

GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM
POWER (ELECT.) MINES & MINERALS DEPARTMENT

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NO. PEM.36/92/60.

Dated Dispur, the 28th Feb/2007

From

Shri S. Mukharjee, IAS,
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Mines & Minerals Deptt.,
Dispur, Ghy-6.

To

The GM-Basin Manager, (ASAM),
Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd.,
Cinamara Complex,
Cinamara, Jorhat-785008

Sub

Grant of PML to ONGC for Khoraghat Extn-I
area measuring 83.00 sq.kms in Golaghat
Dist. of Assam.

Ref

Your application No. ER/ONGC/TS(A)/ML-KHG-Extn-I/
99.00 dtd.17.7.2000.

Sir,

I am directed to say that the Governor of Assam is pleased to grant Petroleum Mining Lease (PML) to ONGC Ltd. for Khoraghat Extn-I area measuring 83.00 sq.kms. in Golaghat Dist. of Assam for a period of 20 (twenty) years from the date of execution of PML deed or the date of starting of mining operation whichever is earlier, under provision of Rule 5(f) (ii) of PSNG Rules, 1959 as amended from time to time and as per approval of Govt. of India conveyed under their letter No. O-12012/90/2002/ONGCIII dtd. 7.7.06 subject to the condition that ONGC Ltd. shall have to obtain prior approval of the competent Authority before undertaking any work in Reserved Forest area.

The Grant of PML to ONGC Ltd. is also subject to the observance of the following terms and conditions as laid down hereunder.

1. The lease shall be in respect of Cande Oil and Natural Gas.
2. The lease shall be valid for a period of twenty years from the date of execution of PML deed by State Govt. with ONGC Ltd. or commencement of actual mining operation whichever is earlier.
3. The lease shall be subject to the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation & Development) Act, 1948 (53 of 1948) and the Petroleum & Natural Gas Rules, 1959 made thereunder as amended from time to time.

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4. Royalty on Crude Oil, Condensate and Natural Gas shall be payable by the lessee as per the terms of production sharing contract entered into between the lessee and the Central Government in respect of the said block/area, if any, or at such rates as may be fixed, from time to time by the Central Government in consultation with the State Government. The royalty shall be payable on monthly basis and shall be payable by the last day of the month succeeding the period in respect of which it is payable.
5. Immediately on demand or upon determination or relinquishment of any area covered by this lease, the lessee shall furnish to the Central Government/DGI, through the State Government confidentially the complete records of date as specified in Rule 19(c) of the P&EF rules, 1959. The lessee shall submit to Central Government, without fail every six months the results of all operations: boring and test production.
6. Necessary approval from the Competent Authority should be obtained for the Reserve Forest Area (if any) falling in the leased area.

"However, the lessee may carry out surveys for oil exploration in the Reserved Forest area falling in such leased area without obtaining prior clearance of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. Government of India under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 so long as the surveys do not involve cutting of trees. The Lessee shall, however, in no circumstance carry out such surveys in specially protected areas like wildlife sanctuary national park and preservation or sample plots demarcated by the Forest Department (Re. letter No.11-28/86-PRY (CONS) dtd.2.5.1986. Department of Environment, Forest & Wildlife. Government of India).
7. If international companies or foreigners are entrusted with the task, the lessee may get security vetting of these companies through the appropriate Government agencies with help of this Ministry. The lessee shall also seek prior clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defense with the full particulars of the foreigner employees under intimation to this Ministry.
8. The lessee shall issue identity card to each of the employees. The system of checking identity cards of personnel will have to be strictly enforced.

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9. Security to its employees both at the project sites and en-route in insurgency affected areas will be the responsibility of the lessee.
10. The lessee shall allow Government authorities to enter and inspect area for security check-up, if necessary.
11. Lessee shall not employ any foreign national surreptitiously in the area along the border.
12. No ground/aerial survey of the Defence Vias/VPs is permitted. Aerial survey, if any would be governed by the provisions of Ministry of Defence letter No. 18(e)/92-D(GSIII) dtd. January 31, 1989.
13. Air force areas falling within the zones embarked for delineation should be avoided.
14. For works in close vicinity of Indian Air Force units/ installations and visit to these installations, if any, specific permission of Air Hdqrs. should be obtained.
15. Any work within 500 m of the perimeter of Air Force Station should be intimated to Air Force authority at least 10 days before commencement of the activities.
16. No obstruction shall be erected higher than 15 mtrs. within 5 kms radius of Air Force Air Fields and construction of any high mast/towers shall be carried out in consultation with the Air Force Authority.
17. Lessee shall execute a separate lease deed in respect of such other covenants, terms and conditions as per the prescribed format.

You are, therefore, requested to take necessary action accordingly.

Receipt of the letter may kindly be acknowledged.

Yours faithfully,

S. Mulholland
Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
Mineral & Minerals Deptt.

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Dated Disput., the 28th Feb/07

Copy to :-

1. The Under Secretary to the Govt. of India, Ministry of P&NG, Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi, with ref. to their letter No.0-12012/90/2002-ONGC-III dtd.7.7.06
2. The Director, I/C Geology & Mining, Assam, Kahilipara, Ghy-19 with ref. to his letter No.GM/MM/88/D/Tt/3637 dtd.19.9.06. He is requested to prepare the PML deed and execute the same with ONGC Ltd.
3. The Deputy Commissioner, Golaghat.
4. The Liaison Officer, ONGC Ltd., Mathuranagar, Guwahati.

By Order etc.,

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Under Secretary to the Govt. of Assam,
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