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सन्दर्भ सं /Ref.No. IGGL/GHY/PL/PH-I/SKP/FOREST/2021/01

दिनांक/ Date: 08.05.2021

To,

**The Nodal Officer (FCA),
Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department,
Arunachal Pradesh.**

Sub: Gohpur– Itanagar Natural Gas Pipeline Project: Diversion of 1.5775 Ha Forest Land for laying Natural Gas Pipeline along with Optical Fiber Cable (OFC) from Gohpur – Itanagar through Arunachal Pradesh State - Pipeline laying through Reserved Forest /Protected Land falling under jurisdiction of Forest Division in the State of Arunachal Pradesh.

Ref: 1. Our Online Application No. FP/AR/Others/120310/2021, Dated 29.01.2021
2. Your Online Query No. Nil dated 22.03.2021

Sir,

This has reference to your aforesaid Online Query No. Nil dated 22.03.2021. In this regard, we would like to clarify that as per the Office Memorandum dated 6th September, 2018 of IA Division, MoEF&CC (attached as Annexure), the Pipeline Project shall be required to obtain prior Environmental Clearance only if it is passing through National Parks / Sanctuaries / Coral Reefs / Ecologically Sensitive Areas. The exact words of the Para 4 of the said OM are reproduced below *"Only those projects, where the pipeline is passing through National Parks / Sanctuaries / Coral Reefs / Ecologically Sensitive Areas, shall be required to obtain the prior Environmental Clearance"*.

As per the para 3. (ii), of the letter dated 16th July, 2020 of Wildlife Division, MoEF&CC (attached as Annexure), it has been clarified that prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required only if those projects are located within 10 KM of National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary, where ESZ has not been notified finally and such project requires Environmental Clearance. The exact words of the para 3. (ii) are reproduced below *"Proposals involving activity/project located within 10 km of National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary wherein ESZ has not been finally notified and listed in the Schedule of the EIA Notification 2006 and requiring environment clearance, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life will be required"*.

The alignment of the proposed Gohpur - Itanagar Natural Gas Pipeline section is not passing through any National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary / Coral Reef / Ecologically Sensitive Area. Hence, Environment

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Clearance is not required for the Gohpur – Itanagar pipeline section. As Environment Clearance is not required for the Gohpur – Itanagar pipeline section, prior clearance from Standing Committee of the National Board for Wild Life (NBWL) is not required.

In view of the above, you are requested to kindly process our proposal. This pipeline project is of National importance and is being implemented in a time bound manner. This ambitious project is being monitored closely by the highest levels in the Govt. of India. Natural Gas Pipeline infrastructure development will also contribute to national prosperity for Socio-economic needs. Therefore, most expeditious actions are requested to recommend the proposal for granting permission.

Thanking You,

M/s Indradhanush Gas Grid Limited

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