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No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Vedanta Ltd./Golaghat Divn.

Date: 22.05.2024

To

The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Sub:

Compliance of the conditions laid down in the "In-Principle approval" for diversion proposal of 4.125 Ha. of forest land for Oil and Gas exploration development and production of well Pad No. 29 in Nambar South Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited.

Ref:

Government of India letter No. 3 AS B 106/2022-GHY/4121-22 dated 07.07.2023.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am directed to submit herewith the report regarding compliance of the conditions enlisted in the Central Government's "In–Principle Approval" issued vide letter No. 3 AS B 106/2022-GHY/4121-22 dated 07.07.2023 for the above-mentioned forest diversion proposal as given below:

Condition	Compliance Report/Remarks		
No. A			
1	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has deposited Rs. 46,07,212/- for Net Present Value against forest land to be diverted.		
2	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has deposited Rs. 70,08,360/- for raising of Compensatory Afforestation.		
3	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has deposited a total amount of Rs. 2,76,57,752/- into Ad-hoc CAMPA account through online web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) of MoEF&CC on 14.12.2023 (copy enclosed). The details are as follows:		
	Net Present Value $= Rs. 46,07,212/-$		
	Compensatory Afforestation = Rs. $70,08,360/$ -		
	Over Head Cost $= Rs. 35,04,180/-$		
	2% total project cost for HEC & WLMP = Rs. $1,25,38,000/-$		
	Total Rs. 2,76,57,752/-		
4	The notification declaring the non-forest land as RF/PRF is enclosed herewith.		
5	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has uploaded the compliance report on e-portal.		
6	The KML file of proposed diversion area and Compensatory Afforestation area uploaded in e-Green watch Portal (copy enclosed).		
7 & 8	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has deposited Rs. 1,25,38,000/- for 2% of the total project cost into Ad-hoc CAMPA account on 14.12.2023 for wildlife mitigation plan to mitigate the Human Elephant Conflict and precautionary measures.		
9	The DFO, Golaghat Division has submitted the Human-Elephant Conflict Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan for Oil and Gas exploration development and production duly approved by the PCCF, Wildlife and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam (copy enclosed)		
10	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted FRA-2006 certificate. (copy enclosed)		
1 1	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has been obtained the Environment Clearance as per the provisions on Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (copy enclosed)		
12	The boundary of the diverted forest land has been demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high RCC pillars, each inscribed with its serial number and GPS co-ordinates by the DFO, Golaghat Division (Copy of Photographs enclosed herewith)		
13	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (13) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		
14	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (14) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		

Condition No. B	Compliance Report/Remarks		
1	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (1) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		
2	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (2) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		
3	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (3) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		
4	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (4) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		
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23	The User Agency (M/s Vedanta Ltd.) has submitted undertaking for condition No. (23) laid down in the "In Principle Approval" (Copy enclosed)		
	The boundary of the CA land has been demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high RCC pillars, each inscribed with its serial number and GPS co-ordinates by the		
	DFO, Jorhat Division (Copy of Photographs enclosed herewith)		

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Therefore, you are requested to kindly forward the compliance report to the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Sub Office, Guwahati for issue of "Final Approval" for the forest diversion proposal.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS)
Chief Conservator of Forests &
Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to:

1. The Circle In Charge, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat for kind information.

2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division, Golaghat for information.

3. The Sr. Manager-Environment, M/s Vedanta Limited (Division Cairn Oil & Gas), DLF Phase-2, DLF City, Gurgaon, Haryana122002 for information.

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DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION OF WELL PAD NO. 29 PROPFORMA

1		A
	State/ District /Forest Division to which the proposal relates	Assam/ Golagnat / Golagnat Division.
2	 	The Sr. Manager-Environment, M/s Vedanta Limited (Division Cairn Oil & Gas), DLF Phase-2, DLF City, Gurgaon, Haryana122002. Diversion proposal of 4.125 Ha. of forest land for Oil and Gas exploration development and production of well Pad No. 29 in Nambar South Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited.
3	Extent of Forest area involved	4.125 Ha of Reserved Forest
4	Whether original, or extension	Original
5	If extension of lease, please clarify if proposal involves additional forest area, and if so, specify	Does not arise.
6	Date of 1 st stage clearance	07.07.2023.
7	Extent of CAMPA charges, head wise viz.	
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation	Rs. 70,08,360/-
	(b) Additional CA.	NIL
	(c) Penal CA	NIL
	(d) Catchment Area Treatment	NIL
	(e) Wildlife Management Plan	Rs. 1,25,38,000/-
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area falling under notified/ protected areas	NIL
	(g) Net Present Value	Rs. 46,07,212/-
	(h) Any other charges/ Levies (Pl specify)	Over Head Cost Rs. 35,04,180/-
8	Details of Bank Drafts (Bank, Draft No, Date & Amount), head wise against items indicated in paragraph 7 above	
9	Whether deposited by RTGS, if so the particulars and date of remittance	The User Agency has deposited an amount of Rs. 2,76,57,752/- into Ad-hoc CAMPA account through online web portal (www.parivesh.nic.in) of MoEF & CC on 14.12.2023.
10	Complex/ Union Bank of India, Sunder Nagar) in which deposited with date deposition.	
11	Any other remarks	NIL
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O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and
Head of Forests Force Assam