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To,

The Addl Chief Secretary,
Govt. of Gujarat,
Forest and Environment Department,
Sardar Bhawan, Sachivalaya,
Gandhinagar (Gujarat).

Sub: Diversion of 2.162 ha Protected Forest land for laying of 400 KV/DC Transmission line from KAPP (NPP) to Vapi for the transmission of power the length of the transmission line is about 117 Km which passes through Surat, Tapi, Navsari & Valsad Districts in favour of General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Vapi of Gujarat.

Ref: (1) This office letter No. 6-GJB016/2016-BHO/1126 dated 28/11/2016.
(2) State Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat letter no. FCA-1016/3-06/15/S.F.-14/F dated 06/04/2017.
(3) Online payment through RTGS 03/01/2017.

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No.FCA-1016/3-06/15/SF-14/F dated 19/03/2016 on the above mentioned subject seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

The Central Government vide this office letter (1) referred above had agreed in principle for diversion of the above forest land for the purpose mentioned, subject to the fulfillment of condition No 4(c), 5, 6 & 7 stipulated therein.

The State Forest & Environment Department, Gujarat vide letter (2) referred above reported compliance of the said conditions of the in-principle approval letter.

The undersigned therefore directed to hereby convey the **Formal Approval** of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 2.162 ha Protected Forest land for laying of 400 KV/DC Transmission line from KAPP (NPP) to Vapi for the transmission of power the length of the transmission line is about 117 Km which passes through Surat, Tapi, Navsari & Valsad Districts in favour of General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd. Vapi of Gujarat subject to the following terms and conditions:-

1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. Forest land shall be handed over to the User Agency only after the User Agency has got possession of non-forest land, if any, required for the project.

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3. a) Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by forest department over **5.00 ha degraded** forest land (Compartment no. 568 Pt. no. 201pt. Village-Luhari, Taluka-Umarpada, District-Surat) at the cost of the project authority. CA of mixed indigenous species will be raised and monoculture of species should be avoided. CA will be maintained for 07 to 10 years.
- b) Land identified for CA shall be clearly depicted on a Survey of India Toposheet of 1:50,000. The bearing of each corner point and distances between two successive points will be recorded alongwith the GPS readings of Geo coordinates (Latitudes & Longitudes).
4. The user agency shall comply with the guidelines for laying transmission line through forest areas issued by Ministry letter no. 7-25/2012-FC dated 05/05/2014 and 19/11/2014.
5. No damage shall be caused to the flora and fauna of the area.
6. The User Agency will install circuit breakers at suitable places besides maintaining necessary ground clearance to prevent electrocution of wild animals.
7. Felling of trees : project shall restrict the felling of trees upto 50 trees in the diverted forest land. The trees shall be felled under strict supervision of the State Forest Department and only those trees shall be felled which are absolutely essential for the project.
8. Relevant directions contained in various notifications issued by the Central Government under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 and Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986 made there under and as amended from time to time regarding use of fly ash shall be fully complied with.
9. Plantation of low height species preferably medicinal plant will be undertaken below conductor at the cost of the User Agency as per proposal submitted by the Forest Department.
10. Muck disposal, if required, should be taken up as per the scheme approved by the Forest Department.
11. Soil conservation measures, if required, should be taken up by the User Agency for which fund should be provided as per the current rate of works.
12. The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, forward and back bearing and distance from pillar to pillar.
13. a) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
b) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Central Government.
14. a) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials to be used for execution of the project work. Camps shall not be allowed in Forest Area.
b) Proposed labour camps outside the forest area are to be dismantled and removed. The labourers shall be sent back immediately after the completion of the work.

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15. The User Agency shall provide fuel preferably alternate fuel to the staff and labourers working at the site to avoid damage /felling of trees and pressure on forest areas.
16. The User Agency shall ensure that because of this project, no damage is caused to the Wildlife.
17. The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of User Agency or the project life whichever is less.
18. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
19. Provision of all statutory Acts, rules made there under and guidelines applicable to the project have to be strictly followed.
20. Relevant conditions of the in-principle approval order shall also be complied with.
21. Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation and development of forests & wildlife.
22. a) The User Agency shall submit compliance report as on 1st July of every year to the Nodal Officer of the State.
b) The State Government shall monitor compliance of conditions of forest clearance and shall submit in this regard yearly report as on 31st December of every year.
23. In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions, the concerned Divisional Forest Officer shall report through the State Govt. to this office as per procedure laid down in the clause 1.9 of guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken accordingly.

The State Government shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

Yours faithfully,


(B. Abhay Bhaskar)
Dy. Conservator of Forests (C)

Copy to:-

1. The Director (ROHQ), Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change, AGNI, C-Wing, 3rd Floor, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Nodal Officer (FC), Aranya Bhawan, Opp. St. Xavours School, Sector-10 A, Gandhinagar (Gujarat).
3. Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Valsad, Dist-Valsad, Gujarat.
4. Dy. Conservator of Forests, Forest Extension Division Navsari, District-Navsari, Guj.
5. Dy. Conservator of Forests, Social Forestry Division Surat, District-Surat, (Gujarat).
6. The General Manager, Power Grid Corporation of India Ltd., 400/220 KV substation, Village-Ambheti, Post-Vapi-396-191, Gujarat.
7. Order file.

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