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## Sub: Justification for locating the project in forest land and details of alternates examined

## Introduction

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (pipelines Division), a Government of India Undertaking intends to extend LPG pipeline under Augmentation of Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur LPG Pipeline from Durgapur in the state of West Bengal to Giddha in Bhojpur district via Bhagalpur-Barauni-Patna (with branch pipeline from Barauni to Muzaffarpur) covering approximately 620 Km.

## Justification

Based on the reconnaissance and detailed route surveys the final route of the Augmentation of Paradip-Haldia-Durgapur LPG Pipeline is being established in the state of West Bengal with stretch of 59.360 Km.

Before selecting the final pipeline route through forest land, three possible alternatives were examined keeping the pipeline stretch straight which would be ideal for route selection at **Tikarbeta Mouza**, **Tehsil-Illambazar**, **Dist- Birbhum** of West Bengal State falling under Birbhum Forest Division.

Alternate Route -1: marked in Green colour.

Alternate Route - 2: marked in Yellow colour.

Alternate Route - 3: marked in Blue colour.

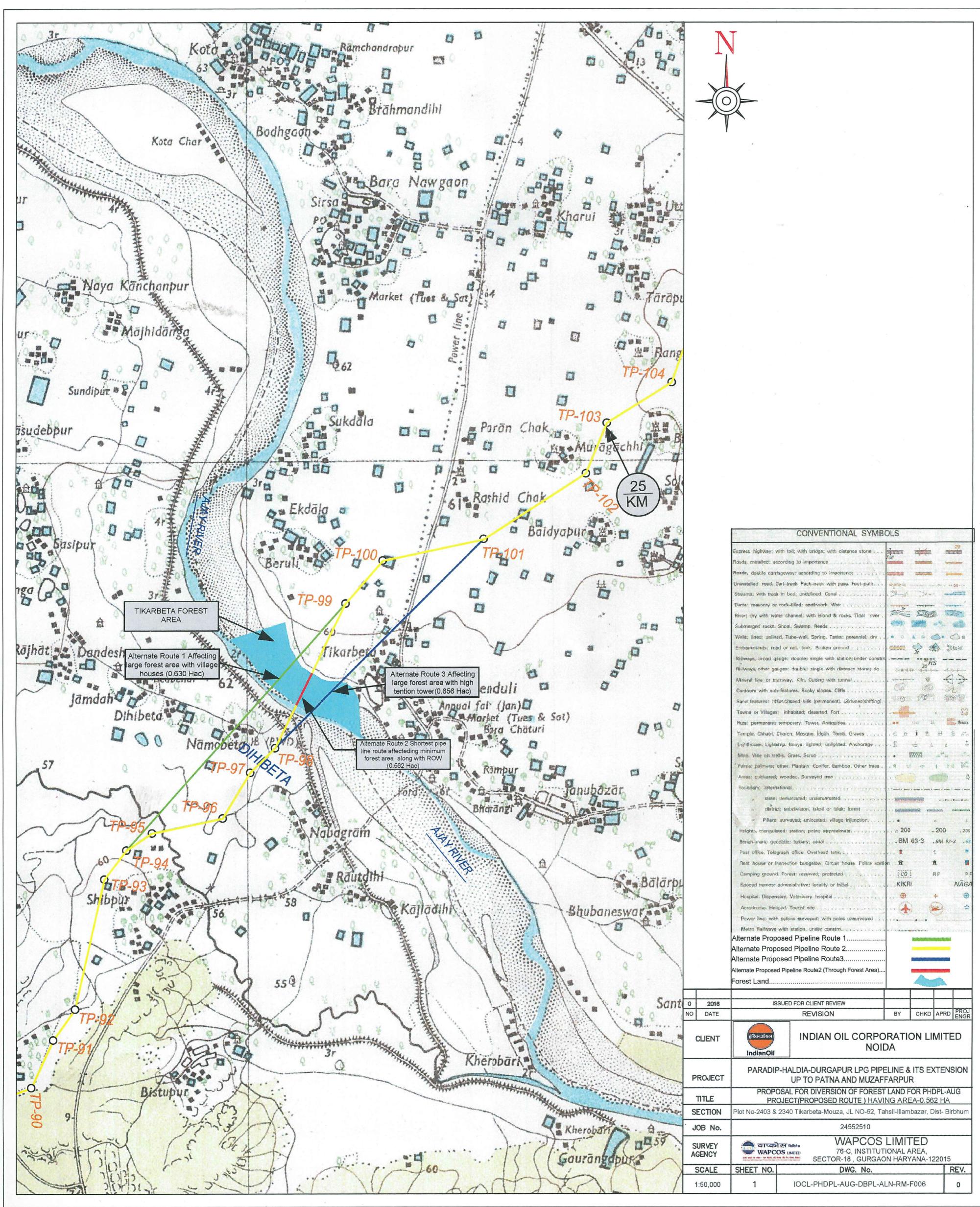
The alternate routes marked over SOI toposheet is attached herewith.

Alternate-2 is recommended for selection because of the following:

- The alternate routes 1, 2 & 3 are marked in Green, Yellow & Blue colour respectively and the area of the encountered forest lands for these routes is 0.630 Ha, 0.562 Ha & 0.656 Ha.
- From the drawing it is evident that if Alternate 1 or Alternate 3 path is followed the alignment
  of the pipeline will be straight however the forest area encountered becomes more. Hence
  the route for which minimum forest area is encountered [Yellow coloured path]; i.e 0.562 Ha,
  is selected as final route.

The entire forest land (0.562 ha) for which diversion is requested is located at the bank of Ajoy river; Plot No 2403 & 2340 at Tikarbeta Mouza JL No.62, Tehsil-Illambazar, Dist- Birbhum of West Bengal State falling under Birbhum Forest Division.

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