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From

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O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

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 0.4571 ha of forest land in Rourkela Forest Division for laying of 8" dia underground pipeline to supply Natural Gas to Rourkela Steel Plant under Bokaro-Angul Project under JHBDPL Phase-II Project of GAIL (India) Ltd. – Stage-I compliance regarding.

Ref: Letter No.5-ORB512/2022-BHU dtd.06.05.2022 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar-751023.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, this is to inform that Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar has accorded Stage-I/In-principle approval vide letter No.5-ORB512/2022-BHU dated 06.05.2022 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar-751023 in respect of diversion of 0.4571 ha of forest land in Rourkela Forest Division for laying of 8" dia underground pipeline to supply Natural Gas to Rourkela Steel Plant under Bokaro-Angul Project under JHBDPL Phase-II Project of GAIL (India) Ltd subject to fulfillment of 8 nos. of conditions prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department and 18 nos. of conditions after handing over of forest land to the User Agency by the State Forest Department. The point wise compliance basing on the reports of the DFO, Rourkela Forest Division and RCCF, Rourkela Circle are as follows:-

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A. Conditions which need to be complied prior to handing over of forest land by the State Forest Department.

Condition No.(i):- The user agency shall transfer online, the Net Present Value (NPV) of 0.4571 ha forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the Orders of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in Write Petition (Civil) No.202/1995 and the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its letter No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-I) dated 06.01.2022,19.01.2022 & 22.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal in CAMPA account of the State concerned.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that as per demand notice issued by DFO, Rourkela, GAIL India, Ltd. has deposited an amount of **Rs.4,37,801/-** out of total amount deposited of Rs.5,70,301.00 towards the NPV of the forest land being diverted under this proposal to Odisha CAMPA Account vide UTR No.**SBIN422216048019** date 03.08.2022.

Sl. No.	Forest Division	Forest Area (ha)	Eco Class.	Density	NPV/Ha (Rs.)	Cost of NPV in Rs.
1	Rourkela	0.4571	III	0.1-0.4	9,57,780.00	Rs.4,37,801.00

The copy of the demand letter no.5928 dtd.16.07.2022 and that of deposit challan are enclosed as **Annexure-A** and **Annexure-B** respectively.

Condition No.(ii):- The User agency shall transfer the cost of plantation of 120 nos. of plants (including 10 years maintenance) at the current wage rate in consultation with State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The Plantation Scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that a plantation scheme for plantation of 120 trees has been prepared by the DFO, Rourkela Division for the financial out lay of Rs.1,32,500/- duly approved by RCCF, Rourkela Circle. As per demand notice of DFO, Rourkela, GAIL India has deposited an amount of Rs.1,32,500/-out of total amount deposited of Rs.5,70,301.00 towards the cost of plantation of 120 nos. trees in the Odisha CAMPA account vide UTR No.**SBIN422216048019** date 03.08.2022. The copy of the demand notice, challan and Scheme are enclosed as **Annexure- A, B and C** respectively.

Condition No.(iii):- The KML files of the area to be diverted shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisite details before issuing working permission towards linear projects or submitting compliance report for seeking Stage-II approval, as the case may be.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that it has been uploaded in "e-Green watch" portal on **dt.06/01/2023**.

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Condition No.(iv):- All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred /deposited in CAMPA account only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the Stage-I clearance.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the GAIL has deposited all compensatory levies in State CAMPA fund only through e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>). The details of payment made in CAMPA account are as follows:

Sl. No.	Name of Division	Demand Notice (No. & Date)	NPV & Plantation (Rs.)	UTR No.
1	Rourkela	5928/Dt.16/07/2022	NPV Rs.4,37,801.00 Plantation Rs.1,32,500.00 Total Rs.5,70,301.00	SBIN422216048019 dt.03.08.2022

The 12 point CAMPA format showing details of deposit duly signed by DFO, Rourkela Division and countersigned by PCCF (FD and Nodal, FC Act. is enclosed as **Annexure-D**.

Condition No.(v):- The cost of felling of trees shall be deposited by the user agency with the State Forest Department. The user agency shall explore the possibility of successful transplantation of maximum number of trees identified to be felled and shall ensure that any tree felling shall be done only when it is unavoidable and that too under strict supervision of the State Forest Department.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that no tree felling is required.

Condition No.(vi):- The compliance report of the Stage-I approval shall be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>).

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the GAIL has submitted an undertaking that the compliance report of the Stage-I compliance will be uploaded on e-portal (<https://parivesh.nic.in>) in due time. The said undertaking is enclosed as **Annexure-D-1**.

Condition No.(vii):- 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 working permission.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the GAIL (India) Limited has already submitted the FRA Certificate received from the District Collector, Sundargarh the copy of which is enclosed as **Annexure-E**.

