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(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम - महारत्न कंपनी)

**GAIL (India) Limited**

(A Government of India Undertaking - A Maharatna Company)

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Date 04.10.2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Baripada, Mayurbhanj, Odisha

**Subject :** Proposal for diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spurline of Jagdishpur- Haldia Pipeline(JHBDPL) Project in Bahadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj District of Odisha by GAIL (India) Ltd pertaining to 3 Divisions i.e. Bhadrak(WL), Division (0.3762 ha of forest land), Balasore (WL) Division (1.1921 ha of forest land) and Baripada Division (0.2807 ha of forest land).

**Reference:** Letter No: 5-ORB557 / 2023-BHU Dt 25.01.2024 from DIG Forests (C), RO -MoEF, Bhubaneswar

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the above cited letter from DIG Forest, RO-MoEF Bhubaneswar regarding the subject matter.

Reference to the point no c) of the said letter, GAIL has enclosed letters for your kind reference and needful processing.

Looking forward to your kind support and thanking you.

With Warm Regards,



(S K Panda)

General Manager(BIS)

Enclosure:

- a) IOM from Chief General Manager(Construction), Ranchi
- b) IOM Reply regarding the violation

CC: Chief General Manager(Construction), GAIL, Ranchi

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**GAIL (India) Limited**  
**Ranchi**  
**Inter Office Memo**

**GAIL/Ranchi/DHPL/Forest /2024/01**

**26.09.2024**

<b>From:</b>  CGM (Const.) GAIL (India) Ltd, Ranchi	<b>To:</b>  GM (BIS), GAIL (India) Ltd, Bhubaneswar
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**Subject: Proposal for Diversion of 1.849 Ha of forest land in Bhadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj Districts of Odisha w.r.t. implementation of Dhamra - Haldia Gas Pipeline (DHPL) Project of GAIL.**


**Reference: Letter No. 5-ORB557 / 2023-BHU dated 25.01.2024 from DIG Forests (C), RO- MoEF, Bhubaneswar.**

This has reference to the above cited letter from DIG Forest, RO-MoEF Bhubaneswar regarding the subject matter. It has come to notice that pipeline is laid by the contractor on some forest land during the execution of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline, Odisha section without having obtained desired Forest permission.

The incident is not only violation but also against GAIL's commitment towards protection of environment and forest expressed in its sustainable development policy.

You are therefore requested to inform the reasons / circumstances responsible for this violation.

Regards,

  
(Saurabh Tripathi) 26/9/24  
CGM (Const.)

**Enclosure:**

- 1) Letter No. 5-ORB557 / 2023-BHU dated 25.01.2024



**GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED  
BHUBANESWAR  
INTER OFFICE MEMO**

Dated: 30.09.2024

<b>From:</b> GM(BIS) Bhubaneswar	<b>To:</b> CGM(Construction) Ranchi
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Sub: Diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Gas Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spur line of Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) Project in Bhadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj Districts of Odisha pertaining to 3 divisions i.e. Bhadrak (WL) division (0.3762 ha of Forest land), Balasore(WL) Division (1.1921 ha of forest land) and Baripada Division (0.2807 ha of forest land) by GAIL (India) Ltd

Reference: Letter No GAIL/Ranchi/DHPL/Forest/2024/01 Dated 26.09.2024

Dear Sir,

GAIL (India) Limited has been authorized by GoI to lay 254 KM x 18" Dhamra-Haldia Natural Gas Pipeline vide PNGRB authorization dated Infra/NGPL/124/GAIL/JHBDPL/01/19 dated 08.11.2019. Detailed route survey was carried out for this project and accordingly a forest diversion proposal for diversion of 1.611 Ha of forestland was submitted to forest department vide proposal No. FP/OR/Pipeline/148595/2021.

The forest area proposed for diversion under this proposal was revised and increased to 1.849 Ha of forestland as few forest plots which are currently of non-forest nature but as per sabik details are forest were inadvertently missed at the initial stage during the preparation of the forest diversion proposal.

GAIL had informed to the forest department regarding increase of forest land and same was updated in the forest proposal (revised proposal dated 16.11.2022) as soon as it came to our notice. However, the pipeline was already laid in the said sabik forest lands falling under Baripada Forest Division prior to submission of the proposal as the Hal Kisam of these lands are non-forest/private.

Sir, this violation on sabik forest has been unintentional and by mistake of our project team prior to submission of the proposal. Since the act of violation was unintentional and the sabik forest land involved in this violation is very small (0.2379 Ha) and also the Hal Kisam of these lands are non-forest/private, this act of violation may please be condoned in the interest of this Govt. of India project of national importance.

With Warm Regards,

  
S K Panda

General Manager(BIS)