Enclosure-9

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

GAIL (India) Ltd. has been authorized by Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulation Board to setup Mumbai-Nagpur Pipeline Project. 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 forest Along Samruddhi Expressway, Dahej-Uran pipeline (DUPL) & Mumbai Manmad Bijwasan Pipeline (MMBPL) and as this is the most feasible route to connect Mumbai to Nagpur, 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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