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From

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The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Integrated Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub:- Diversion of 12.2282 ha of forest area coming within jurisdiction of Bhadrak (WL) Division, Mangrove (WL) Division Rajnagar, Khordha Forest Division, City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack Forest Division and Dhenkanal Forest Division for laying of underground natural gas pipeline along with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) of Jagdishpur- Haldia- Bokaro- Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline, Odisha Project by GAIL (India) Ltd.

Ref-: GoI, MoEF & CC, ERO, BBSR Letter issued vide No.5-ORC434/2020-BHU dated 03.11.2020.

Sir,

In inviting reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, IRO, BBSR have accorded Stage-I approval vide their Letter No.5-ORC434/2020-BHU dated 0.11.2020 for diversion of 12.2282 ha of forest land coming within the jurisdiction of Bhadrak (WL) Division, Mangrove (WL) Division Rajnagar, Khordha Forest Division, City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack Forest Division and Dhenkanal Forest Division for laying of underground natural gas pipeline along with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) of Jagdishpur- Haldia- Bokaro- Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline, (Odisha Project) by M/s GAIL (India) Ltd subject to fulfilment of twenty six (26) nos. of conditions and five (5) nos. of additional conditions imposed by the State Government vide their letter No.10F(Cons)155/2020-17699/F&E dated 11.11.2020 stipulated therein. The User Agency has complied all the conditions imposed by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, BBSR and the State Government. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Bhadrak (WL)

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Division, Mangrove (WL) Division, Rajnagar, Khordha Forest Division, City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack Forest Division and Dhenkanal Forest Division and both the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and RCCF, Angul Circle are as follows:-

<u>Condition No. (i):-</u> Legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion will remain unchanged.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that the use agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO concerned that the legal status of the forest land proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged which is enclosed as Annexure-A1(a) to A(f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (ii):-</u> Forest land will be handed over only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest land will be handed over to GAIL India Ltd. by the authorities only after required non-forest land for the project is handed over to it which is enclosed as **Annexure-B** (a) to B (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (iii):-</u> Compensatory afforestation shall be taken up by the State Forest Department over 25.00 of degraded forest land identified in Pachhikote DPF under Jajpur Road Range of Cuttack Forest Division at the cost of user agency. As far as possible, a mixture of local indigenous species shall be planted using multi canopy intensive planting technique and monoculture of any species shall be avoided. A revised C.A. Scheme consisting of indigenous species to result in a multi canopy forest may be submitted before Stage-II approval.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, for raising of compensatory afforestation by the State Forest Department, the degraded forest land has been identified in Pachhikote DPF over an area of 25.00 ha under Jajpur Road Range of Cuttack Forest Division and accordingly the CA scheme has been prepared by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division which have been approved vide Memo No.20973 Dt.02.12.2020 of the PCCF, FD & NO, FC Act, O/o of the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar with a total financial outlay of Rs.48,96,200/- at the wage rate of Rs.308/- per manday with 10 years maintenance.

