## Site Inspection Report of Proposed Diversion Area for Laying of 16" Dia VDPL Pipeline route from Vijayawada to Chittoor (W) by M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited in Proddatur WL Division

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Inspected the 4.43 ha forest area proposed for diversion in Compt. No. 144 and 145 of Kothakota Dasaripalli RF, Mudireddypalli Beat, Onipenta Range and Compt. No. 158, Kothakota Dasaripalli RF, Mallepalli Beat, Porumamilla Range for laying of 16" Dia VDPL Pipeline route from Vijayawada to Dharmapuri by M/s Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited on 25-04-2018 along with the Forest Range Officer, Onipenta and Porumamilla and the concerned staff were also present during the inspection.



The proposed area is plain and hilly terrain. The soil is Red soil. The existing vegetation is thorny bushes comprising of species Chloroxylon swetenia, Bauhinia purpurea, Turnera ulmifolia, Madhuca longifolia, Zyzyphus harridan, Hardwickia binata, Acasia Sandra, Diospyros chloroxylon, Anagesious latifolia etc. in entire area. The fauna of the proposed area is Bear, Wild boar, Hare, Jungle sheep, Peacock, Jungle fowl and Spotted deer.

The proposed diversion falls in the *Tiger Corridor area* and it is passing at a distance of 17.5 Km away from the boundary of Sri Lankamalleswara Wildlife Sanctuary and 36.8 Km away from the boundary of Sri Penusila Narasimha Wildlife Sanctuary. The proposed area is also not falling in Eco Sensitive Zone of Wildlife Sanctuaries.





There are no rare / endangered / unique species of fauna found in the proposed area. Regarding flora the Pterocarpus santalinus (Red sander) which is endemic to Rayalaseema region also exists in Kothakota Dasaripalli RF of Onipenta and Porumamilla Range. Where 63 Nos. Red sander trees are involved in the alignments which are to be extracted during the laying of the pipeline.

There are no defence establishments or any other important monument located in the area and does not form part of any National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary. But it forms part of *Tiger Corridor* connecting two major protected areas i.e. The Nagarjunasagar Srisailam Tiger Reserve and S.V. National Park, Tirupathi. There is no impact on flora and fauna.

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