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New Delhi

Date:

Soumya Datta,
Advocate on record
Counsel for Committee – GFIL
(Appointed by Hon'ble Supreme Court)

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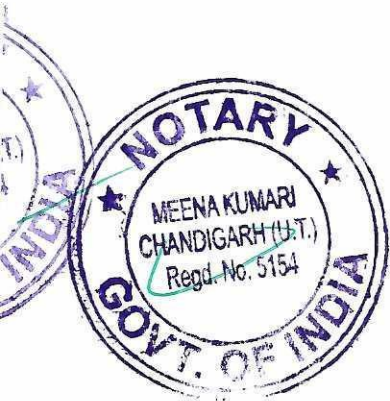
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**COUNTER AFFIDAVIT ON BEHALF OF THE
COMMITTEE-GFIL CONSTITUTED BY THE HON'BLE
SUPREME COURT.**

I, Shri Brij Mohan Bedi, S/o Shri Sadhu Ram Bedi, aged about 74 years,
R/o H. No. 22, Sector-4, Panchkula, do hereby solemnly affirm and state
as under:-

1. That I am one of the members of the Committee constituted by the Hon'ble Supreme Court. I am duly authorised and being fully competent and fully conversant with the facts and circumstances of the case, I am competent to swear this affidavit.
2. That this affidavit has been prepared under my instructions.
3. That vide letter dated 20.2.2023, the Committee in compliance with the order dated 24.1.2023 passed by this Hon'ble Court, supplied a



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detailed list of properties which were in its knowledge to Income Tax Department for valuation by them. A copy of covering letter dated 20.2.2023 is enclosed herewith as **ANNEXURE R-1** (pg 4 to pg 4).

4. That list of the properties in Chhotoupal Mandal, Yadadri District of Telangana ran into twelve pages. First ten pages pertain to Golden Projects Limited and the last two pages pertained to the properties of Golden Forests India Limited in the shape of a letter as received from District Collector. The list is enclosed herewith as **ANNEXURE R-2** (pg 5 to pg 6).

5. That the Committee vide its letter dated 5.9.2023 requested Income Tax Department to evaluate properties in Bibinagar Mandal, Yadadri District of Telangana A copy of covering letter dated 5.9.2023 is enclosed herewith as **ANNEXURE R-3** (pg 7 to pg 7).

6. That during the course of hearing dated 24.1.2024 it was pointed out by some prospective bidders of Telangana properties that the properties in Telangana has not been completely evaluated. Therefore the Committee forthwith compared the list provided to and evaluated by Income Tax department and found that the properties provided vide letter dated 20.2.2023 were not completely evaluated.

7. That the Committee immediately, vide letter dated 30.1.2024, again supplied the list of properties in Chhotoupal Mandal, Yadadri District of Telangana which were not evaluated earlier by Income Tax Department with a request to evaluate the same. A copy of



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covering letter dated 30.1.2024 is enclosed herewith as
ANNEXURE R-4 (pg 8 to pg 9).

8. It is prayed that this counter affidavit may please be taken on record.

[Signature]

DEPONENT

VERIFICATION:-

I, the deponent above named, do hereby verify and state that the contents of paragraph 1 to 8 of the affidavit are true to my knowledge based on records of the case, no part of it is false and nothing material has been concealed there from.

Verified by me at on this the 12th day of February, 2024.

[Signature]

DEPONENT

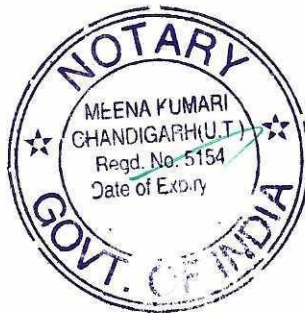
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NOTARY CHANDIGARH

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COMMITTEE - GOLDEN FORESTS (INDIA) LIMITED

(Appointed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India) **ANNEXURE - R-1**

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No. CHD/COM/5/2023/ 70

February 20, 2023

The Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (Hq.) (Judl),
Office of the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, N.W. Region,
Aayakar Bhawan, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh.

Subject: Compliance of the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court- M/s. Raiganj Consumer
Form Vs UoI, W.P. (C) No. 188/2004 to Conmt. Pet (C) No. 942/2021 in TC(C) No.
2/2004-Regarding.

Please refer your letter No. CCIT/CHD/Judl/Raiganj/2022-23/4608 dated February 1,
2023 on the subject mentioned above.

