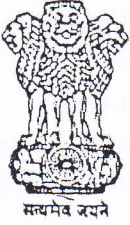


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No. 3- AS B 061/2007-SHI/207-11

June 12, 2008

To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
Guwahati

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 1.80 ha of forest land for drilling location **KSAB** under Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FRS. 33/2007/23 dt. 12.06.2007 & No. FRS. 104/2008/13 dt. 28.05.2008 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government of Assam, the Central Government hereby **conveys its approval for diversion of 1.80 ha of forest land for exploratory drilling location KSAB** under Doyang Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division of Golaghat District, Assam, subject to the following conditions:

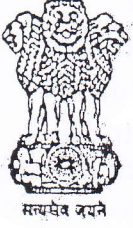
- (i) The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) Compensatory Afforestation shall be carried over double the area in degraded forest land i.e. 3.53 ha under North Nambor Reserve Forest (outside Nambor Doigrung Wildlife Sanctuary) of Golaghat Range, Golaghat Division at the cost of User Agency by the State Forest Department.
- (iii) Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
- (iv) All the above funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to the CAMPA Fund (CAF) in **Account No CA 1588** of Corporation Bank, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi - 110 003 OR Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar Branch, New Delhi (A/c No.344901010070128)
- (v) The user agency shall not reassign any part of the exploratory drilling to any other organization or individual.
- (vi) The user agency shall not utilize more than the area approved for diversion of exploratory drilling.

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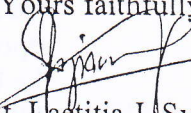
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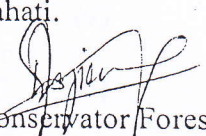
- (vii) Exploratory drilling shall commence after prior intimation to DFO of the area and shall commence and be completed under the overall supervision of the DFO of the area.
- (viii) Drilled material shall neither be disposed off over the adjacent forest area nor the oil/rejects from the drills be allowed to flow over it. Waste drill mud/cuttings and other solid wastes arising from exploratory drilling shall be disposed off in a secured landfill.
- (ix) The forest area shall promptly be handed over to the State Forest Department when no longer required by the user agency. However, user agency will undertake reclamation according to the reclamation plan to be prepared in consultation with the concerned DFO.
- (x) Environmental/pollution control measures shall be implemented according to the stipulations issued by the competent authority. Monitoring report on compliance of air, water, noise and solid wastes quality shall be submitted to the regional office. All parameters should confirm to the prescribed norms.
- (xi) Permission of exploratory drilling does not ipso-facto imply any commitment on the part of the Central Govt. for permanent diversion of forest land for production of oil/gas in the event of the success of exploratory efforts.
- (xii) All the projects which were accorded forest clearance for exploratory drilling and which have been subsequently taken up for further oil development works shall be submitted for obtaining fresh forest clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act.
- (xiii) In case of non-compliance of any of the above conditions the Nodal Officer, Assam shall suspend the non-forest use of land and submit a report to this office.
- (xiv) Any other conditions as may be found appropriate on future for the better conservation of environment & wildlife may be imposed by CCF (C), North Eastern Regional Office.

Yours faithfully,


(Smt. Lactitia J. Syiemiong)
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2. The Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Govt. of Assam, Rehabari, Guwahati.


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