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To,

The Regional Chief Conservator of Forests,
Sambalpur Circle.

Sub:- Application for obtaining permission for diversion of forest land for laying 12" dia. (ABPL Spur line) Natural Gas Pipeline along with OFC along/across Reserved/Revenue Forest in Sambalpur district falling under jurisdiction of Sambalpur Forest Division.

The proposal for obtaining permission for diversion of forest land of 0.3656 ha. of forest land in Sambalpur Forest Division for obtaining permission for diversion of forest land for laying 12" dia. (ABPL Spur line) Natural Gas Pipeline along with OFC along/across Reserve/Revenue Forest in Sambalpur district is forwarded herewith in five (5) copies for consideration of approval by the competent authority under section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

1. **Map:** - The user Agency has submitted the following maps.
- Location map in Topo sheet indicating project area.
 - DGPS map of the forest area involved in the project.

2. **Forest Land:** - Legal status of forest land with area proposed for diversion in respect of this Division is given below.

<u>Legal status</u>	<u>Extent of Area</u>	<u>Kisam</u>	<u>Khata No</u>	<u>Plot No</u>	<u>Village</u>
Revenue Forest	0.0381 ha.	Jungle	196	830	Gumkarma
	0.3275 ha		211	48	Khariapali
	0.3656 ha.				

3. **Flora and Fauna:-** The details of flora and fauna are as mentioned hereunder. Sal and its associates along with the other indigenous plants were observed in the applied area for diversion under Sambalpur Forest Division. (Copy enclosed in diversion proposal page No.57 to 66)

4. **Wildlife Management:-** The area does not form part of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary/Elephant Corridor. However the movement of elephant (Schedule I) is found frequently in the applied area and in nearby stretches in non-forest area/forest also.

5. **Tree Enumeration:-** The 25 no of trees are to be felled in the proposed project, the detail of which are given below.

Revenue Forest Land:- 25 Nos

The joint tree enumeration list attached in the diversion proposal. The tree enumeration has not been done by the user Agency in non-forest area.

6. **Compensatory Afforestation:-** The compensatory Afforestation has been identified in revenue degraded forest land in Jharsuguda Forest Division. The user Agency has furnished an undertaking to bear the cost of Compensatory Afforestation as per the approved scheme along with its 10 years maintenance cost. Any incremental cost whatsoever shall also be borne by GAIL (India) Limited for laying of Sambalpur line to Aditya Birla Plant (ABPL) & Tata Refractories Limited (TRL) to supply Natural Gas.

7. **Environment Clearance:-** Environment Clearances (EC) under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 is not applicable for the proposed project of laying of Natural Gas Pipeline to Aditya Birla Plant (ABPL) & Tata Refractories Limited (TRL) as per provisions of the Act.

8. **Resettlement:-** As per user Agency no displacement is involvement in this project so need of resettlement is not required.


9. **Cost benefit Analysis:-** The forest area proposed for diversion is 2.0234 ha. Which is less than 20 ha. Thus Cost Benefit Analysis is not applicable. The cost benefit analysis is not required for the project.

10. **Deposit of NPV:-** The user Agency has furnished an undertaking to deposit the NPV demand by Divisional Forest Officer and deposit the additional NPV if the present rate of NPV is escalated as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court.

11. **Justification of the project over Forest area:-** The pipeline route has been fixed considering technical and economic feasibility of the project by GAIL (India) Limited. Since the proposed pipeline will be crossing Revenue along 15 villages of Laikera, Kolabira, Jharsuguda and Lakhanpur Tahasils respectively and 2 villages of Gumakarma and Khadiapali of Rengali Tahasils of Sambalpur district in the State of Odisha. As this is the most feasible route to connect the Aditya Birla Plant (ABPL) and Tata Refractories Limited (TRL) part of Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Gas Pipeline Project, crossing of the forest area is unavoidable.


12. **Recommendation:-** After examining the project proposal and verifying the ground reality through field visit, it is convinced that construction of Natural Gas Pipeline along with OFC along/across Revenue Forest in Sambalpur district is badly needed and diversion of forest land cannot be avoided. Hence the proposal may kindly be examined and forwarded to the proper quarter for needful action.

Encl:- 5 copies of Diversion proposal with
All maps and documents in hard and soft copies.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Sambalpur Forest Division.


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Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, F.C Act, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Odisha for favour of information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Sambalpur Forest Division.

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Copy forwarded to the General Manager, Construction, GAIL India Ltd., 610-612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.


Divisional Forest Officer,
Sambalpur Forest Division.