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Date: 24.12.2022

To,
The Divisional Forest officer (DFO),
Ludhiana Forest Division,
Dist: Ludhiana, Punjab.

Subject:- Compliance to EDS raised from Ludhiana Forest Division

Diversion of 0.96 Ha of Protected Forest laying 4" dia. pipeline of length 22.73 Km along with OFC to supply Natural Gas to M/s Vardhaman Special Steel Limited, in District Ludhiana passing through Ludhiana Forest Division falling under your jurisdiction.

- Ref No.**
1. Online Application No.: FP/PB/Pipeline/153849/2022 dated 26.03.2022
 2. Your office Letter No.: 7302 dated 29.11.2022
 3. GAIL's Letter No.: GAIL/VVSL/Pipeline/Forest/2022/003 dated 29.11.2022
 4. Your office Letter No.: 8165-67 dated 22.12.2022

Dear Sir,

With the EDS raised as per reference letter no. 8165-67 dated 22.12.2022, the compliance is to the observation raised is listed below:

Sr. No.	Observation	Compliance
1	Calculation of forest area affected due to layout plan and item wise break in the proposal is not correct.	<i>Layout Plan of Forest stretch and Item-wise Breakup of Forest and Non-forest area in the proposal has been rectified.</i> [Enclosed]
2	Undertaking for length, width and depth has not been given to the proposed by user agency. According to the subject, the length of the pipeline is 22.73 km. So Bank Guarantee 22730 meters x 25 = Rs 5,68,250/- should be taken. However, a Bank Guarantee of Rs 4,00,000 has been taken in this case. This number should be rechecked and the necessary Bank guarantee should be deposited.	<i>The total length of the pipeline project from Doraha to Focal Point is 22.73 KM, However the total Length of the forest falling under this project 15.91 Km only, which has been considered as 16.00 Km Therefore Bank Guarantee 16000 meters x 25 = Rs 4,00,000/- has been taken in this case and the same has been deposited.</i>

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3	The pipeline found in the KML file uploaded online in the proposal has been placed exactly between the forest area and the Pipeline and OFC of the user agency. It will affect the trees standing in the middle of the forest area. Regarding which it has been reported to you that no tree is affected in the proposal. A clear report should be made by checking the file. While the NOC issued to the National Highways Department, it is written that the Gas Pipeline and OFC of the user agency, shall be along Road edge.	<i>New KML file with proposed pipeline is uploaded and is indicative only. However the Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline shall be laid at the extreme edge of the NHAI RoW and No tree felling shall be carried, unless and until required and same shall be strictly done under the guidance of Forest Department. Undertaking has already been furnished to Forest Department.</i> <i>GAIL (India) Limited shall be bearing the cost of tree felling, if affected at the time of construction.</i>
4	NOC issued by Irrigation Department for Gas Pipeline and OFC to the user agency are at depth of 4 mtr as recorded. Whereas, according to the guidelines of the Government of India, the depth shall be less than 2 mtr. Clarification shall be furnished in this regard.	<i>The depth of Pipeline shall be 4 meter. from the bed while crossing 1-R Distributary canal only</i> <i>However, along route in forest area, depth of pipeline shall be maintained between 1.2 to 1.7 mtr. as per the P&MP guidelines</i>
5	NOC's issued by the PWD uploaded in online portal are not readable.	<i>The readable copy of NOC from the PWD department have been uploaded in the online Portal.</i>

We solicit your kind cooperation and help for an appropriate early action for processing our request.

Thanking you,

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