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To
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Golaghat Forest Division,
Golaghat, Assam.

Sub: Proposal for diversion 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: - Submission of evidence towards payments w.r.t compliance of conditions stipulated under In-Principle (Stage-I) approval – regd.

Ref.: 1) In-Principle Approval (Stage-1) Letter no.3-AS B 106/2022-GHY/4121-22, dtd. 07.07.2023.
2) Our earlier submission letter no. AA-1/FC/WP29/Stage-1/01 dated 12.12.2023.

Respected Sir,

With reference to above mentioned subject and our earlier letter submission for the compliance of conditions stipulated under In- Principle (Stage-I) approval. In continuation of our earlier submission, we are hereby submitting the evidence/ details towards the payment for NPV, CA Scheme & Wildlife Conservation are as follows:

S. No. as stipulated in Stage-1 approval	Conditions stipulated in Stage-1 approval	Compliance by user agency
1.	The user agency shall transfer, the Net Present Value (NPV) in the revised rate of forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in writ petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters no. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 and File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1_ dated 21.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through an online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned.	Complied. Demand note for the amount of INR 46,07,212.00 has been issued from the office of DFO, Golaghat vide letter no. B/62/Vedanta/WP#29/Glt.Divn/2023/4814 dated 07/11/2023. Online Challan for the payment has been generated through Parivesh portal. Copy of challan is enclosed as Annexure-1. The fund transfer of INR 46,07,212.00 towards Net Present Value (NPV) to CAMPA account has been done through RTGS vide UTR no. RTGS/ICICR22023121400916777/UBIN0996335/ASSAM CAMPA dated 14/12/2023 at 05:32:09 PM.

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		Payment details are enclosed as Annexure-2. Payment status shows 'paid' on Parivesh Portal. Screenshot is attached as Annexure-3.
2.	The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at current stage wage rate in consultation with the State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	Complied. Demand note for the amount of INR 70,08,360.00 has been issued from the office of DFO, Golaghat vide letter no. B/62/Vedanta/WP#29/Glt.Divn/2023/4814 dated 07/11/2023. Online Challan for the payment has been generated through Parivesh portal. Copy of challan is enclosed as Annexure-1. The fund of INR 70,08,360.00 towards raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation alongwith 50% Over Head cost of INR 35,04,180.00 to CAMPA account through RTGS vide UTR no. RTGS/ICICR22023121400916777/UBIN0996335/ASSAM CAMPA dated 14/12/2023 at 05:32:09 PM. Payment details are enclosed as Annexure-2. Payment status shows 'paid' on Parivesh Portal. Screenshot is attached as Annexure-3.
3.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA account only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the State-I clearance.	Complied. Total fund of INR 2,76,57,752.00 towards NPV fund, raising & maintaining CA land and Wildlife conservation has been transferred to CAMPA account through RTGS vide UTR no. RTGS/ICICR22023121400916777/UBIN0996335/ASSAM CAMPA dated 14/12/2023 at 05:32:09 PM. Payment details are enclosed as Annexure-2.
7.	The user agency shall deposit 2% of the total project cost into the account of CAMPA which will be utilized to prepare and implement elephant centric wildlife mitigation plan to mitigate the Human	Complied. Demand note for the amount of INR 1,25,38,000.00 has been issued from the office of PCCF & CWLW vide letter no.

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	Elephant Conflict and precautionary measures to ensure free movement of the elephants in the landscape.	WL/FG.35/Proposal/Vedanta Ltd./Well Pad No.29/Golaghat Divn. dated 30/11/2023. Online Challan for the payment has been generated through Parivesh portal. Copy of challan is enclosed as <u>Annexure-1.</u> The fund of 1,25,38,000.00 INR has been allocated towards mitigation plan for Human Elephant Conflict. Fund has been transferred to CAMPA account through <u>RTGS vide UTR no. RTGS/ICICR22023121400916777/UBIN0996335/ASSAM CAMPA dated 14/12/2023 at 05:32:09 PM.</u> Payment details are enclosed as <u>Annexure-2.</u> Payment status shows 'paid' on Parivesh Portal. Screenshot is attached as <u>Annexure-3.</u>
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Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For Vedanta Ltd. (Div.: Cairn Oil & Gas)



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Ref.: In-Principle Approval (Stage-1) Letter no.3-AS B 106/2022-GHY/4121-22, dtd. 7th July, 2023 (copy enclosed).

Respected Sir,

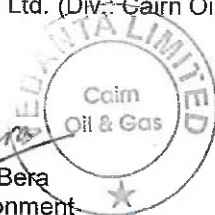
With reference to above mentioned subject, we are pleased to submit the pointwise compliance of conditions stipulated in Stage-I approval for diversion of forest land for your kind perusal and favourable action.

