ થવા વિનંતી છે.

> **(એ.એચ.ગઢવી)** નાયબ વન સંરક્ષક સામાજીક વનીકરણ વિભાગ

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નકલ સાદર રવાનાઃ – મુખ્ય વન સંરક્ષકશ્રી,સમાજીક વનીકરણ વર્તુળ, અમદાવાદ તરફ જાણે સારૂ. નકલ સાદર રવાનાઃ – અધિક અગ્ર મખ્ય વન સંરક્ષકશ્રી,જમીન ગ.રા. ગાંધીનગર તરફ જાણે સારૂ.

કલ રવાના :- પરીક્ષેત્ર વન અધિકારીશ્રી, વિસ્તરણ રેંજ, ખંભાત ,બોરસદ, તથા પેટલાદ, સોજીત્રા તરફ જાણ તથા જરૂરી કાર્યવાહી સારૂ.



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No. FCA/5/C/190-93 /2016-17

Date: 30 /05/2016

To,

GUJARAT GAS LIMITED, 301-304, 3rd Floor, IT Tower - 1, Infocity, Gandhinagar.

Subject :-

Diversion of **0.6394** ha of Protected Forest land for laying 125/90 MM DIA MDPE under ground Gas pipeline to set up a piped Natural Gas Distribution network in Petlad & Khambhat surrounding area of Taluka Khambhat (0.3075 ha.), Borsad (0.0012 ha.), Petlad (0.1562 ha.), & Sojitra (0.1744 ha.), Total 0.6394 in Anand District.

Ref:-

- 1. Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department Letter No:-FCA / 1015 / 1013 / 15 SF 83 F (1), Dt. 04/02/2016.
- 2. GUJARAT GAS LIMITED, Gandhinagar, Letter No:-GGL/ANAND/PF/Khambhat, Petlad, Borsad & Sojitra/2015. Dt. 09/10/2015.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your Letter No. **GGL/ ANAND/ PF/ Khambhat, Petlad, Borsad & Sojitra/ 2015.** Dated 09/10/2015 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Government under Section - 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as per following:

Sr. No.	Particular		Length x Width (Meter)		Area (Sq. Meter)
1.		SH Crossing for Approach to Laxmipura	30.00	0.40	12.00
2.	SH - 16	SH Crossing for Approach to Bhat Talavadi	30.00	0.40	12.00
3.	SH - 16	SH Crossing for Approach to Jinaj	30.00	0.40	12.00

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	TOTAL AREA IN HAC.					
					1	Sq.mt
			TOTAL rmt:	15984.00		6393.6
	17.	SH - 83	Anand - Tarapur (Piplav - Isnav road)	1330.00	0.40	532.00
	16.	SH - 83	Anand - Tarapur	30.00	0.40	12.00
	15.	SH - 83	Isnav to Sojitra	3000.00	0.40	1200.00
	14.	Canal	Petlad Branch Canal	30.00	0.40	12.00
	10.	011	Approach road)	50.00	0.10	12.00
	13.	SH - 89	Nadiad - Khambhat (Mahadev	30.00	0.40	12.00
	12.	SH - 83	Anand - Tarapur	30.00	0.40	12.00
	11.	SH - 89	Nadiad - Khambhat	3786.00	0.40	1514.40
	10.	Canal	Petlad, Branch Canal	30.00	0.40	12.00
	9.	SH - 89	Petlad Khambhat SH, Virsad	30.00	0.40	12.00
	8.	SH - 16	Tarapur - Khambhat, Village - Sokhada	30.30	0.40	12.12
	7.	SH - 16	Tarapur - Khambhat, Village - Sokhada	390.00	0.40	156.00
6	6.	SH - 16	Tarapur - Khambhat, Village - Sokhada	30.00	0.40	12.00
	5.	SH - 16	Jalapur to Laxmipura Km 103/3 to Km 96/3	7118.00	0.40	2847.20
	4.	MDR	Jinaj to Dehda	30.00	0.40	12.00

Government of Gujarat, Forest & Environment Department, Gandhinagar vide its circular mentioned under Reference has delegated powers under "General Approval" to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer to grant approval under forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for laying of underground Optical Fiber Cables, Telephone Lines, Drinking Water, Electric Lines, CNG / PNG pipelines and Petroleum pipelines along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of Tress, where the maximum size of the Trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width subject to certain conditions.

