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Oil And Natural Gas Corporation Limited  
त्रिपुरा परिसम्पत्ति, बदरघाट, अगरतला-७९९०१४

Tripura Asset, Badharghat Complex, Tripura-799014

No. AGT/GA/LA/302/TIDC/2015/669

April 04, 2019.

To  
The Dy. Conservator of Forest  
Government of Tripura  
Office of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests  
Agartala  
TRIPURA

Sub: Diversion of 0.20 Ha forest land for construction of drill site and waste pit and approach road at location **TIDC** under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.

Proposal No. FP/TR/MIN/13520/2015.

Sir,

Please refer to your letter No.F.6-1086/FC/Fr-2015/33389 dated 16.11.2018, on the subject cited above, enclosing therewith letter No.3-TR C 013/2018-SHI/2815-16 dated 02.11.2018.

In this connection, this is to inform you that the Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) in its 52<sup>nd</sup> meeting held on 10.01.2019 decided to recommend the above proposal subject to the condition that:

**QUOTE**

- The State Govt shall obtain legal opinion from Advocate General on that extraction of natural gas/oil cannot be considered as mining in terms of Hon'ble Supreme Court Order dated 04.08.2006 in IA-1000 in WPC-202/1995 (Godavarman Vs Union of India). The Ministry shall also seek legal opinion from the Solicitor General of India on similar lines.
- The project proponent will comply with all the conditions imposed by the State Chief Wildlife Warden.
- The annual compliance certificate on the stipulated conditions should be submitted by the project to the State Chief Wildlife Warden and an annual compliance certificate shall be submitted by the State Chief Wildlife Warden to Gol.

**UNQUOTE**

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Subsequently, the State Govt has sent the above proposal to Advocate General for legal opinion on 26.03.2019 and currently the same is pending with Advocate General for decision.

This is for your kind information and for onward transmission to concerned authorities.

Yours faithfully,

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*04/04/2019*  
(J.S. Negi)  
DGM(HR)-LAQ  
Tripura Asset, ONGC  
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