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Compliance of conditions

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

S. No. as stipulated in Stage-1 approval	Conditions stipulated in Stage-1 approval	Compliance by user agency
1.	The user agency shall transfer, the Net Present Value (NPV) in the revised rate of forest land being diverted under this proposal, as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 28/03/2008, 24/04/2008 and 09/05/2008 in writ petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by the Ministry vide letters no. 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009 and File No.5-3/2011-FC(Vol-1_ dated 21.03.2022. The requisite funds shall be transferred through an online portal into CAMPA account of the State concerned.	<u>To be Complied with.</u> Damand note for the amount of INR 46,07,212.00 has been issued from the office of DFO, Golaghat vide letter no. B/62/Vedanta/WP#29/Glt.Divn/2023/4814 dated 07/11/2023. Copy enclosed as <u>Annexure-1A.</u> The fund transfer of INR 46,07,212.00 towards Net Present Value (NPV) to CAMPA account through NEFT is in advanced stage.
2.	The user agency shall transfer the cost of raising and maintaining the compensatory afforestation at current stage wage rate in consultation with the State Forest Department in the account of CAMPA of the concerned State through online portal. The scheme may include appropriate provision for anticipated cost increase for works scheduled for subsequent years;	<u>To be Complied with.</u> Damand note for the amount of INR 70,08,360.00 has been issued from the office of DFO, Golaghat vide letter no. B/62/Vedanta/WP#29/Glt.Divn/2023/4814 dated 07/11/2023. Copy enclosed as <u>Annexure-1A.</u> The fund of INR 70,08,360.00 towards raising and maintaining the Compensatory Afforestation to CAMPA account through NEFT is in advanced stage.
3.	All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA account only through e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/). Amount deposited through other mode will not be accepted as compliance of the State-I clearance.	<u>To be Complied with.</u> All funds such as NPV fund, raising and maintaining CA land to be deposited to CAMPA account through NEFT are in advanced stage.
4.	The non-forest land proposed for CA shall be transferred and mutated in the name of Forest Department and notified as RF/ PF prior to Stage-II approval. A copy of the original notification declaring the non-forest land under section 4 or section 29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927, or under	<u>To be complied with.</u> Mutation of CA Land and subsequently the notification declaring non-forest land to RF/PF is in progress.

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	the relevant section of the State Forest Act as the case may be, will be submitted by the State Govt. prior to Stage-II approval;	
5.	The compliance report shall be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/).	<u>To be complied with.</u> Compliance report will be uploaded on e-portal (http://parivesh.nic.in/)
6.	The KML files of the area to be diverted and CA areas shall be uploaded on the e-Green watch portal with all requisites details before submitting compliance report for seeking State-II approval;	<u>To be complied with.</u>
7.	The user agency shall deposit 2% of the total project cost into the account of CAMPA which will be utilized to prepare and implement elephant centric wildlife mitigation plan to mitigate the Human Elephant Conflict and precautionary measures to ensure free movement of the elephants in the landscape.	<u>To be Complied with.</u> Demand note for the amount of INR 1,25,38,000.00 has been issued from the office of PCCF & CWLW vide letter no. WL/FG.35/Proposal/Vedanta Ltd./Well Pad No.29/Golaghat Divn. dated 30/11/2023. Copy enclosed as <u>Annexure-1B.</u> The fund of 1,25,38,000.00 INR has been allocated towards mitigation plan for Human Elephant Conflict. Fund transfer to CAMPA account through NEFT is in the advanced stage. The detailed Human-Elephant Mitigation and Wildlife Conservation Plan has also been submitted to DFO, Golaghat for approval vide letter no. WLCP/AA-1/3 dtd. 04.12.2023. the same has been forwarded to the office of CWLW by DFO vide letter no. A/62/Vedanta/WP#28/Git.Divn/2023/2114-16 dated 11/12/2023. Copy of plan alongwith letter is enclosed as <u>Annexure-2.</u>
8.	The State Govt shall ensure that under no circumstances, implementation of such mitigation measures envisaged in Human Elephant/ Wildlife Conflict mitigation and wildlife conservation plan should be delayed beyond a period of 2 years to ensure commencement of rejuvenation of ecosystem services lost from the forest area allowed for non-forestry use of forest land at the earliest possible time.	<u>To be complied with by state govt.</u>
9.	The State govt. shall submit Human Elephant/ Wildlife Conflict mitigation and wildlife conservation plan approved by Chief Wildlife Warden, Govt of Assam along with detail cost of its	<u>To be complied with by state govt.</u>

