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**Oil India Limited**  
(A Government of India Enterprise)

Ref. No. S&E/E/88(E)/82

Date: 14.01.2020

**Reply against the Essential Details Sought (EDS) by Nodal Officer (FC Act) for Forest Clearance (FC) application of Loc. DHD on 08.01.2020**

**Query:** Quote:

"Your reply and documents uploaded in Form A Part I dated 26.12.2019 against our query dated 19.12.2017 for use of forest land measuring 2.696 hectares for Drilling Location DHD vide letter No. S&E/E/88(E)/1971 dated 24.12.2019 reveals that no new approach is required for the proposed forest land diversion as there is already existing forest road which is passing adjacent to the proposed project site. In this regard, it is to clarify that since the existing road passing adjacent to the proposed site is a forest road, you have to incorporate the required portion of approach road area in the proposed forest diversion proposal."

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- Reply: The approach road under reference shall be used for drilling operation only which shall be completed within 3(three) months' time. However as per MoEF & CC circular dated 11.10.2019, vide File No: FC-11/203/2019-FC regarding temporary use of forest land is allowed without any damage or tree felling therein does not require prior approval of Central Government under FC Act, 1980. (Copy enclose). Oil India shall seek permission from State Forest Department for using approach road for temporary period. In case the further use is needed for OIL, a formal FC approval under FC Act 1980 will be obtained.

It is worth mentioning that the proposal for the location DHD was submitted in the year 2017. Now any change in the project area will delay the project, since the area is un-editable and also all process of FRA certificate has been completed and FRA certificate will be issued by DC-Tinsukia shortly. So fresh proposal at this stage will jeopardize the project. The existing road to the plinth of DHD is already diverted and used by general public.

View above we request your good office to please consider our justification and accord your approval please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
OIL INDIA LIMITED

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