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Sub: Laying of Underground gas pipeline from Bhadbhut- Rajkot by M/s Gujarat State Petronet Limited - Phase III of implementation for a length of about 815 km.

This has reference to your letter no.GSPL/E C/Phase-III-sub/2-6-07 dated 13th February, 2007 on the above mentioned subject regarding laying of underground natural gas pipeline for transportation of natural gas in the State of Gujarat.

Under the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification, 2006, the activity 6(a) in the schedule regarding oil and gas transportation pipeline (crude and refinery/petrochemical product(s) passing through National Parks/Sanctuaries/Coral reefs/ecologically sensitive areas including LNG terminal is included as Category A and will require prior environmental clearance from the Ministry of Environment and Forests.

Since laying of proposed underground natural gas pipeline does not pass through National Parks/sanctuaries/coral reefs/ecologically sensitive area including LNG terminal, it would not require environmental clearance under the provisions of the Environmental Impact Assessment Notification dated 14th September, 2006. However, it is noted the wild ass sanctuary is located within 1km radius of the pipeline. In this regard, you may obtain clearance under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972 from the concerned authority.

This issues with the approval of the competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. P.L. Ahujarai)
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