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To

Safety & Environment Department

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Sub: Reply against the Essential Details Sought (EDS) for Forest Clearance (FC) application of Loc.DHD on 11.07.2017.

Reference to your EDS query against our Forest Clearance application for LOC: DHD, please find below our comments.

A. <u>EDS Query</u>: C - (ii) - (a): No action has been taken for rectification of the area of the KML file against the proposed diversion area as E-communicated vide our observation dated 20/01/2017. So rectify and uploaded the same.

<u>OIL's View</u>: The KML files showing plinth area and approach road area in patch wise, has been uploaded in the online form and the same has been sent to your email address mentioned in your EDS. (Copy enclosed)

B. EDS Query: C-(iv): The uploaded map is a copy of 1:50,000 scale SOI toposheet map of the proposed DHD Drilling Location instead of the sought for Geo-reference map of the proposed diversion area. Hence, you are requested again to upload a fresh map showing the area to be diverted in a geo-referenced map in shape file, showing the diversion activities distinctly on the map along with mandatory components, appropriate legends, DGPS/Total Station coordinate points and DGPS/total Station coordinate readings should be reflected in the map and uploaded.

OIL's View: The Geo-reference showing the diversion activities distinctly on the map along with mandatory components, appropriate legends, DGPS/Total Station coordinate points and DGPS/total Station coordinate with the approaching road connecting to the plinth area mentioned in the column no B-2.4 (2) is enclosed as **Annexure-I.**

We have uploaded the Pdf format in the online application since there is no provision in the online form to upload the shape files. However, we have sent the same in your email for your necessary concurrence.

- C. <u>EDS Query:</u> I-(ii): No action has been taken for providing the sought for data as E-communicated vide our observation dated 20/01/2017. So furnished the same.
 - OIL's View: We have tried to make online NBWL application at MoEF&CC portal for Loc. DHD which was not accepted by the system. Since, as per the online system guidelines for projects which requires both FC and NBWL clearances, first FC application needs to be made online prior to NBWL application. In this connection, we are enclosing herewith a screenshot of the online system directing us to make FC application first (Enclosed as Annexure-II)
- D. <u>EDS Query</u>: K- (ii): No action has been taken despite specific request vide our E-communication dated 20/01/2017 for furnishing a certificate from the concerned Deputy Commissioner. So furnished the same.

OIL's View: We have applied for FRA certificate vide our letter No. S&E/E/88 (E)/939, dated 03.06.2017. Subsequently, we had also followed up with DFO, Digboi vide our email dated 26.07.2017 regarding the status of FRA certificate. Further, we have received a letter dated 26.07.2017 from DC, Tinsukia addressed to DFO, Digboi (Copy Enclosed as **Annexure-III)**, requesting him to expedite upon the matter and furnish a fresh report so that FRA can be issued from DC, Tinsukia. Hence, FRA cannot be uploaded at this stage since it is under process at DFO, Digboi Office.

View above, we request you to kindly consider our proposal at this stage and assure you that it will be provided as soon as we receive the same.

A. EDS Query: M-2- (vii): Soft copy of the outer boundary of mining lease area uploaded against the column is un-openable. So the same may be withdrawn and reloaded with a fresh copy. Also arrange to send a copy of the same to our E-mail address addlpccf.nodal@gmail.com.

OIL's View: The outer boundary of mining lease area has been re-uploaded in the online form as well has been sent to your email id. (Copy enclosed)

B. EDS Query: M -5.(i): No action has been taken for providing the sought for information as E-communicated vide our observation dated 20/01/2017. So furnished the same.

OIL's View: OIL has drilled seven (7) wells after obtaining EC in non-forest area under Jorajan Block falling in Doomdooma Mining lease. However, few wells have been drilled prior FC Act 1980 and EIA notification 2006 for which FC and EC was not applicable at that time.

Regarding wells drilled in forest land, OIL has drilled thirteen (13) wells in Doomdomma Mining lease falling under Digboi Forest Division after obtaining FC. Hence, no. of boreholes drilled in non-forest land is shown as 7 and the no. of boreholes drilled in forest land is shown as 13.

Thanking you, With Regards,

Yours faithfully,

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