

GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY AND MINING  
ITANAGAR

NO.DGM/ML/ KHEREM/157 /2017

342-50

Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> Mar'2018

To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests,  
Department of Environment & Forests,  
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh,  
Itanagar

**Sub: Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under section 2(iii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act'1980 for grant of Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) for contract area "AA/ONDSF/KHEREM/2016" measuring 16.45 sq.km in Kherem Area of Changlang District, Arunachal Pradesh.**

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the subject cited above, it is to apprise you that the Central Government with a desire that all types of Petroleum resources which may exist in India be discovered and exploited in accordance with Modern Oil Field and Petroleum Industry Practices with utmost expedition in the overall interests of India, therefore, formulated a Policy known as Marginal Field Policy (MFP) with the objective to bring the marginal/discovered oil & gas fields to the production at the earliest so as to augment the country's domestic production of oil and gas and reduce dependence on energy imports.

2. Under this policy many of the Marginal Oil and Gas fields discovered by/available with Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd (ONGC) and Oil India Ltd (OIL) which could not be put on production/monetized for many years due to various reasons such as isolated location, small size, prohibitive development costs, technological constraints, unfavourable fiscal regime etc were taken up by Govt of India.
3. The Govt of India launched the Discovered Small Fields Bid Round-2016 first on 25<sup>th</sup> May'2016 in New Delhi and in doing so open up the market for untapped oil and gas potential to both local and global investors. Around 69 (sixty nine) fields of ONGC & OIL was considered under this marginal field category
4. Under these 69 marginal oil & gas field's category, the State of Arunachal Pradesh has got one field at Kherem in Changlang District which was offered for development through international bidding. The aforesaid field falls in Ningru Extension PML ( 75 sq.km) of Oil India Ltd.
5. Now the bid round has been finalized and the KHEREM CONTRACT AREA named AA/ONDSF/KHEREM/2016 measuring 16.45 sq.km has been awarded under Discovered Small

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Field Round'2016 to M/S Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited (HOECL),M/S Oil India Limited(OIL) and M/S Prize Petroleum Company Limited(PPCL).

6. I am forwarding herewith the application together with all supporting documents as submitted by M/S Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited (HOECL) for necessary forest clearances under section 2(iii) of the Forest Conservation Act'1980.

7. You are,therefore,requested to kindly grant the clearances for above mentioned area so as to enable this Department to grant the Petroleum Mining Lease(PML) to aforesaid consortium of companies to carry out hydrocarbon resources covered under Oilfield ( Regulation and Development ) Act'1948.

Enclo: as stated above.

Yours sincerely,

( Bidol Tayeng),IAS,  
Secretary (G&M),  
Govt of Arunachal Pradesh,  
Itanagar.  
Dated the 12<sup>th</sup> March'18

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1. Secy to Hon'ble Chief Minister, Arunachal Pradesh,Itanagar,for kind information please.
2. PS to Hon'ble Minister (G&M),Itanagar,for kind information please.
3. Under Secy to Chief Secretary,Govt of Arunachal Pradesh,Itanagar,for kind information please.
4. Joint Secretary (E), Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas ,Shastri Bhawan,New Delhi-110001,for kind information please.
5. Deputy Director General, Directorate General of Hydrocarbons,OIDB Bhawan,Tower A,Plot No.2,Sector-73,Noida-201301 for kind information please.
6. The Deputy Commissioner, Changlang, Dist.Changlang,for information .
7. The Managing Director/S Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Limited,Lakshmi Chambers,192,St.Mary's Road,Alwarpet,Chennai-600018 for information and necessary action .
8. Office copy.

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( Bidol Tayeng ),IAS,  
Secretary (G&M),  
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