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Oil India Limited
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Ref. No. S&E/E/88(C)/1963

Date : 08.12.2017

Reply against the Essential Details Sought (EDS) for Forest Clearance (FC) application of Loc. DHD by Nodal Officer (FC Act) on 17.08.2017

Query:1 : C-(iv)- The uploaded map in the additional information of the Form A Part I is a Google Earth layout map of the proposed DHD Drilling Location instead of required Geo-reference map of the proposed diversion area. Hence afresh map showing the area to be diverted in a geo-referenced map in shape file along with mandatory components, appropriate legends, DGPS/Total Station coordinates points and DGPS/total Station coordinate readings should be reflected in the map and uploaded.

OIL Comment:

The modified Geo reference map is attached and uploaded on the online portal.

Query:2: C – K – (i) – FRA 2006 clearance certificate in prescribed format from the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district is wanting. So furnished the same.

OIL Comment :

We have applied for FRA certificate vide our letter No. S&E/E/88(E)/939 dated 03.06.2017. Subsequently, we had also followed up with DFO, Digboi vide our email dated 26.07.2017 regarding the status of FRA certificate. Further, we have received a letter dated 26.07.2017 from DC, Tinsukia addressed to DFO, Digboi (Copy Enclosed as Annexure-III), requesting him to expedite upon the matter and furnish a fresh report so that FRA can be issued from DC, Tinsukia. Hence, FRA cannot be uploaded at this stage since it is under process at DFO, Digboi Office.

However as per manual of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Informatics Division 2015 , in para 1.4.6 “workflow for Forest Clearance Process ” it is clearly stated that

Quote:-

“Nodal Officer scrutinizes the proposal (within 10 days) and sends an acceptance letter to User Agency, if all relevant documents are uploaded properly by U.A. If any document is missing or any other information is needed, Nodal Officer may ask U.A. to upload those missing information. Timeline will start only if Nodal officer accepts the proposal.

When, Nodal Officer sends the acceptance letter to U.A., proposal details are forwarded automatically to concerned DFOs and DCs for their necessary action.

DFO can view the proposal after logging in to portal and can take print out (if needed) of the entire details and then process it. After that, he/she uploads the part-II of Form-A/Form-B/Form-C on the portal along with his/her recommendation and Site Inspection report.

When, DFO uploads his/her recommendation and Site Inspection Reports on the portal, proposal details are forwarded automatically to concerned CF/CCF for the necessary action.

District Collector (DC) can view the proposal after logging in to portal. He/she has to upload FRA document (that must include Forest rights settlement details) on the portal."

-Unquote

View above, the FRA matter found to be prerogative area of DFO & DC. OIL can only pursue the matter with the respective authority. Since we have taken up the matter with DFO, Digboi since 26.07.2017, your intervention is desired in this respect please. Therefore we request you to kindly consider our proposal as per the above guideline.

Query:3: I-(ii) – Please retry to upload the Wildlife clearance proposal for approval of the Standing Committee of NBWL and in case you failed to upload the same please contact NIC Division, MOEF & CC, New Delhi for their assistance.

OIL Comment:

As per the **manual of Environment, Forests and Climate Change Informatics Division 2015** , in para 1.4.7 it is stated that

Quote:

Note:

"If User Agencies require both clearances (i.e. Forests and Wildlife Clearances), then, first, they have to submit application for seeking Forest Clearance. After submitting FC application, then they can submit WL application."

Unquote-

Query:4: M-2(vii) – After verification of Petroleum Mining Lease area KML file posted by email dated 07/08/2017 it was found to be incorrect. The encompasses area of the KML file relating to Petroleum Mining Leases area does not tally with the approved area of the Doomdooma Petroleum Mining Lease area vide Govt. of Assam letter no PEM. 26/2010/27 dated 26th November 2012. The area approved is for 503.73 km² whereas the KML file encompasses an area of 301.20 km². So kindly rectify the disparity and send a rectify copy of PML area KML file.

OIL Comment :

The corrected Kml file of outer boundary mining lease area is uploaded on the online portal.

Query: 5: further, you are requested to kindly confirm whether the applicable full amount of 2 % against NPV towards forest land in Mechaki PML area has been paid or not for taking onward action. Please note that, no mining activities will be allowed unless the full amount of 2% NPV for the forest area within the PML is realized by the State Government as instructed by Govt. of India, MoEF (Forest Conservation Division) vide their letter No. F. No. 8-118/2006 – FC dated 24th June, 2015.

OIL Comment :

OIL had already paid an amount of Rs. 76.98 Crore against forest area of 369.04 sq km falling within the nine (9) PML blocks in Assam @2% NPV considering @Rs. 20,860/- per hectare as per your letter No. FG.27/Nodal/Oil, dated 18th June 2016. The NPV payment against the open forest area claimed by you needs review and re-consideration. Very soon a request shall be made by OIL to you in this regard.

Thanking you,
With Regards,

Yours faithfully
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