



No. AGT/GA/LA/300/TIAC/2015 /15

Dated:-02/04/2018

To,
The Dy. Conservator of Forests (FCA)
Government of Tripura,
Aranya Bhawan, Gorkhabasti,
AGARTALA.

Sub:- Proposal for diversion of **1.368 ha** of forest land for construction of drilling site and waste-pit and approach road leading to drill site at location **TIAC** under District Forest Officer, Sepahijala.

This has reference to your letter No.F.6-1084/FC/For-15/38082-083 Dated:- 07th March, 2018 on the subject cited above. In this connection, the requisite informations / clarifications sought based on the letter No. 3-TR C 006/2018-SHI/4112-13 dated-09th February, 2018 of Conservator of Forests (C), MoEF & CC has been furnished and tabulated against each point as under :

Sl.	Information sought by MoEF & CC	Reply from User Agency
i	To clarify whether the submitted proposal is for prospecting/ exploration or for exploitation/ extraction/ harvesting of hydrocarbon/ natural gas.	Proposal is submitted for prospecting / exploration through drilling only for Hydrocarbon/ Natural Gas.
ii	To clarify whether any drilling activities has been taken earlier in the proposed area as it is mentioned that 12 wells drilled in Tichna PML area out of which 03 Wells were tested and declared as gas bearing in the submitted form Form-A Part-I.	No, drilling activities has been taken earlier in the proposed area. 12 Wells drilled in Tichna PML mentioned in Form-A Part-I having 03 gas bearing Wells is part of approved mining area of 195.41 Sq. Kms area which falls outside the present proposed area.
iii	A copy of the approved mining Plan dated 04.02.2009 as mentioned in the submitted form Form-A, Part-I	Copy enclosed at Annexure-A.
iv	The status of Environmental Clearance of the proposed area.	EC will be available after getting Forest Clearance.
v	The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after finalization / revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.	An Undertaking is enclosed at Annexure-B.
vi	The Cost benefit analysis of the project, if the proposal is for exploitation / extraction / harvesting of hydrocarbon /natural gas as the new format.	The instant proposal is only for prospecting / exploration through drilling only not for exploitation / extraction. So, Cost benefit analysis is not required.

Based on the above information/clarification and related documents furnished against each para, you are requested to obtain final approval from the Competent Authority and hand over possession of the proposed site for the said purpose at an early date.

Encl:- as stated above.



Yours faithfully,

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02/04/18
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