To

The Principal Secretary to the Government of Andhra Pradesh,
Environment, Forests, Science & Technology Department,
Government of Andhra Pradesh, Room No.268, 1st Floor, 4th Block,
Andhra Pradesh Secretariat, Velagapudi, Amaravati Guntur District-522503

Subject: Diversion of 0.733 ha of forest land in Odalarevu RF of Kakinada Division for laying of underground pipeline from Offshore wells to onshore terminals for KG-DWN-98/2, in favour of M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Kakinada-reg

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government’s letter No.2168/Section-II/2018 dated 31.05.2018 seeking prior approval of the Central Government for diversion of forest land in accordance with Section ‘2’ of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the above mentioned project.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am hereby directed to convey the Central Government’s approval (Stage-I) under Section ‘2’ of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 0.733 ha of forest land in Odalarevu RF of Kakinada Division for laying of underground pipeline from Offshore wells to onshore terminals for KG-DWN-98/2, in favour of M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Kakinada, subject to the following conditions:-

1. The legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged;

2. The demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of User Agency;

3. The State Forest Department shall carryout plantation of 10 times the number of trees to be felled in the diverted forest area and its maintenance in nearby degraded forest land at the project cost. CA scheme and map with DGPS coordinates of the degraded forest land to be identified for plantation shall be furnished along with compliance report;

Date 25 June, 2018
4. The State Government shall charge the Net Present Value of the diverted forest land measuring 0.733 ha from the User Agency as per the orders of the Hon’ble Supreme Court dated 28.03.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA’s in Writ Petition (Civil) No.202/1995;

5. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon’ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from User Agency. User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect;

6. No permanent building or labour camps shall be established on the forest land. User agency shall provide firewood preferably alternate fuel to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the adjacent forest areas;

7. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred / sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

8. The User Agency shall ensure that, after completion of laying of pipeline, the entire stretch falling in forest land shall be cleared of all materials, debris etc and forest land to be filled back to the original level;

9. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

10. User agency shall ensure that no disturbance caused to the nearby forest flora & fauna by the road users;

11. The State government shall ensure that the user agency shall obtain all other necessary clearances including CRZ clearance, if required, before commencement of the work;

12. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 0.733 and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal;

13. The Progress of the Compensatory Afforestation as mentioned by the FDO, Kakinada Forest Division in Sl No 12 (v) (a) of part II i.e 112.087 ha of forest land and 1653.454 ha of degraded forest land shall be monitored by the Circle Head and a copy of such monitoring report shall be forwarded to the Regional Office to upload the same in the web portal;
14. Any other conditions that the Central Government or Addl. PCCF(Central) of Regional Office, Chennai may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;

15. In the event of failure to comply with any of the above conditions the user agency is liable for penal action as decided by the Additional PCCF (Central), Regional Office, Chennai.

After receipt of the compliance report on above mentioned conditions, the proposal will be considered for final approval. This in-principle approval shall be valid for a period of 5 years from the date of issue of this letter. In the event of non-compliance of the above conditions, this in-principle approval shall automatically stand revoked after 5 years.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. K. Ganesh Kumar)
Deputy Conservator of Forests (Central)

Copy to:-

1. The Director General of Forests & Special Secretary to Govt. of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.

2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.

3. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests/Nodal Officer (FCA), Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forests Department, Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Aranya Bhavan, K.M. Munshi Road, Nagarampalem, Guntur-522004.

4. The Director, RO(HQ) Division, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhavan, Jor Bagh Road, Aliganj, New Delhi - 110 003.

5. M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited, Corporate HSE, 8th Floor Core IV, SCOPE Minar, Delhi-110092.


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