

SITE INSPECTION REPORT



A proposal (Drilling Location DHD) has been received for diversion of 2.696 hectre forest land for non-forestry purpose under F.C Act 1980. A joint verification was done on 8th Oct 2020 along with members of user agency. The area is being diverted for drilling site DHD to produce gas. The proposed area already has an oil well which is not under operation. The user agency intends to drill another well in the area. The area of the old well has no trees. But the area along the periphery has trees but oil does not intend to fell any of them. During the site inspection, the forest staff and staff engaged by OIL for protection of old well confirmed the presence of elephants in the area. During the site inspection, elephant dung was found in the area. Calls of Hoolock gibbon was also heard during the site inspection.

Considering the fact that the area already had a well and was operational and considering the need of hydrocarbons for development, the diversion may be allowed without causing major damage to the forest. Also, drilling may be done with minimum disturbance to the environment. Effective steps are to be funded by the user agency to tackle the Man-animal conflict in the area which may arise due to the project.

Therefore, the permission for diversion of forest land is recommended for the aforesaid purpose.


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