

16.3.33 Drilling of development wells (40 no.) and exploratory/Appraisal wells (5 no.) in the Kharsang Oil Field at District Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Geo Enpro Petroleum- [F. No. J-11011/341/2014-IA-II (I); Online proposal No. IA/AS/IND2/28663/2015] - Environmental Clearance

Proposal was considered in 3rd EAC meeting held in 18-19th January, 2016, wherein the committee recommended the proposal for Environmental clearance subject to submission of stage-1 Forest Clearance. During presentation PP informed that Forest clearance has not received yet, therefore committee suggested to delist the proposal from the pending list of proposal till the stage-1 Forest clearance get submitted.

16.3.34 2 No. development wells (KSDA, KSDB), 2 No. Exploratory wells (KSAD, KSAE), Conversion of already drilled exploratory well into development wells (KSAB, KSAG) and construction of GGS and laying of pipeline from KSAC to Borholla GGS, Kasomarigaon, Assam Asset, Assam- [F. No. J-11011/563/2011-IA-II; Online proposal No. IA/AS/IND2/27521/2012] - Environmental Clearance

The Member Secretary informed that the proposal was considered in 3rd EAC meeting held in 18-19th January, 2016, wherein the EAC recommended the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance subject to submission of Stage-1 Forest Clearance. The PP during the presentation in the 3rd EAC meeting informed that the proposal was for Development/ Exploratory Wells, Group Gathering Station and pipeline laying from KSAC to Borholla GGS at Kasomarigaon, Assam. Kasomarigaon is 20 square kilometer area lying in the Gomariguri Block of Golaghat District, Assam. The Block is located in the South of River Brahmaputra in the Dhansiri watershed, close to Nagaland Hills. Two development wells ISK-KSDA and ISK-KSDB are proposed to be drilled in this Block. KSAB and KSAG which has already been drilled as exploratory wells will be converted to development wells. Another two exploratory cum development wells (KSAD and KSAE) are proposed to be drilled at two new locations. The proposed activities are located at Dayang reserve Forest where the forest lands are presently used for agricultural practices. It was reported that ONGC has already applied for the diversion of 9 hectares of Forest Land for constructing GG-KSAG and KSAB. Applications for the diversion of forest land for the new exploratory sites KSAD, KSAE and pipeline has been made. Land for drilling site of KSAC, KSAG and KSAB is available with ONGC. 2.25 hectare of land is required for each exploratory drill sites - KSAD and KSAE. Further 5 ha of land is required for construction of GGS. PP has not submitted the Stage-1 Forest Clearance till date.

During further deliberations in 16th EAC meeting the PP informed that they have forest clearance for development of wells at KSAC location and the wells located at KSDA, KSDB, and KSAG will be drilled from KSAC horizontally. The PP has submitted a copy of the forest clearance issued by the Ministry's North Eastern Regional Office at Shillong vide letter no. 3-AS B 035/2011-SHI/1609-11 dated 21.08.2012. The PP further requested for issuing the Environmental Clearance for the locations namely KSAC, KSDA, KSDB, and KSAG.

The PP also submitted that they want to drop the proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance

for the locations KSAD, KSAE and Group Gathering Station and Pipeline from KSAC to Boroholla GGS due to non availability of Forests Clearance.

The EAC also noted that the PP has conducted EIA study for all the proposed locations including the locations to which stage -1 forest clearance could not be obtained. In view of the importance of the project from Country's oil production/demand point of view and unusual delay being occurred due to pending stage-1 forest clearance the EAC recommended that the Ministry may consider the request made by the PP for issuing the environment clearance for the locations namely KSAC, KSAD, KSDB, and KSAG; whereas, the proposal for other locations namely KSAD, KSAE and Group Gathering Station and Pipeline from KSAC to Boroholla GGS may be considered as dropped due to non availability of Forests Clearance.

16.3.35 **Development drilling of hydrocarbons at Khoraghat Extension ML Block by M/s ONGC -[F. No. J-11011/563/2011-IA II(I); Online proposal No. IA/AS/IND/24352/2011] - Environmental Clearance**

Proposal was considered in 3rd EAC meeting held in 18-19th January, 2016, wherein the committee recommended the proposal for Environment Clearance subject to submission of stage-1 Forest Clearance. During presentation PP informed that Forest clearance for the proposed project locations is in advanced stage and will be received from Forest Department shortly; therefore committee decided to defer the proposal till the stage-1 Forest clearance get submitted.

16.3.36 **Pre-NELP Block AA-ONJ/2 (for Drilling of 9 Exploratory Wells) by M/s ONGC- [F. No. J-11011/91/2012-IA II(I)] - Environmental Clearance**

The Member Secretary informed the Committee that the proposal was considered in 38th EAC meeting held during 20-21st April, 2015 and recommended for grant of environmental clearance subject to submission of stage- 1 forest clearance for the exploratory wells locations namely RBK-3, RTNG-1 and RTDN-2. The Ministry vide letter dated 15.06.2015 reminded the PP to expedite the submission of the forest clearance for the stated locations. However, Stage-I forest clearance has not been submitted by PP in the Ministry. The PP vide letter dated 23rd December, 2015 informed that the exploratory well location namely RBK-3 falls outside the forest land. The PP has submitted a copy of the letter no. B/35/6404 dated 05.2.2015 issued by Divisional Forest Officer, Cachar Division, Silchar; wherein the co-ordinates (LAT 24°39'58.4836" LONC 92°49'12.9029") mentioned are not matching with the co-ordinates () mentioned in the EIA report for the exploratory wells location RBK-3.

During presentation in the 16th EAC meeting the PP requested for issuing the environmental clearance for the Six (06) exploratory wells locations namely RBK-1, LBAA, RPAA, RLBK-1, RTDN-land RBK-3 wherein the forest clearance issue is not involved. The EAC examined the proposal and facts present by the PP and observed that coordinates mentioned in the EIA/EMP report for RBK-3 are LAT 24°42'47.86" LONG 93°00'50.46" whereas no such co-ordinates are mentioned in the letter issued by Division Forest Officer, Silchar. The PP need to submit a clarification in this regard.