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Date: 09/03/16

To: The Project Director, CBM-Project Ranigunj, Essar Oil Ltd. (E&P Division), Durgapur, West Bengal, Pin-713208.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 13.54 hec. (9.32 hec. in Burdwan Division + 4.22 hec. in Durgapur Division) of forest land in favour of the Essar Oil Ltd., Durgapur, for laying of Pipeline and construction of access road to CBM Well sites for production of Coal Bed Methane at Ranigunj CBM Block, Dist.-Burdwan.

In inviting a reference to the GO's Memo No.5-WBC087/2015-BHU; dt.03/02/2016 of the Conservator of Forests (Central), Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Govt. of India at Bhubaneswar, conveying the Stage-I approval for the project, you are requested to comply with the following:-

1. Payment is required to be made for an amount of Rs. 1,08,72,620/- (One crore Eight lakh SeventyTwo thousand Six hundred Twenty only) as the Net Present Value (NPV) of the forest land, so proposed to be diverted for undertaking non-forestry activities thereon.
2. Payment is required to be made for an amount of Rs. 14,04,000/- (Fourteen lakh Four thousand only) as the cost of raising Compensatory Afforestation (CA) over 13.54 hec. of non forest land, identified at Plot Nos.364, 365, 407 & 425, Mouza-Mukutidih, J.I No.118, Range-Indpur under Bankura (South) Forest Division.

The above amount totalling Rs. 1,22,76,620/- (One crore Twenty Two lakh Seventy Six thousand Six hundred Twenty only) is required to be deposited directly to the Ad-hoc CAMPA in the Compensatory Afforestation Fund (CAF), West Bengal's Savings Account No.- 037100101025231, maintained in the Corporation Bank, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi-110003 through RTGS/IFSC-CORP0000371.

3. The User Agency is required to furnish an undertaking to the effect that additional amount of NPV, if the rate is revised upwardly by the Govt. of India, will be borne by them.
4. The User Agency is required to furnish an undertaking that no serious damage will be done to the forest during construction and subsequent maintenance of pipeline.
5. The User Agency is to take all precautionary measures for safety of the human being from the hazardous Methane gas.
6. The User Agency is to undertake afforestation along the pipeline within the diverted area at project cost in consultation with State Forest Dept.
7. The User Agency is to prepare a fire protection scheme to protect the forest and wildlife during execution/operation of pipeline at project cost.
8. The user agency is required to take steps for demarcation of the boundary of the forest land, proposed for the purpose, with 4' high RCC pillars having inscribed Sl. No. and forward & backward bearing, DGPS reading of each demarcation pillar and distance between them.

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9. The User Agency to ensure that earth or other material shall not be borrowed from the adjoining forest area and debris out of the construction activities shall not be disposed off there.
10. The User Agency is to ensure that neither any labour camp shall be established on the forest land nor any additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for execution of the project.
11. The user agency is required to furnish an undertaking to the effect that they will provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel, to the labourers working at the site to avoid damage/felling trees.
12. The user agency is to ensure that there shall be no damage to the forest or wildlife by them or by the labours/contractors, engaged by them.
13. The lay-out plan of the proposal shall not be permitted to be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government.
14. The forest land, proposed for diversion, shall, under no circumstances, be transferred to other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Govt.
15. The forest land shall not be used for any other purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
16. Apart from the above, a para-wise report is to be furnished with supportive documents and maps, if any, regarding compliance of /undertaking to comply with all the other conditions, applicable to you, as indicated in the above conditional approval of the Ministry of Environment & Forests, Govt. of India.

On receiving the report of compliance of all the stipulations of the conditional approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, the appropriate authority of the Govt. of India will be approached for final permission approving the proposed diversion of forest land. Till the final approval is communicated by the Govt for the project, no non-forestry activity will be allowed to be undertaken within the proposed forest land.


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Copy forwarded for information and necessary action to:-

1. The Principal Secretary, Dept. of Forests, Govt. of West Bengal.
2. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, West Bengal.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Burdwan Forest Division.


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