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No. ONGC/EOA/98-2/Forest

Date: 13.08.2021

To
 District Forest Officer
 Kakinada,
 Andhra Pradesh.

Sub: Diversion of 3.26 ha of forest land (2.67 ha of forest Matlatippa RF and 0.59 ha Mangrove Forest Land) for laying of 20" pipeline (about 31 kms) from offshore platform through mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC onshore plant at East Godavari District in favour of M/s ONGC Kakinada- Reg.

- Ref:**
1. FP/AP/Pipeline/42672/2019, Dt.28.10.2019
 2. F.No. 4-APB124/2021-VIJ/43, Dt. 13.07.2021
 3. EFS02-15027/4/2019-FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3, dt. 18.07.2021
 4. Rc. no. 1713/2019-D1, Dated: 31.07/2021
 5. RFS02-15027/4/2019-FCA-SEC PCCF/FCA-3 dt. 11.08.2021
 6. Rc. no. 1713/2019-D1 dt. 12.08.2021

Dear Sir,

ONGC is developing Block KG-DWN-98/2 under the New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP), in deep waters off the east coast of India. As a part of the project it was proposed for laying 20" Gas Pipeline (about 31 KMs) from Offshore Platform through Mouth of the Gouthami River to ONGC Onshore plant at Mallavaram Village, Tallarevu Mandal, East Godavari District. The purpose of this pipeline is for transporting of produced and processed gas from offshore platform and FPSO (Floating Production Storage Offloading) facilities located in the territorial waters of State of AP. Currently, Offshore process platform and FPSO are under construction, majority of offshore activities have completed and expected to be ready for production operations soon. Being a project of National importance and targeted to commence production operations on the eve of Nation's 75th Independence Year, Govt of India (PMO) is closely monitoring the instant project.

Hence, laying of said 20" Gas Pipeline must be completed prior to commencement of offshore production operations. If laying of pipeline is delayed, then production of Oil & Gas from offshore shall accordingly be delayed, resulting a potential National loss/ delay of production of about **46,000 barrels/ day of Oil** and **7.5 MMSCMD** of Gas. Thus, any delay in pipeline laying may result in potential loss of about **Rs 1050 Crores** per annum to Exchequers in the form of Statutory levies at current Oil & Gas prices.

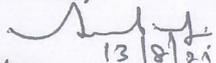
With reference to Ref. no. 5 above, ONGC response is as given below.

S. No.	Observation	Reply
1.	Against – K i.e., status of settlement of rights under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 on the forest land proposed to be diverted, the user agency has not uploaded the RoFR certificate issued by the District Collector, Rajamahendravaram.	Uploaded the RoFR certificate issued by the District Collector, Kakinada (Copy attached)
2.	Against column no. 13 (ii), the Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada has revised the CA Scheme to an amount of 110.438 lakh. The Divisional Forest Officer, Kakinada has not uploaded the approved CA scheme with descriptive matter and also not prepared the CA scheme for 10 years maintenance as per 2.8 (i) & 2.8 (ii) (c) of chapter – 2 of Comprehensive guidelines issued by the Gol, MoEF&CC, New Delhi in F. No. 5-2/2017-FC, Dated: 28.03.2021	May kindly direct the concerned officer to do the needful.

The information provided may please be considered and the application may please be processed for Clearance on priority

Regards

Yours faithfully


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S. SUBASH, C.G.M (P)
for Head HSE,
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ONGC, Kakinada

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