Condition No.(viii):- The boundary of the proposed forest land for diversion, shall be demarcated on ground at the project cost, by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to pillar and GPS co-ordinates.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the boundary of the forest land proposed for diversion has been demarcated on the ground at the project cost by erecting four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars, each inscribed with its serial number, distance from pillar to

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pillar and GPS co-ordinates. The documentary evidence submitted by the DFO, Rourkela is enclosed as **Annexure-F (Page-17-27)**.

B. Conditions which need to be strictly complied on field after handing over of forest land to the user agency by the State Forest Department but the compliance in form of undertaking shall be submitted prior to Stage-II approval.

Condition No.(i):- Legal status of forestland proposed for diversion shall remain unchanged.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-G**.

Condition No.(ii):- he State Govt. shall carry out plantation of 120 plants towards compensatory afforestation within three years from the issue of approval and maintained thereafter, at the cost of user agency. The State Govt. shall inform the site of the plantation. The trees shall be indigenous to the area and naturally growing species shall be planted using intensive planting technique to ensure survival of the plantation. Intensive monitoring of the plantation needs to be done and documented using Geo tagging so that the increase of canopy density and survival and growth of plantation can be evaluated at regular intervals.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that as per demand notice of DFO, Rourkela the GAIL India Ltd. has deposited an amount of **Rs.1,32,500/-** towards the cost of plantation of **120 nos.** of plants in the State CAMPA Fund vide **UTR No.SBIN422216048019 dt.03.08.2022**. The copy of demand letter and deposit of challan are enclosed as **Annexure-A** and **Annexure-B** respectively.

Condition No.(iii):- At the time of payment of Net Present Value (NPV) at the then prevailing rate, the user agency shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional amount of NPV, if so determined, as per the final decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure- H**.

Condition No.(iv):- The user agency shall obtain Environmental clearance as per the provision of Environment (protection) act, 1980, if applicable.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the proposed project has not been covered under the provisions of EIA Notification 2006, which is enclosed as **Annexure-I**

Condition No.(v):- The user agency shall stop construction activities i.e. digging the trench and laying of pipeline during movement of wild elephant in the area. The user shall take precautionary measures not to disturb the wildlife, specially wild elephant in the area.

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-J**.

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Condition No.(vi):- *The pipeline shall be laid down 1.2 meter below the ground in forest area as proposed by the State Govt. and after laying down of pipeline the ground will be levelled.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as Annexure-K.

Condition No.(vii):- *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: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as Annexure-L.

Condition No.(viii):- *No labour camp shall be established on the forest land and the user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labourers and the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as Annexure-M.

Condition No.(ix):- *No additional or new path will be constructed inside the forest area for any activity related to the project work.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as Annexure-N.

Condition No.(x):- *The user agency while executing works, shall not fell any tree or damage forest growth in the surrounding forest area in any manner.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as Annexure-O.

Condition No.(xi):- *The layout plan of the proposed forest land shall not be changed without the prior approval of Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as Annexure-P.

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Condition No.(xii):- *The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-Q.**

Condition No.(xiii):- *The forest land proposed to be diverted shall 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: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-R.**

Condition No.(xiv):- *No damage to the flora and fauna of the adjoining area shall be caused.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-S.**

Condition No.(xv):- *The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigate measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the DFO, Rourkela Division, will monitor and take necessary mitigate measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests in the surrounding area. Undertaking to this effect signed by the DFO, Rourkela is enclosed as **Annexure-T**

Condition No.(xvi):- *The user agency shall submit annual self-monitoring report on compliance of stipulated conditions to the Nodal Officer (FCA) of the State and concerned Integrated Regional Office of this Ministry by the end of March every year.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-U.**

Condition No.(xvii):- *Any other conditions that the Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency.*

Compliance: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-V.**

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Condition No.(xviii):- 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: The RCCF, Rourkela has reported that the User Agency has furnished an undertaking to this effect duly countersigned by the DFO, Rourkela which is enclosed as **Annexure-W.**

In view of the above, the compliance to the conditions imposed by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Integrated Regional office, Bhubaneswar are sent herewith for according Stage-II/final approval for diversion of 0.4571 ha of forest land in Rourkela Forest Division in favour of General Manager(Const),GAIL(India) Limited,Utkal Signature,Pahala, Bhubaneswar for laying of 8" dia underground pipeline to supply Natural Gas to Rourkela Steel Plant under Bokaro-Angul Project under JHBDPL Phase-II Project of GAIL (India) Ltd.

Encl: Compliance in one set

Yours faithfully

21/02
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 3574 /Dt. 23.02.2023

Copy alongwith the compliance report forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to Letter No. 5-ORB512/2022-BHU dtd.06.05.2022 of Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar-751023.

Encl: Compliance in one set

21/02
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 3575 /Dt. 23.02.2023

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No.216 dated 25.01.2023.

21/02
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 3576 /Dt. 23.02.2023

Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Rourkela Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No.217 dated 25.01.2023.

21/02
Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No. 3577 /Dt. 23.02.2023

Copy forwarded to the Chief General Manager (Construction), GAIL (India) Limited, 610-612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-752101 for information and necessary action.

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