Annexure-9

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

GAIL (India) Ltd. has been setting up LMC (Last Mile Connectivity) i.e equipments and installation used for providing PNG connection as per PNGRB (Petroleum and Natural gas Regulatory Board) 2008 from GAIL IP-4 Terminal to M/s Vardhaman Special Steel Limited Ludhiana for an approximate length 22.7 Km. The Start point (30.776511° N & 76.015661° E) and End point (30.885641° N & 75.907158° E) coordinates of the connectivity are mentioned above The Pipeline route has been fixed considering technical and economic feasibility of the project by GAIL (India) Ltd. Since the proposed pipeline will be crossing protected forest in Ludhiana District of Uttar Pradesh and as this is the most feasible route to connect to M/s Vardhaman Special Steel Limited Ludhiana, crossing of the forest area is unavoidable.

In view of above, the proposed pipeline route is the most suitable route from social, environmental and economic point of view as the successful commissioning of said pipeline will lead to environmental benefits and availability of cleaner fuel to the citizens of the region. It will also benefit industrial and commercial units by ensuring the uninterrupted supply of natural gas.

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