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30th October, 2024

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प्रमुख सचिव/Principal Secretary

अरुणाचल प्रदेश सरकार/ Govt of Arunachal Pradesh

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Sub: Proposal for regularization of 34.508 ha of forest land under FCA, 1980 for site specific forest clearance for oil drilling within Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease (PML), Nampong Forest Division, Jairampur in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Oil India Limited, Duliajan, Assam.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No. FOR.836/Cons/2018/1016-22 dated 03.03.2020 and No. FOR.836/Cons/2018/3640-43 dated 21.08.2024 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and to say that the proposal has been examined by the Regional Empowered Committee constituted by the Central Govt, under Section 3 of the aforesaid Act. After careful consideration of the proposal and the recommendation by the REC in its meeting held on 31.08.2020 and subsequent approval of Ministry through e-office, In-Principle Approval (IPA) was granted vide Regional Office, Shillong letter of even number dated 08.01.2024 subject to fulfillment of certain conditions.

2. In this connection and on the basis of the compliance report furnished by the State Government vide No. FOR.836/Cons/2018/3640-43 dated 21.08.2024 and its complete uploading on parivesh portal on 09.09.2024 and with submission of compensatory levies by e-challan and online payment by user agency under CAMPA, **Final Approval** of the Central Government is hereby granted under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for regularization of 34.508 ha of forest land under FCA, 1980 for site specific forest clearance for oil drilling within Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease (PML), Nampong

Forest Division, Jairampur in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Oil India Limited, Duliajan, Assam, subject to the following conditions, subject to the following conditions:

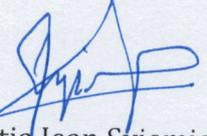
- (i) The legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged.
- (ii) The compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained over double the area of 69 ha in Repari (Buduru) Village Forest Reserve under Hapoli Forest Division of Arunachal Pradesh as per the funds deposited by the User Agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted and monoculture of any species may be avoided.
- (iii) State Govt has promulgated Notification dated 09.08.2019 under Section 3A of the Arunachal Pradesh Village Forest Reserve (Constitution and Maintenance) Act, 1975 (Act No.1 of 1976), as amended in 1984 read with Section 4 & 5 of the Assam Forest Regulation, 1891 (7 of 1891) for declaring CA area in Repari (Buduru) Village Forest Reserve. The onus of the final declaration as VFR shall lie with the State Govt.
- (iv) At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user Agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- (v) The State Govt shall ensure the complete compliance on FRA, 2006; it should also be ensured that the FRA certificate issued by the District Collector is complete with letter number, date name, signature and official seal, as required in the certificate.
- (vi) The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.
- (vii) The User Agency shall obtain the Environmental Clearance under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- (viii) The lay out of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
- (ix) No labour camps shall be established on the forest land.
- (x) Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternative fuel, shall be provided by the User Agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or the Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternative fuel.
- (xi) No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.
- (xii) The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

- (xiii) The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the project proposal.
- (xiv) The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any other agencies, department or person without prior approval of Govt. of India
- (xv) The User Agency shall undertake mining in a phased manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the User Agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Government and the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan are not being executed by the User Agency, the Nodal Officer or the concern Dy. Director General (Central) may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, reclamation activities are satisfactorily executed;
- (xvi) Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of state Forest Department.)
- (xvii) The user agency shall take precautions and care all the time not to impact adversely the surrounding forests and forest land by their actions/activities.
- (xviii) Tree felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any shall be done under the supervision of the Forest department.
- (xix) The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigative measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.
- (xx) The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful translocation of maximum number of trees identified to the felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.
- (xxi) The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated condition to the State Govt, concerned Regional Office and to the Ministry by the end of March every year.
- (xxii) The User agency shall comply with Hon'ble Supreme court order on re-grassing, and re-grass the mining area and any other Areas which may have been disturbed due to mining to restore them to a condition which is fit for growth o fodder, flora, fauna, etc. in timely manner;
- (xxiii) Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as per the Van

(Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 & Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Rules, 2023, guideline & clarification, 2023.

- (xxiv) The State Government and user agency shall ensure compliance to the stipulated conditions in this Stage I approval letter dated 08.01.2024 and also provision of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, relevant Hon'ble Court Order (S) and NGT Order(S), if any, pertaining to this project for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.
- (xxv) This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Regional Office, Shillong.
- (xxvi) Any other conditions that the Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife. The state Govt shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions.

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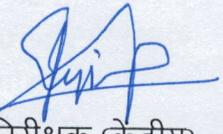
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