<u>Condition No. (iv):-</u> The cost of Compensatory Afforestation at the prevailing wage rates as per Compensatory Afforestation scheme and at the cost of survey, demarcation and erection of permanent pillars if required on the CA land shall be deposited in advance with Forest Department by the project authority. The CA will be maintained for 10 years. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has deposited the cost of CA scheme amounting to Rs.48,96,200/- out of Rs.1,25,12,225/- to State CAMPA account vide UTR No. SBIN120357393622 Dt.22.12.2020 as per the scheme approved at the wage rate of Rs.308/- per manday and the demand raised by the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division vide his Letter No.10363 Dt.04.12.2020. Due to revision of wage rate from Rs.308/- to Rs.315/- per manday the revised CA Scheme has been technically approved for Rs.67,68,500/- and communicated to DFOvide this office Memo No.8665 Dt.21.04.2022. Accordingly, as per the approved financial outlay of the above CA Scheme for realisation of the differential amount of CA the DFO, Cuttack Division raised the demand vide his Letter No.2732 Dt.02.05.2022. Accordingly, the User Agency has also deposited the differential amount of CA of Rs.18,72,300/- in State CAMPA account vide UTR No. ICICR52022092600631235 Dt.26.09.2022. Further, due to subsequent revision of wage rate from Rs.315/- to Rs.333/- per manday the revised CA Scheme has been technically approved for Rs.78,50,300/- and communicated to DFO vide this office Memo No.23707 Dt.22.11.2022 Accordingly, as per the approved CA outlay, the DFO, Cuttack Division raised demand vide his Letter dated 29.11.2022. Accordingly, the User Agency has also deposited the differential cost of CA amounts to Rs.10,81,800/- in State CAMPA account vide UTR No.SBINR52022121420458967 Dt.14.12.2022. Regarding proof of deposit of the above CA amount by the UA in phase manner, the copy of financial approval of the CA Scheme, the demand letter of the DFO, Cuttack Forest Division, web portal challan generated for deposit of the differential CA amount along with the date of deposit (UTR No. & Date of Deposit) etc. in phase manner are enclosed in Annexure-D series.

<u>Condition No. (v):-</u> The State Govt. Shall charge the Net present Value (NPV) for 12.2282 ha of forest area to be diverted under this proposal from the user agency as per the orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by Ministry vide letter No. 5-1/1998- FC (Pt.II) dated 18.09.2003, as well as letter No. 5-2/2006- FC dated 03.10.2006 and No. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 in this regard.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, as per the demand notices raised by the DFOs concerned like Bhadrak (WL) Division, Mangrove (WL) Division, Rajnagar, Cuttack Forest Division, City Forest Division and Dhenkanal Forest Division for payment of NPV and Penal NPV, the GAIL India Ltd. has deposited an amount of **Rs.76,16,050/- out of Rs.1,25,12,250/-** vide **UTR No. SBIN120357393622 Dt.22.12.2020**, as per the Challan generated in the web portal. The UA has also deposited the cost of NPV pertaining to Khordha Division amounts to Rs.62,913/- deposited

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vide UTR No.SBIN221008491503 dated 08.01.2021. The payment particulars made by the UA as per the demand letters of the concerned DFOs are enclosed as **Annexure-E Series**. The amount of NPV deposited division wise as per the demand letter of the DFOs are furnished below:

SI. No.	Name of Division	Demand Notice (No. & Date)	NPV Amount	Penal NPV	UTR No.
1	Bhadrak (WL)	4246 Dt.18.11.2020	6,17,925/-		SBIN120357393622
2	Rajnagar (WL)	6157 Dt.19.11.2020	2,29,241/-		-do-
3	Cuttack	9607 Dt.09.11.2020 & 10363 Dt.04.12.2020	27,08,202/-		-do-
4	Dhenkanal	11109 Dt.11.12.2020	39,18,259/-	24,109/-	-do-
5	City Forest Division	5993 Dt.07.12.2020	1,18,314/-		-do-
6	Khurda Forest Division	7555 Dt.24.11.2020	62,913/-		-do-
	TOTAL		76,54,854/-	24,109/-	SBIN221008491503

In the above scenario, regarding deposit of all the Compensatory Levies like cost of CA, NPV, Penal NPV etc. pertaining to all the 5 Nos. of Divisions except Khorda Division the UA has deposited an amount of Rs.76,54,854/- out of Rs.1,25,12,250/- deposited in one stroke vide UTR No.SBIN120357393622 dated 22.12.2020.

