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## GAIL (India) Limited

(A Government of India Undertaking - A Maharatna Company)

District Forest Officer,

Dharmapuri - 636705

Thiru. K.V. Appala Naidu, IFS.,

Dharmapuri Forest Division.

Ref: GAIL/KKMBPL/5.5831/DFO- Dharmapuri/RL/2024/01

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Date: 06/03/2024

Sub-Permission for laying proposed 24" Ø Steel Gas pipeline along with OFC duct along Gummanur and Toppur Reserved Forest in Dharmapuri District in the state of Tamil Nadu.

- Ref.: 1) Online application on PARIVESH portal FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 Dated 19.10.2022.
- Your office letter Ref. No. C. NO. 148/2023/D, dated 17.03.2023.
  - 3) GAIL's reply letter Ref. No. GAIL/KKMBPL/5.5831/DFO- Dharmapuri /RL/2023/01 dated 23.03.2023
  - 4) Your office letter Ref. No. C. NO. 148/2023/D, dated 25.03.2023.
  - 5) GAIL's reply letter Ref. No. GAIL/KKMBPL/5.5831/DFO- Dharmapuri /RL/2023/02 dated 24.04.2023
  - Your office letter Ref. No. C. NO. 148/2023/D, dated 24.05.2023.
  - 7)GAIL's reply letter Ref. No. GAIL/KKMBPL/5.5831/DFO- Dharmapuri /RL/2023/03 Date: 05/06/2023.
  - 8) Your office letter Ref. No. C. NO. 148/2023/D, dated 24.07.2023.
  - 9) GAIL's reply letter Ref. No. GAIL/KKMBPL/5.5831/DFO- Dharmapuri /RL/2023/04 Date: 31/07/2023.
  - 10) Your office letter Ref. No. C. NO. 148/2023/D, dated 03.02.2023.
  - 11) GAIL's letter Ref. No. GAIL/BRL/PROJ/KKBMPL-II/FOREST/01 dated 04.03.2024.

Dear Sir.

As you are aware that M/s GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED intends to lay 24" Ø Steel Gas pipeline along with OFC duct. The route of proposed pipeline KKBMPL-II (Krishnagiri-Salem) is 145.965 Km long from Thirumagondanahalli to Manjakalpatti will be laid almost parallel to existing Various Road (i.e. National Highway, State Highway, Major District Road, Other District Road and

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Asphalt Road) and will be passing through Tamil Nadu State & lies in the Districts of Krishnagiri, Dharmapuri.

In the view of above, M/s GAIL (INDIA) LIMITED submitted the online application on PARIVESH portal under application no. FP/TN/Pipeline/50403/2020 dated 19.10.2022 under above cited Ref. No. 1. Thereafter the proposal was discussed in the Project Screening Committee meeting held on 27.12.2022. After this meeting we received MOM for the said meeting and in that shortcomings to the proposal are mentioned. Accordingly, M/S GAILresubmitted the proposal with compliance of all points raised by PCCF, Chennai.

Thereafter the proposal was again discussed in the second Project Screening Committee meeting held on 23.02.2023 and where compliance given by GAIL was found satisfactory. Accordingly, PCCF forwarded the proposal to your good office for further process on 14.03.2023.

Thereafter your good office issued a query letter vide above cited Ref. No. 2. Accordingly, M/S GAIL has submitted the reply letter vide above cited Ref. No. 03. Then your good office issued a query letter vide above cited Ref. No. 4. Accordingly, M/S GAIL has submitted the reply letter vide above cited Ref. No. 05.

Subsequently we have received a query letter from yourend vide above cited Ref. No. 6. Accordingly, M/S GAIL has submitted the reply letter vide above cited Ref. No. 07.

Then we have received a query letter from your end vide above cited Ref. No. 8. Accordingly, M/S GAIL has submitted the reply letter vide above cited Ref. No. 09.

Thereafter we have received a query letter from your end vide above cited Ref. No. 10. Accordingly, we are herewith complying as follows,

- 1. We have applied for the certificate that no non forest land is available for the project to the District Collector, Dharmapuri. Field reports in this regard from the concerned tahsils have been received at RDO Office Dharmapuri and the subsequent joint field visit by district revenue authority along with forest officials has been already completed, however the issue of required certificate is getting delayed in view of strike called off by revenue staff in Tamilnadu state and in view of preparation for the forthcoming elections. Hence we confirm to submit the same on the PARIVESH portal after receipt of the said certificate from District Collector, Dharmapuri. Furthermore, We are herewith submitting an undertaking for submission of the required certificate for your kind consideration.
- 2. As the CA has been already raised on the degraded forest land by your good office, we have requested the state government to issue a certificate as per Schedule III of Rule 13(4). We will submit the same after receipt of the certificate from the State Government. Additionally, An undertaking is attached herewith for submission of the said certificate for your kind consideration. Further we are also enclosing certificate from DC, Dharmapuri Office for non availability of CA Land in the district of Dharmapuri.
- The pipeline alignment has been decided after a detailed engineering survey and the alignment submitted to the forest department is the best possible route for the pipeline. Atmost care shall be taken while laying the pipeline below the stream through HDD



method & at the rocky portions by the best suitable method. The pipeline will not adversely affect the environment or ecosystem as the diverted area will be restored to its original condition after laying of the pipeline.

- 4. The field data map prepared using DGPS for the entire stretch and the machine data is attached herewith for your ready reference.
- 5. The possibility of aligning of the said pipeline closer to ROW/ NH-07has been studied in depth and has been concluded that the same is not feasible due to the prevailing sharp bends, restricted ROW, level difference and the density of vehicular traffic.

In the view of the above, it is requested to consider the application and grant the necessary permission for laying of the said pipeline and allow us to complete the project of national importance before scheduled time and in a minimum time frame.

Yours Sincerely,

For GAIL (India) Limited,

Authorized signatory

Encl.:

As Above.

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