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ANNEXURE-X

INSPECTION REPORT

On 5th December 2019 I along with Divisional Forest Officer and staff of Nampong forest division and officers of Oil India Limited inspected the already diverted 29.32 Ha project site under Nampong division for which in principle approval was given in 1992 but drilling was not taken up. The fresh diversion proposal of part-2 has been submitted by the DFO Nampong along with maps and site inspection report. The user agency has not submitted the Part-1 in Form-A as advised by the Nodal Officer (FCA). The project is being executed by the Oil India Ltd. for exploration, production and transportation of hydrocarbons. The proposal involves diversion of 29.32 Ha Un-classed State Forest under Nampong forest division falling in 8 locations for drilling of oil wells and subsequent production of hydrocarbons. The area falls under Unclassified Sate Forest category with plain/barren land devoid of any vegetation except few trees. The project site is 0.2km away from Diyun ARF and 25km away from Diyun RF. This area receives high rain fall during monsoon period and there are many streams in this area.

During my inspection I have not noticed any endangered or threatened wildlife in the project site areas. The area does not form part of National Park, Wildlife sanctuary, Biosphere reserve, elephant corridor etc. The area is not having any unique ecosystem types having conservation value. The implementation of the project will not have any major impact on the flora and fauna of the region. There are no protected monuments, archaeological or heritage sites or any defense establishments noticed in the area. The diverted area is the minimum required land for the project implementation having mostly barren land. The user agency has already started the works by drilling oil wells related to the project, since in principle approval was granted by MoEF in 1992 and PML was granted by Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh in May 2018.

The degraded area of 59 Ha forest land present in Diyun RF selected by the DFO for compensatory afforestation is suitable for plantation and management. This area can be replanted with suitable native species under compensatory afforestation. The commissioning of the project has not shown any major adverse impact on the local forest ecosystem, so far. However since the project is related to drilling, extraction and transportation of fossil fuels, necessary environmental clearances under Environment Protection Act 1986 may be obtained by the user agency. Since the prospecting and production of fossil fuels by Oil India Limited is essential for fulfilling the energy needs of the country, the diversion proposal of forest land may be processed for approval and grant of Forest Clearance by the Ministry of Environment and Forests.


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