<u>Condition No. (vi):-</u>Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt. from the user agency. The user agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO concerned that they will pay the additional amount of the NPV of the diverted forest land, if any becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Govt. from the user agency which are enclosed as **Annexure-F** (a) to F (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (vii):-</u> The Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan including Mangrove restoration shall be prepared and implemented at the project cost, duly approved by CWLW, Jdisha.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the *Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan* pertaining to the above project has been approved by the PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha vide his letter No.248 dated 12.01.2021 with a total financial forecast of Rs.17,94,73,000/- for the plantation In Project Impact Area of Bhadarak (WL), Mangrove (WL), Rajnagar, Cuttack, Dhenkanal and City Forest Division. Accordingly, as per the demand notice of the concerned DFOs against the UA, the GAIL has already deposited Rs.1,77,60,730/- vide UTR No.SBIN521019364474 dt.19.01.2021. The User Agency has deposited the entire amount of SSWLCP pertaining to the above 6 Nos. of Divisions in one stroke for the activities to be implemented in Project Impact Area by the concerned DFOs. The GAIL India Ltd. has also submitted an undertaking to deposit Rs.18,00,000/- for activities to be implemented by the UA in project area. The payment particulars along with PCCF (WL) & SWLW approval letter & the demand letter of the concerned DFOs against the UA are enclosed as **Annexure-G Series**. The payment towards SSWLCP division wise are mentioned below:-

Sl. No.	DFO	Demand Letter (No. & date)	Amount (in Rs.)	UTR No.	
1.	Bhadrak (WL)	302/3F-52/2013 dated 14.01.2021	121.500 Editis		
2.	Rajnagar (WL)	315/4F-368/2021 dated 401.287 Lakhs 13.01.2021		and the fit	
3.	Cuttack	286/5F(FD)/2018 dated 12.01.2021	434.460 Lakhs	SBIN521019364474	
4.	Dhenkanal	339/3F/Misc/257/2021 dated 12.01.2021	316.344 Lakhs		
5.	City Forest	273/4F-(Misc)28/21 dated 13.01.2021	202.632 Lakhs	t a chi sectore	
6.	Khordha	NA	NA	NA	
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<u>Condition No. (viii):-</u> The State Government shall initiate prosecution under the provision of Indian Forest Act, 1927 and other State Acts dealing with conservation of forest for use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval under F.C. Act, 1980 against the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that, one OR Case No.158 (S) if 2019-20 dated 16.01.2020 has been booked against the GM (Construction), GAIL India Ltd. for violation of Section 27(3) (b) & (c) of OFA, 1972 and Prosecution has also been sanction vide PR Case No.06 of 2020-21 of the DFO, Dhenkanal Division. The copy of FIR & PR copy is enclosed as **Annexure-H (a) to H (f)** respectively.

<u>Condition No. (ix):-</u> The State Govt. shall charge Penal NPV equal to NPV of forest land per hectare for each year of violation from the date of actual diversion as reported by the inspecting officer with maximum upto five (5) times of NPV plus 12% simple interest till the deposit is made from the user agency. In case of public utility project of the government the penalty shall be 20% of the penalty proposed as above.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that, the penal NPV amounting to Rs.24,109/- has been deposited out of Rs.1,25,12,250/- by the UA in the State CAMPA account vide UTR No.SBIN120357393622 dated 22.12.2020 as per the demand letter of the DFO, Dhenkanal Division against the UA vide letter No.11109 dated 11.12.2020 as follows-

NPV per ha = Rs.6,26,000/-

Violation of Forest Area = 0.2584 ha

Period of Violation = 05.02.2020 (date of inspection)

to 02.11.2020 (date of Stage-I approval) =272 days

Penal NPV calculated = Rs.6,26,000/- x 0.2584 x 272/365 = Rs.1,20,543/-

Since, this is a Public Utility Project

so Penal NPV calculated to be 20% of Rs.1,20,543/- = Rs.24,109/-

The copy of demand letter of DFO, Dhenkanal is enclosed as Annexure-I.

