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Ref. No. NEF: 06/1 - 483/2015

Date : 29.07.2015

To,

The Chief Conservator of Forest (Cons) & Nodal Officer (FCA)  
Department of Environment & Forests,  
Government of Arunachal Pradesh  
Itanagar, Arunachal Pradesh

**Sub: Proposal for issuance of permission under FC Act, 1980 towards grant of Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease covering 540.668 sq km area in Lohit and Changlang districts of Arunachal Pradesh**

**Ref: i. MoEF&CC's guidelines vide F. No. 8-118/2006-FC dt. 24.06.2015**  
**ii. MoEF&CC's letter F No. 8-118/2006-FC dt. 21.07.2015**

Sir,

We write with reference to our Forest Clearance proposal dated 09.10.2014 submitted towards Ningru PML and Ningru Extension PML in Arunachal Pradesh and Ministry's (MoEF&CC) recent letter on the subject vide F. No. 8-118/2006-FC dated 21.07.2015 copied to us.

2.0 The above proposal dated 09.10.2014 was submitted combining the 2(two) Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) blocks namely Ningru PML and Ningru Extension PML covering a total of 615.668 sq km in Ningru area of Arunachal Pradesh, where OIL has been operating since early sixties. The Ningru PML block covers an area of 540.668 sq km partly in Lohit District & partly in Changlang district and the other - Ningru Extn. PML block is over 75.00 sq km in Changlang district of Arunachal Pradesh.

3.0 However, with reference to Ministry's letter dated 21.07.2015 referred above, we are now submitting herewith our Forest Clearance proposal in prescribed format (Form-A) under Section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 towards Ningru PML over 540.668 sq km. The proposal towards Ningru Extn. PML block over 75.00 sq km is submitted separately.

4.0 As you are aware, on expiry of validity of Ningru PML on 26.11.2003, OIL applied for re-grant of the PML in Sept'2002. Though Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoP&NG), Govt. of India accorded its approval on the re-grant on 23.01.2004 (approval copy enclosed), the formal re-grant of the PML by State Government has been kept on hold by Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh pending prior approval under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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5.0 We wish to clarify regarding our subject Forest Clearance proposal submitted herewith that the same is exclusively towards issuance of Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease only and accordingly is under Section 2(iii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 without calling for any physical diversion of forestland within the lease area in line with Hon'ble Supreme Court's order passed on 08.08.2014 on the basis of Central Empowered Committee's (CEC) report dated 25.02.2014 and Ministry's recent guidelines dated 24.06.2014 on the subject. OIL will submit location-wise Forest Clearance proposal(s) as and when required under Section 2(ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for the forest land involved in its actual drilling and other activities requiring physical diversion of forest land as per aforesaid order/guidelines.

6.0 We request your kind needful for issuance of necessary Forest Clearance under Ministry's recent guidelines dated 24.06.2014 for the Ningru PML area over 540.668 sq km towards its formal grant by Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh at an early date, which will enable OIL to restart its E&P activities in the area kept in abeyance for last more than a decade.

7.0 The Forest Clearance proposal along with all requisite documents is submitted online through Ministry's web-portal as per norms.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
OIL INDIA LIMITED



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For Head - NEF

Encl: As above