

## Justification for locating the project in forest area

The proposal is for forest clearance of the land diverted against 30 nos of wells which have been drilled by GeoEnpro Petroleum Limited as Operator of Kharsang Field PSC from the existing diverted forest lands for which FC approvals were originally obtained by Oil India Limited. No new forest area was diverted and no trees were felled because of the drilling of these additional wells.

These locations were identified based on the exploration and development history of the field along with various geological/geophysical studies carried out in the past. The crude oil is located in the specific area; and hence the project falls under forest area.

The current proposal is exclusively towards grant of post facto approval and regularization of 31.79 Ha of forest land against 30 wells under Section 2 (ii) of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 within the Kharsang Petroleum Mining Lease area.

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