Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (Forest Conservation Division)

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Dated: 23rd November, 2021

To,

The Principal Secretary (Forests),
Department of Forests and Environment,
Government of Arunachal Pradesh,
Itanagar.

Sub: Proposal for Diversion of 94.712 ha of Forest Land for drilling of Oil well at 27 new locations in changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Geo-Enpro Petroleum Limited seeking forest clearance under Section 2(ii) of FC Act, 1980.

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I am directed to refer to letter No. For.572/Cons/2014/3530-31 dated 02.09.2021 and letter no. For.572/Cons/2014/3622-23 dated 08.09.2021 forwarding additional information in response to this Ministry's letter dated 02.09.2021 towards the above subject proposal. After analysis of the additional information, the following shortcomings has been observed by this Ministry:-

- i. The CA area for 190 ha. has been identified in degraded unclassified community forests and notified as village Reserve Forest (VFR) namely 'Muktur VFR'. The area identified for CA is declared as a reserved forest under the local act and such area cannot be accepted for CA, against the present proposal. In this regard the State Govt. is requested to identify the new area for CA and the details and KML file of newly identified CA land may be forwarded to this Ministry.
- ii. The KML of the revised area for diversion i.e. 83.412 ha for the instant proposal excluding the overlapping of area of Namchik-Namphuk Coal Block may be submitted for further analysis in the Ministry.

In view of above, the State Govt. is requested to forward the details/information on the above mentioned points at the earliest to this Ministry for further consideration of this proposal.

Yours faithfully,

(Rajesh Kumar) Technical Officer(Forestry) Gr.I

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (HoFF), Government of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 2. The Regional Officer (Central), Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati.
- 3. The Nodal Officer, (FCA), Forest Department, Government Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar.
- 4. User Agency.
- 5. Monitoring Cell, FC Division, MoEF & CC, New Delhi, for uploading.

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