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Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110003.

Dated: 14th February 2005.

To

The Secretary (Forests), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.

Sub: Diversion of 4.884 ha. of forest land for in-fill oil-drilling in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of GeoEnpro Petroleum Limited.

Sir,

Kindly refer to the State Government's letters No. FOR 8-26/CONS/2001/501-04 dated 31.10.2003 and No. FOR 8-26/Cons/2001/20-22 dated 04.02.2005 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. In this connection, I am directed to convey the approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for diversion of 4.884 ha. of forest land for in-fill oil-drilling in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh in favour of M/s. GeoEnpro Petroleum Limited subject to the following conditions:-

- 1. Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- 2. Compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department at the project cost.
- 3. Environmental pollution safeguards shall be strictly enforced as prescribed by the State Environmental Authorities/Pollution Control Board.
- 4. The diverted forest land shall revert back to the Forest Department when not required for oil drilling purpose.
- 5. Any tree felling shall be done only when it is absolutely necessary and unavoidable, and shall be carried out under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- 6. No damage to the flora and fauna of the area shall be caused.
- 7. It shall be ensured that no labour-camps are set up inside the forest area.
- 8. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

9. Any other condition that the State Government and/or the CCF (Central), Regional Office, Shillong, may like to impose from time to time for protection and improvement of flora and fauna in the forest area, shall also be applicable.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar) Assistant Inspector General of Forests

Copy to:

- The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- Nodal Officer, O/o the PCCF, Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 3. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Central), RO, Shillong.

4. RO(HQ)/Monitoring Cell, MoEF, New Delhi.

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