<u>Condition No. (x).</u> The State Govt. shall initiate disciplinary action against the erring officials concerned for not being able to prevent the use of forest land for non-forestry purpose without prior approval of Govt. of India and send report to the Regional Office for further enquiry.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Angul Circle has reported that, a forest offence case No. OR Case No.158s of 2019-20 vide prosecution case No.6 of 2020-21 have been booked against the erring officials of the GAIL India Ltd. on dated 16.01.2020. The copy of the offense case record documents are enclosed as **Annexure-H Series.** As the staffs have taken action against the UA in right time, there is no need of taking distinguished action against the officials.

<u>Condition No.(xi)</u>. All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/deposited to State CAMPA fund only through (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in/</u>).

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, all the funds received from the user agency under the project has been transferred/deposited to State CAMPA fund only through (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in/</u>) which has been reflected in 12 Point CAMPA Format submitted by the concerned DFOs which are enclosed as **Annexure-K Series**.

<u>Condition No. (xii)</u>. The user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State orest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO concerned that the user agency shall restrict the felling of trees to minimum number in the diverted forest land and the trees shall be felled under the strict supervision of the State Forest Department and the cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department which are enclosed as **Annexure-L** (a) to L (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xiii)</u>. The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way of prescribed certificate from the concerned District Collector. The use agency shall submit FRA certificate before issue of Stage-II approval.

<u>Compliance</u>: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 by way of prescribed certificate has been issued by the concerned District Collectors which are enclosed as Annexure-M (a) to M (e) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xiv)</u>. The pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipe line the ground will be levelled.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertakings duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipe line the ground will be levelled which are enclosed as **Annexure-N** (a) to N (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xv)</u>. The user agency shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed gas pipeline corridor passing through forest area at project cost.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the user agency shall implement intensive Soil & Moisture Conservation measures along both sides of the proposed gas pipeline corridor passing through forest area at project cost which are enclosed as **Annexure-O** (a) to O (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No.(xvi).</u> The user agency shall obtain Environmental Clearance as per the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, if applicable.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the project does not require Environmental Clearance (EC) as per EIA Notification in 2006 which are enclosed as Annexure-P (a) to P (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xvii)</u>. The layout of plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the layout of plan of the proposal shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government which are enclosed as **Annexure-Q** (a) to Q (f) respectively.

Condition No. (xviii). No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no labour camp shall be established on the forest land which are enclosed as **Annexure-R (a) to R (f)** respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xix)</u>. Sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that sufficient firewood, preferably the alternate fuel, shall be provided by the user agency to the labourer after purchasing the same from the State Forest Department or Forest Development Corporation or any other legal source of alternate fuel which are enclosed as **Annexure-S (a) to S (f)** respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xx</u>). The boundary of the forest land being diverted shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, both the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officers under their control like Bhadrak (WL), Mangrove (WL) Division, Rajnagar, City Forest Division, Khordha Forest Division, Cuttack and Dhenkanal Forest Division, the boundary of the forest land proposed to be

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diverted under the jurisdiction of the concerned Divisions has been suitably demarcated on the ground at the project cost. In proof of such activity executed by the User Agency, the photographs taken with regards to boundary pillar posting with inscribe of GPS co-ordinates and pillar to pillar distance around the proposed forest land to be diverted under each division with countersignature of the concerned DFOs have been enclosed as **Annexure-T (a) to T (f)** (pertaining to Bhadrak (WL), Mangrove (WL) Division, Rajnagar, City Forest Division, Khordha Forest Division, Cuttack and Dhenkanal Forest Division) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xxi)</u> No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that no additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for transportation of construction materials for execution of the project work which are enclosed as **Annexure-U** (a) to U (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xxii)</u> The period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the period of diversion under this approval shall be co-terminus with the period of lease to be granted in favour of the user agency or the project life, whichever is less which are enclosed as **Annexure-V** (a) to V (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xxiii)</u> The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency. department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal and under no circumstances be transferred to any other user agency, department or person without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest &Climate Change which are enclosed as **Annexure-W** (a) to W (f) respectively.