AND whereas, the User Agency, while applying and through the documents submitted, has confirmed that its FCA Proposal, falls along the roads within existing right of way not falling in National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, without felling of trees, where the maximum size of the Trench is not more than 2.00 meter depth and 1.00 meter width and hence fulfills all the above specified conditions and eligibility, as laid down in circular mentioned at ref (1) and falls under the category of proposal eligible for "General Approval".

AND whereas having verified on the site that above facts are correct and fulfills the above specific conditions of "General Approval", the following order is issued.

In view of the above, the undersigned is pleased to convey its "In Principle" approval for diversion of **0.6394** ha. for laying 125/90 MM DIA MDPE under ground Gas pipeline to set up a piped Natural Gas Distribution network in Petlad & Khambhat surrounding area of Taluka Khambhat (0.3075 ha.), Borsad (0.0012 ha.), Petlad (0.1562 ha.), & Sojitra (0.1744 ha.), Total 0.6394 in Anand District in favour of **GUJARAT GAS LIMITED**, Gandhinagar, subject to the following conditions:-



- 1. This permission is granted only for use of the Forest Land for the purpose specified in the proposal. The legal status of the Forest Land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. The cost of NPV, Registration Fees, Processing Fees etc. as per Demand Note attached here with shall be deposited in advance with the Forest Department by the Project Authority.
- 3. The User Agencies shall generate challan through OSMFWC portal before making payment for Stage II Clearance process. All the fund shall be deposited through OSMFWC portal by the User Agency.
- 4. In future if any amount regarding Net Present Value (NPV) or Compensatory Afforestation (CA) is required the User Agency is bounded to pay in favour of Deputy Conservator of Forest.
- 5. The Forest Land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the FCA proposal.
- 6. The User Agency will have to obtain permission from the undersigned for carrying out any maintenance works in future.
- 7. The User Agency will have to make good the Forest Land after use / maintenance work.

 No tree shall be cut.
- 8. The User Agency will be liable to make good any loss to Forests / Environment caused due to the use of the said land by the User Agency.
- 9. The User Agency will seek permission from the Road & Building Department / Science & Technology Dept. Sachivalaya, Gandhinagar, If required so.
- 10. The GAS Pipeline will be laid underground in a Trench of depth of **2.00** meters and width of **1.00**, in between rows of road side plantation.
- 11. The User Agency shall submit the details regarding compliance of MoEF's guideline dated 03.08.2009 and 05.02.2013 with regard to the Scheduled Tribe & Other Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.
- 12. The additional conditions under chapter 5 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be applicable to this proposal as the Government of Gujarat's Resolution No. FCA 1013 / 11 10 / 11 / SF 24 / F, Dated 12.06.2015. The User Agency shall comply additional condition as per the aforementioned resolution.
- 13. Any other conditions, which the Nodal Officer (FCA) / the State Government may stipulate from time to time.



After receipt of the compliance report on the fulfilment of condition no. (2), (3), (5) & (12) mentioned above, from you, Order of formal approval will be issued by this Department.

Yours Faithfully,

(A. H. GADHVI)
Deputy Conservator of Forests
Social Forestry Division,

Anand.

Copy Submitted to :- The Principle Secretary, Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

Copy Submitted to :- Additional Principle Chief Conservator of Forests, Land, Gujarat State, Gandhinagar.

Copy Submitted to :- Chief Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Circle, Ahmedabad

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