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December 20, 2006

To

The Secretary (Forests)
Government of Assam
Rehabari, Guwahati.

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 1.99 ha + 1.78 ha + 1.73 ha of forest land for drilling location in South Nambar R.F. under Golaghat Division.

Sir,

Please refer to the State Government's letter No. FRS. 100/2002/11 dt. 18.8.2005 & No. FRM. 132/2006/3 dt. 21.11.2006 on the subject mentioned above, seeking prior approval of the Central Government in accordance with section 2 of the FCA, 1980.

After careful consideration of the proposal of the State Government, I am directed to inform that the Central Government hereby conveys its formal approval for diversion of 1.99 ha + 1.78 ha + 1.73 ha of forest land for drilling location in South Nambar R.F. under Golaghat Division of Golaghat District subject to the following conditions:

- (i) Legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The State Forest Department shall raise compensatory afforestation over double the area diverted i.e. 3.98 ha, 3.46 ha & 3.56 ha in degraded forest as identified by the State Govt. at Nambar North R.F under Golaghat Range at the cost of the User Agency.
- (iii) All the funds received from the User Agency under the project shall be transferred to Adhoc CAMPA in account number CA 1588 of Corporation Bank, Block 11, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi – 110 003.
- (iv) Additional amount of the Net present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency.
- (v) The user agency shall not reassign any part of the exploratory drilling to any other organization or individual.
- (vi) The user agency shall not utilize more than the area approved for diversion of exploratory drilling.
- (vii) Exploratory drilling shall commence after prior intimation to DFO of the area.

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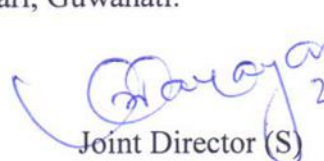
- (viii) The forest land shall be handed over only after final approval of proposed land diversion under F (C) Act, 1980.
- (ix) Drilled material shall neither be disposed off over the adjacent forest area nor the oil/rejects from the drills be allowed to flow over it. Waste drill mud/cuttings and other solid wastes arising from exploratory drilling shall be disposed off in a secured landfill.
- (x) The forest area will revert to the State Forest Department when no longer required by the user agency. However, user agency will undertake reclamation according to the reclamation plan to be prepared in consultation with the concerned DFO.
- (xi) Environmental/pollution control measures shall be implemented according to the stipulations issued by the competent authority.
- (xii) Permission of exploratory drilling does not ipso-facto imply any commitment on the part of the Central Govt. for permanent diversion of forest land for production of oil/gas in the event of the success of exploratory efforts.
- (xiii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. Lalit Narayan)
Joint Director (S)

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1. The PCCF, Govt. of Assam, Dept of Environment & Forests, Rehabari, Guwahati.
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Joint Director (S) 20/12/2016