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To

The Chief Conservator of Forests Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru

Sub: Diversion of 1.2411 hectare *(revised from 0.1176 ha)* of forest land in Hebri village Sy No. 190 & 214, Ajekaru Hobli, Karkala Taluk, Udupi District for laying of 11 KV HT Express line (AB covered conductor cable) from Hebri MUSS to Varanga passing through Jarvattu Kadu RF and along with PWD road in favour of the Executive Engineer (Electrical), O & M Division, Mangalore Electricity Supply Company Limited (MESCOM), Udupi

## Proposal No. FP/KA/TRANS/43222/2019 [FORM-A]

- **Ref:** 1. This office letter of even number dated 21-04-2022 [sub mission of additional information]
  - **2.** Government of Karnataka letter No. FEE 42 FFM 2021 (e) dated 09-05-2022 [seeking Stage-I approval] and 16-06-2022[communication of Government of India EDS Query]
  - **3.** Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bengaluru letter No.4-KRB1312/2021-BAN/289 dated 02-06-205225 [EDS query]

With reference to the above subject, this office vide Ref (1) has submitted the additional information to Government of Karnataka for seeking 'in-principle'(Stage-I) approval under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. Accordingly, the Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 09-05-2022 was submitted the same information to Government of India for seeking Stage-I approval.

In response, Government of India vide Ref (3) has raised EDS query seeking clarification and information on the following four points (copy enclosed). The same has been communicated by Government of Karnataka vide Ref (2) letter dated 16-06-2022.

- a. User Agency shall explore the possibility of laying the underground cable.
- b. The exact number of trees to be felled.
- c. Whether any existing lines can be upgraded in its existing alignment.
- d. The degraded forest land identified for Compensatory Afforestation is in Chikkaballanur Division, the State Covernment may identify CA area in the

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Kundapur Division itself and furnish the details of the same including map, suitability certificate etc.

Therefore, you are directed to submit clarification/information sought by Government of India after obtaining the same from the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura and User Agency. The online link is transferred to you for further transfer of the same to the User Agency through Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division.

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

Copy along with copy of Government of India letter communicated for information and necessary action to:

- 1. Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kundapura Division, Kundapura.
- 2. Executive Engineer, MESCOM, O & M Division, MESCOM, Maruthi Veethika, Udupi 576 101.