



**GUJARAT GAS**

No.: GUJARAT GAS/Wada/RF/FRA-2006/2016

Date: 19/12/2016

To,  
**The Collector**  
**Collector Office, Palghar District,**  
**Palghar (Maharashtra)**

**Sub.: Gas Distribution Network of Wada Taluka of Palghar District (Wada Spurline) – Diversion of 0.1751 Hect of Reserved Forest land for laying natural gas pipeline from Ambadi Naka to Wada City – Pipeline laying through Protected/Reserved Forest Lands in various villages in Taluka Wada, District Palghar of Maharashtra State. Request for FRA 2006 Certificate.**

Dear Sir,

As you are aware **Gujarat Gas Limited (GGL)** is India's largest City Gas Distribution (CGD) Company, subsidiary of Gujarat State Petroleum Corporation, promoted by **Government of Gujarat** and having its presence across 19 Districts in the State of Gujarat and Union Territory of Dadra Nagar Haveli. GGL is committed to reach out to every possible natural gas user in its geographical areas and strategically aligned to energize India's Natural Gas vision. Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is one of the cleanest fuels which less carbon dioxide than either by coal or oil and far fewer pollutants than other hydrocarbon fuels.

- GGL has received authorization from **PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board)**, a regulatory body set up by Govt. of India, for laying, building, operating and expending **City gas Distribution Network in Thane Geographical area (including Palghar District)** (except the area already authorized) in Maharashtra state (Copy attached).

Gujarat Gas Ltd. (GGL) is in process to set up gas distribution network in entire Palghar District. As a part of project we are planning to set up Natural Gas Distribution Network consisting of 6"dia Steel pipeline to set up gas distribution network in Wada taluka of Palghar District to supply the natural gas to en-route consumers and customers. The Company shall follow all the best standards of safety and inspection practices as is prevalent in the Gas Distribution Industry.

Details of pipeline laying through Protected/Reserved Forest Lands in various villages in Taluka Wada, District Palghar are furnished as per attached **Annexure – A**.

**Further to inform as per the existing norms, diversion of Reserved Forest proposal will be considered by Forest Deptt. only when "Certificate" issued from concern District Collector & Chairman District Level Forest Right's Committee, complying Scheduled Tribe & Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Right's) Act, 2006 in prescribed proforma issued by Govt. of India vide letter no. F. No. 11-9/ 98 – FC (pt.) dtd. 05.07.2013 will attach with the proposal.**

We are attaching the following Govt. Circulars for your kind reference please.

- Letter No. F.No. 11-9/ 98-FC(pt.) dtd. 05.07.2013: **Issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi – Communicated specific proforma for issuing Collector Certificate under FRA, 2006.**

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2. Letter No. F.No. 11-9/ 98-FC(pt.) dtd. 15.01.2014: **Issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi** – communicated exemption of conducting Gram Sabha for linear projects.
3. Letter No. F. No. 11-09/ 98 – FC(pt.) dtd. 28.10.2014: **Issued by Ministry of Environment & Forest, Govt. of India, New Delhi** – stating in case of plantations which were notified as “forest” on a day less than 75 years prior to the 13<sup>th</sup> day of December 2005 and are located in villages having no recorded population of Scheduled Tribes, are exempted from the requirement of initiation and completion of process for recognition and vesting of forest rights of ST & OTFD (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006.

M/s. Secon Pvt Ltd., having their regional office at 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Satyam Complex, Chhani, Vadodara, 390 002, Ph 0265 – 6630700 / 2761790, Fax 0265 – 6630707, have been retained as bonafide consultant by us in connecting with RoU and statutory clearance work for above said project. They would accompany authorities for field inspection and would also provide further information and clarifications – if requires any.

Considering the above facts we request you to kindly issue the “Certificate” complying Forest Rights Act, 2006 for land declared as Reserved Forest. Forest proposal will be considered only after issuing your certificate, hence our request.

Since this is a National Importance & time bound project and hence it is most important to complete the project within the time frame. Hence we request you to take up the matter on priority & do the needful.

Thanking You,

Yours Sincerely,

For Gujarat Gas Limited

  
Rajshree Bhardwaj  
Officer (ROU)



Encl.: As above

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