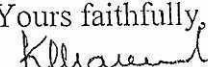
In this connection please find enclosed herewith the list of properties
(Land/Buildings/Office Buildings/Flats/Shops etc.) belonging to Golden Group of companies
in the States of Andhra Pradesh (now Telengana), Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh,
Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Uttrakhand, West
Bengal for taking further necessary action in this regard.

Please evaluate the properties on the basis of current value of the properties. Please do
not rely on the earlier evaluation of 2018 because the values of properties have risen
considerably over the past four years.

Apart from the above, if any other property is located the same would be intimated to
your goodself.

Encl: As above.

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प्राप्ति संख्या / Receipt No.
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Office of the
Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax
N.W. Region, Chandigarh

Yours faithfully,

Justice K.S. Garewal (Retd)
Chairman

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT COLLECTOR : NALGONDA.

ANNEXURE - R-2

From
S.A.M. Rizvi, IAS.,
District Collector,
Nalgonda.

To
The Member,
Office of the Chairman
Committee - Golden
Forests (India) Ltd.,
Bungalow No.60, Sector-4,
CHANDIGARH.
Tel: 0172 - 2740134

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Letter No.E3/24/2010

Dt.04-02-2010.

Sir,

Sub:-Lands - Nalgonda District - Bhongir Division -
Choutuppal mandal - Choutuppal, Tallasingaram,
Panthangi, Thangadapally and Lingojugudem villages -
Verification of the properties of the Company Golden
Forest (India) Ltd., and its subsidiary / Associate
companies - Report called for - Submitted.

- Ref:-1) Member, Committee - Golden Forest (India) Ltd.,
Lr. No.COM/CHD/2009/324, dt.7-12-2009.
2) Govt. of A.P., Memo No.13750/Genl.B/A2/2007-4 of
Home (General-B) Dept., Dt.15-12-2009.
3) Revenue Divisional Officer, Bhongir Lr.No.F/1826/09,
Dt.26-12-2009.
4) Member, Committee - Golden Forest (India) Ltd.,
Lr. No.COM/CHD/2010/414, Dt.29-01-2010.
5) Tahsildar, Choutuppal Lr.No.C/337/2010, Dt.2-2-2010.
6) Asst. Director, Survey & Land Records, Nalgonda
Lr.No.A5/92/2010, Dt.2-2-2010.
7)Endorsement of the District Collector, Nalgonda dt.3-2-2010.

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I invite kind attention to the reference 1st cited and submit that
the status of the lands / properties of the company, Golden Forest
(India) Ltd., and its Subsidiary / Associate Companies including
Golden Projects Ltd., and others situated in the villages of (1)
Choutuppal (2) Tallasingaram (3) Panthangi (4) Thangadapally and
(5) Lingojugudem of Choutuppal mandal of Nalgonda District have
been got verified with the Revenue Divisional Officer, Bhongir and
Assistant Director, Survey & Land Records, Nalgonda.

As per the report of Revenue Divisional Officer, Bhongir (copy enclosed) and Assistant Director, Survey & Land Records, Nalgonda the status of the lands are as under: 6

Sl. No.	Name of the Village	No. of Sy. Nos.	Extent covered (Ac.Gts.)	No. of Tounch Maps prepared	No. of Tippon Surveys available	Remarks
1	Thangadapally	53	407-09 387-29	53	17	All these lands in the village are in the name of Golden Forest (India) Ltd., as per record and are fallow except Ac.20-00 where Agriculture activities are going on with cotton and coriundem to an extent of Ac.5-00 and Ac.15-00 respectively. This land of Ac.20-00 is leased out through its Manager by Sri Ramana Rao to 5 persons. Two lease holders namely 1) Parige Kistaiah S/o.Sathaiah and 2) Berthe Srisailam S/o.Narsaiah both R/o. Thangadapally (v) were present at the time of enquiry and told these facts.
2	Choutuppal	11	70-39 1/2	45	0	Total land is in the name of Golden Forest (India) Ltd., and one watchman room is located.
3	Lingojigudem	45	535-35 1/2 519-35 1/2	45	45	There is one rice mill namely Santhosh Binni Rice mill is existing. Sri Palle Ram Reddy, GPA holder sold the lands in Sy.No.312, 307 and 296 to an extent of Ac.16-00 to Sri Puvvada Surya Narayana and an extent of Ac.10-00 made into plots and the remaining lands stands in the name of the Golden Forest (India) Ltd.
4	Thallasingaram	21	206-16 191-16	21	21	The entire land is fallow, except Ac.15-00 which is leased to Megas Metal Ltd., who raised Horticulture crop. As per the record all lands are in the name of Golden Forest (India) Ltd.
5	Panthani	09	37-14	09	09	All lands are fallow and in the name of Golden Forest (India) Ltd.
TOTAL:		139	1257-34	139	92	

This is submitted for kind information.
Encls:- (As above)

COMMITTEE - GOLDEN FORESTS (INDIA) LIMITED

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September 5, 2023

The Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (HQ) (Judl.)
Office of the Principal Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, NWR
Ayakar Bhawan, Sector 17 - E Chandigarh

Subject:- Compliance of order dated 24.1.2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the matter of M/s Raiganj consumer Forum Vs UOI, W.P. (C) 188 of 2004 .

