

Inspection Note of Shri Angshuman Dey, IFS, Chief Conservator of Forests of the sites proposed for diversion of 1.368 ha forest land against the Project "Drilling of location TIAC" proposed by ONGC Limited vide Proposal No. FP/TR/MIN/13529/2015.

The undersigned inspected the site on 20 November 2017 at about 1:05 PM along with the following officials:

- (i) Shri Gautam Das, IFS, DFO Sepahijala District
- (ii) Shri Biplab Datta, TFS, Wildlife Warden, Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary
- (iii) Shri Suman Das, TFS, SDFO Sonamura
- (iv) Shri Sudhir Chandra Sarkar, Range Officer, Kathalia
- (v) Shri Sukanta Sarkar, Forester, Abhaya Range
- (vi) Shri Sayandeb Bandopadhyay, Dy SG, Forward Base, ONGC
- (vii) Ms Rupa Das, SG (S), Forward Base, ONGC
- (viii) Shri Manna Dey, AG (III), P&A, LAQ ONGC
- (ix) Shri Mrinal Kanti Majumdar, Ex-Surveyor, ONGC LAQ Section
- (x) Shri Nihar Ranjan Debbarma, LAQ- ONGC.

2. The proposal is for construction of drill site and waste pit for exploration of hydrocarbon. A total of 1.368 ha of forest land has been proposed for diversion that fall within the jurisdiction of Dakshin Taibandal mouja of Sonamura Sub-Division of Sepahijala District.

3. This is a drilling project and the 1.048 ha patch of forest land proposed for diversion would be required for construction of the drill site and a contiguous patch of 0.32 ha for waste pit - both from CS Plot No. 316 (Part) of Dakshin Taibandal mouja. **The area is a part of notified Trishna Wildlife Sanctuary** and administratively it is under the control of Kathalia Range of Sepahijala District.

4. During the inspection, it is observed that the land is table land with a number of rubber trees.

5. Since the User Agency representatives (ONGC) have informed during inspection that the Project is important for the economy, the proposal may be considered subject to obtaining necessary wildlife clearance as per Rule.



(Angshuman Dey)
Chief Conservator of Forests