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## To whom it may concern

In compliance of the Ministry of Environment and Forest (MoEF), Government of India's letter No 11-9/1998-FC (pt), Dated: 03.08.2009 wherein the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF) issued guidelines on submission of evidences for having initiated and completed the process of settlement of rights under the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 (FRA for short) on the forest land proposed to be diverted for non-forest purposes. It is certified that 17.6962 Hectares of forest land proposed to be diverted in favour of Essar Oil And Gas Exploration And Production Ltd for installation of well pads and construction of approach road and laying of pipeline in the district of Paschim Bardhaman falls within the administrative blocks of Durgapur-Faridpur and Kanksa.The proposed project does not affect any existing rights under FRA.

Mouzas under Kanksa Block :Bandra, Bistupur, Malandighi, Keshabpur, Akandara, Trilakchandrapur, Rajkusum, Sadhumara,Gopalpur, Saraswatiganj.

Mouzas under Faridpur Block :Gopendanga, Bargaria, Chak-Bishnupur, Parulia, Kantaberia, Banshia.

It is further certified that:

- (a) The complete process of identification and settlement of rights under FRA has been carried out for the entire 17.6962 Hectares of forest area proposed for diversion.
- (b) The proposal does not involve recognized rights of Primitive Tribal Groups and Pre Agricultural Communities.

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