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<u>Condition No. (xxiv)</u> Any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the user agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that any other condition that the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may stipulate from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forests & wildlife, shall be complied by the user agency which are enclosed as **Annexure-X** (a) to X (f) respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xxv).</u> The State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which are enclosed as **Annexure-Y (a) to Y (f)** respectively.

<u>Condition No. (xxvi)</u>. The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (<u>https://parivesh.nic.in</u>).

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFO concerned that the State Govt. and user agency shall ensure compliance to provisions of the all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines, NGT Order (s) & Hon'ble Court Order (s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project which are enclosed as **Annexure-X (a) to X (f)** respectively.

ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE STATE GOVERNMENT VIDE LETTER NO.10F (Cons) 155/2020-17699/F&E DATED. 11.11.2020 (Copy enclosed)

(i) The User Agency will make good the land after use/maintenance.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the User Agency will make good the land after use/ maintenance which are enclosed as Annexure-AA Series from AA (1) to A (6).

(ii) Prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFOs/Revenue Authorities for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that prior permission shall be taken from the concerned DFOs/ Revenue Authorities for carrying out any maintenance, pertaining to forest land coming within their jurisdiction which are enclosed as **Annexure-BB Series**. [**BB** (1) to **BB** (6)]

(iii) The user agency shall take all measures for protection and conservation of wildlife in the area.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the UA has deposited the cost of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan cost duly approved by PCCF (WL) & CWLW, Odisha. Further, the User Agency has furnished undertaking duly countersigned by the DFOs concerned that the user agency shall take all measures for protection and conservation of wildlife in the area which are enclosed as **Annexure-CC Series. [CC (1) to CC (6)]**

(iv) Valid order for Consent of Establish and Consent to Operate shall be furnished by the User Agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the User Agency has furnished the valid order from the State Pollution Control Board Odisha for Consent to establish vide Letter No.7110 dt.13.06.2018 which is enclosed as **Annexure-DD Series**. **[DD (1) to DD (6)]**

(v) Land schedule of forest land of 12.2282 ha proposed for diversion for the Project duly countersigned by the concerned Tahasildars and DFOs shall be furnished by the User Agency.

Compliance: In compliance to the above, the RCCF, Bhubaneswar and Angul Circle have reported that, the land schedule of the forest land proposed to be diverted pertaining to this project duly authenticated both by the DFO & Tahasildar concerned has been enclosed as **Annexure-EE Series**. **[EE (1) to EE (6)]**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by Government of India; MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar and as well as imposed by the State Government is sent herewith for according final approval for diversion of 12.2282 ha of forest land coming within the jurisdiction of Bhadrak (WL) Division, Mangrove (WL) Division Rajnagar, Khordha Forest Division, City Forest Division, Bhubaneswar, Cuttack Forest Division and Dhenkanal Forest Division for laying of underground natural gas pipeline along with Optical Fibre Cable (OFC) of Jagdishpur- Haldia- Bokaro- Dhamra Natural Gas Pipeline, (Odisha Project) by M/s GAIL (India) Ltd under Section 2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of F

(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. Copy alongwith one set of Stage-I compliance forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to F&E Department Letter No. 10F (Cons) 155/2020-17699/F&E Dated. 11.11.2020. Encl: Stage-I Compliance in one set

> Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 9586 . /Dt. 17.05.2023 Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Bhubaneswar/ Angul Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.3346 dated 21.09.2022.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests

(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act) $17 \cdot 05 \cdot 2023$

Memo No. /Dt. /7.05.2023 Copy forwarded to the DFO, Bhadrak (WL)/ Mangrove (WL) Division, Rajnagar/ City/ Khorda / Cuttack/ Dhenkanal Forest Divisions for information and necessary action.

> Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 9588

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Copy forwarded to the General Manager (Construction), GAIL India Ltd., Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Gas Pipeline Project Office, 612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-752101 for information and necessary action.

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