Please refer to our letter no 70 dated 20.2.2023 vide which a list of properties belonging to Golden Group of Companies was provided for the purpose of evaluation by your department.

The Committee has received the valuation report from your department on 17.8.2023. On careful perusal it is found that following two properties in the state of Andhra Pradesh (now Telangana) have inadvertently escaped mention in the final list of properties delivered to your department:-

1. Approx. 231.30 acres of land in village Raghavpuram, Bibinagar Mandal, Telangana (detail enclosed as **Annexure A**)
2. Building H. No. 5-1-120/1 & 5-1-120/2, plot no. 265/1, survey no. 265/A Maidpally Silver, having area approx. 847 sq.yds situated in Rajiv Rahadhari, Jyoti Nagar NTPC, Ramagundum, Dist.. Karimnagar.

You are now requested to evaluate these properties so that Hon'ble Supreme Court may be apprised their evaluation as well.

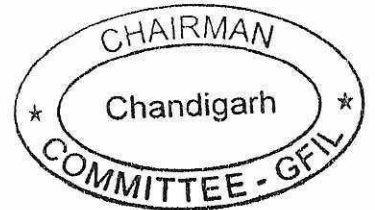
For your information the property at sr. No. 1 above was part of "Part-D" of properties given to Hon'ble Supreme Court earlier which was later evaluated by Income Tax Department. The Income Tax Department has, pursuant to order dated 30.8.2018, evaluated this property and reported its evaluation through Fourth Interim progress report dated 4.7.2019. Copy enclosed as **Annexure B**.

Encl: As above



Yours Faithfully,

Justice K.S. Garewal(Retd)
Chairman



COMMITTEE - GOLDEN FORESTS (INDIA) LIMITED

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January 30, 2024

The Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (Hq.) (Judl),
Office of the Pr. Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, N.W. Region,
Aayakar Bhawan, Sector 17-E, Chandigarh.

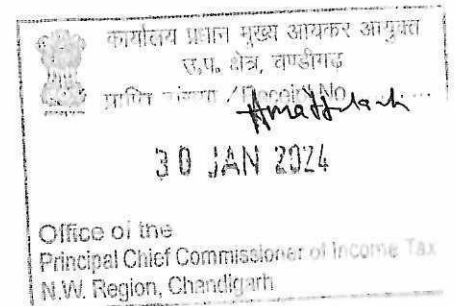
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2/2004-Regarding.

Please refer our letter No. CHD/COM/5/2023/70 dated 20.2.2023. In compliance of
directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the State-wise list of properties available with the
Committee-GFIL, was sent to your office for evaluation vide letter under reference.

State-wise list of properties was enclosed with the letter for evaluation of properties.
Properties situated in the State of Andhra Pradesh were at sl. No.1. It consisted of 15 pages.
Though properties of 13 pages were evaluated which belongs to Golden Projects Limited?
However, page 14 was a forwarding letter from Collector, Bhongir giving details of properties
of Golden Forests (India) Limited annexed therewith which was at page 15. It appears by
inadvertence the properties mentioned at last page omitted to be evaluated.

It was pointed out during the hearing in the Hon'ble Supreme Court held on 24.1.2024
by some of the prospective bidders that property of Golden Forests (India) Limited in
Andhra/Telangana has not been evaluated completely.

For your information under the directions dated 30.8.2018 of the Hon'ble Supreme
Court, Income Tax Department evaluated this property earlier also and submitted fourth
interim progressive report vide affidavit dated 4.7.2019 in which this property is mentioned
at serial no. 1. (Copy of the report is enclosed for your ready reference).



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You are requested to carry out the evaluation. A copy of list of two pages of the lists is again sent to you for necessary information.

This may kindly be done on priority.

Encl: As above (22 pages)

Yours faithfully,

K. S. Garewal
Justice K.S. Garewal (Retd)
Chairman

