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Non-Applicability of Environmental Clearance

ONGC had submitted proposal Ref no: IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019 (Form-1 and PFR) earlier to MoEF&CC, New Delhi in the month of May 2019 for Environmental Clearance, indicating applicability of CRZ rules, Forest conservation rules and wild life board clearance for issue of Terms of Reference.

MoEF&CC has raised EDS (Essential detail sought) Annexure-I and ONGC submitted reply to EDS (Annexure-II) and MoEF&CC has responded that "the proposed pipeline is not attracting the provisions of the EIA Notification, requiring prior EC" (Annexure-III).

Please find attached MoEF&CC response screenshot for your reference and information please.

Place: Kakinada
Date: 28th October 2019

(Ravi Kumar Chacham)
CGM (Civil)
KG-DWN-98/2

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EDS details related with Proposals				
Sno.	Proposal No.	Essential Details Sought by MS	Copy of Essential Details Sought letter	Sought on(Date)
1	IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019	Please inform whether the proposed pipeline in PASSING THROUGH any National Park/Sanctuaries/Coral reefs/ESA etc, as per the EIA Notification, 2006. Please also see Ministry's OM dated 6th September, 2018 regarding applicability.		14/05/2019

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No. ONGC/EOA/KG-DWN-98/2/2019-20

25th July, 2019

Sub: Reply to EDS raised on TOR application for the project "Laying of 20" pipeline of about 31 km from Offshore Platform, through Mouth of the Goutami River to ONGC onshore Plant at Mallavaram Village, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh"

Ref: Proposal no. IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019, F. No. J-11011/189/2019-IA-II (I)

ONGC Eastern Offshore Asset, Kakinada has taken up a prestigious and ambitious offshore project KG DWN 98/2, which will produce around 25.87 MMT oil & 45.28 BCM gas for the nation thereby reducing the import dependency.

As part of this project it is proposed to lay 20" pipeline (about 30 km length) from Offshore Central Process Platform, through Mouth of the Goutami River to ONGC onshore plant at Mallavaram Village, Thallarevu Mandal, East Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh.

The proposed 20" pipeline (about 30 km length) route from Offshore Central Process Platform (CPP) to Onshore Gas Terminal (OGT) at Mallavaram comprises of laying of about 9 km offshore below sea bed and about 10 km pipeline laying along the river (at depth 2.5 m below the scour depth). Subsequently, it involves shore pull in shore approaches / near shore location. It has River crossings (about 2 km) at two different locations which will be performed by Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD). On land buried pipe line is around 9 km.

In this regard, ONGC had submitted an application (IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019) to MOEFCC for obtaining TOR for laying the above mentioned pipeline under category 6a of the EIA Notification, 2006. MOEFCC raised the following query:

"Please inform whether the proposed pipeline is PASSING THROUGH any National Park/sanctuary/coral reefs/ESAs etc. as per the EIA notification, 2006. Please also see Ministry's OM dated 6th September, 2018 regarding applicability"

Reply to the query

1. The proposed pipeline route does not pass through any National Park, sanctuary and coral reefs.
2. Regarding the ESA, it is submitted that as per the reply provided by Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Environment, Forest and Climate Change in XVI Loksabha, in reply to Starred Question No. 164, MoEF&CC has notified 8 ESAs in the country, according to which the proposed proposal does not fall under ESA.

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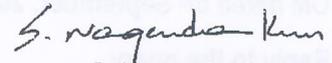
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To provide special protection to landscape, biodiversity, wildlife, historical value, regulate the developmental activities and ensure sustainable development, Central Government has been notifying the Eco-sensitive Areas (ESA) from time to time in exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act 1986. So far, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MEF&CC) has notified eight ESAs in the country. Besides, one draft notification to declare ESA for Western Ghats has recently been published inviting public comments/views. A state-wise detail of ESA is below

Sl. No.	Name of the ESA/restricted zone	District/ State	Area Covered	Date of Notification
1.	Dahanu Taluka	Thane, Maharashtra	990 sq. km	20.06.1991
2.	Bhagirathi	Uttarkashi District, Uttarakhand	4179.59 sq. km	18.12.2012
3.	Mahabaleshwar-Panchgani	Satara District, Maharashtra	237.28 sq. km	17.01.2001
4.	Matheran	Raigad & Thane Districts, Maharashtra	214.73 sq. km	04.02.2003
5.	Mount Abu	Sirohi District, Rajasthan	-	25.06.2009
6.	Doon Valley	Uttarakhand	-	01.02.1989
7.	Aravalli Range	Gurgaon District of Haryana and Alwar District of Rajasthan	-	07.05.1992
8.	Numaligarh (No Development Zone)	Golaghat District, Assam	Around 15 km from refinery	05.07.1996
Draft ESA Notification				
9.	Western Ghats (Draft notification issued)	Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala and Tamil Nadu	Gujarat: 449 sq. km	28.02.2017
			Maharashtra: 17340 sq.km	
			Goa: 1461 sq. km	
			Karnataka: 20668 sq. km	
			Tamil Nadu: 6914 sq. km	
			Total: 59940 sq. km	

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In view of the above, it is clarified that the proposed pipeline is not passing through any National Parks, sanctuary, coral reefs and any of the notified ESA.


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1	IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019	As per the information provided, the proposed pipeline is not attracting the provisions of the EIA Notification, requiring prior EC. The correction have been made as per the instruction received		26-07-2019	Industrial Projects -2
2	IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019			26-07-2019	Industrial Projects -2
3	IA/AP/IND2/104655/2019	Please inform whether the proposed pipeline in PASSING THROUGH any National Park/Sanctuaries Coral reefs ESA etc. as per the EIA Notification, 2006. Please also see Ministry's OM dated 6th September, 2018 regarding applicability.		14-05-2019	Industrial Projects -2

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