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	implementation.	
10.	The complete compliance of the FRA, 2006 shall be ensured by way prescribed certificate from the District Collector.	Complied. The certificate from District Collector has been granted under compliance of Forest Right Act, 2006 (FRA) vide letter no. ITDP/G/FRA-2006/89/PT-I/2017/128 & 129 dtd. 5-1-2022. Copy of certificate is enclosed for your reference as Annexure-3.
11.	The user Agency shall obtain Environment Clearance as per the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act 1986.	Complied. Environmental Clearance (EC) has been obtained for the site vide EC letter no. SEIAA.1251/2020/EC/1476 dt. 28.07.21. Copy of EC letter is enclosed as Annexure-4.
12.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost, as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer.	Complied. Demand note for the amount of INR 82,251.00 has been issued from the office of DFO, Golaghat vide letter no. B/62/Vedanta/WP#29/Glt.Divn/2023/3347 dated 24/07/2023. Copy enclosed as Annexure-1C. The amount of 1,28,790.00 INR has been deposited in the account of DFO vide UTR no. CMS/001301430719/CMS3652452208 dated 18.10.2023 at 06:31:08 PM.
13.	Any change in the diameter of borehole and number of bore holes will be reported to the concerned Integrated Regional Office in advance for consideration and recommendations to the Central Govt.;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no.24</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
14.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter no. 5-2/2017-FC dated 28.03.2019.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no.18</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"


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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 approvals:

S. No.	Conditions	Compliance
1.	Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 1</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
2.	The compensatory afforestation shall be raised and maintained by the State Forest Department over equivalent area of non-forest land of 4.13 ha has been selected for compensatory afforestation at Patta No. 34, Dag No 53 of Village No. 2 Pahumora, Baligaon Mouza, Jorhat in Jorhat District of Assam at the cost of the user Agency. As far as practicable a mixture of local indigenous species will be planted, and monoculture of a species has to be avoided.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 2</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
3.	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;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 3</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
4.	The boundary of the diverted forest land shall be suitably demarcated on ground at the project cost as per the directions of the concerned Divisional Forest Officer;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 4</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
5.	The period of diversion of the forest land under this approval shall be for a period co-terminus with the period of the mining lease granted under the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Acts, 1957, as amended and the Rules framed there-under;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 5</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
6.	No labour camp shall be established on the forest land.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 6</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
7.	The user agency shall provide fuels preferably alternate fuels to the labors and	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 7</u> of "All

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	the staff working at the site so as to avoid any damage and pressure on the nearby forest areas;	undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
8.	The forest land proposed to be diverted shall under no circumstances be transferred to any agency, department or person without approval of the Central Government;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 8</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
9.	No damages to the flora and fauna of the adjoining areas shall be caused;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 9</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
10.	The layout plan of the mining plan/ proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 10</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
11.	The user agency shall not expand its occupation or use surrounding forest/ forest land in any manner otherwise expressed in this clearance.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 11</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
12.	Land so diverted shall revert back to the Forest Department in case it is not needed for the above use after due restoration to its original status (as far as possible and to the satisfaction of State Forest Department).	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 12</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
13.	The user agency shall take all possible precautions & care all the time not to impact adversely the surround forests and forestland by their actions/ activities;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 13</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
14.	Trees felling shall be done only when absolutely unavoidable and such removal, if any shall be done under the supervision of the Forest department;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 14</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under

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		Golaghat Division"
15.	The concerned Divisional Forest Officer, will monitor and take necessary mitigation measures to ensure that there is no adverse impact on the forests the surrounding area;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 15</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
16.	The user agency shall undertake mining in a phase manner after taking due care for reclamation of the mined over area. The concurrent reclamation plan as per the approved mining plan shall be executed by the user agency from the very first year, and an annual report on implementation thereof shall be submitted to the Nodal Officer, Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, in the concerned State Govt. and the concerned Integrated Regional Office of the Ministry. If it is found from the annual report that the activities indicated in the concurrent reclamation plan area not being executed by the user agency, the Nodal Officer or the concerned Integrated Regional Office may direct that the mining activities shall remain suspended till such time, reclamation activities are satisfactory executed;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 16</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
17.	The user agency shall submit the annual self-compliance report in respect of the above stated conditions to the State Govt., concerned Integrated Regional Office and to this Ministry by the end of March every year; and	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 17</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
18.	Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and the action would be taken as prescribed in para 1.21 of Chapter 1 of the Handbook of comprehensive guidelines of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 as issued by this Ministry's letter No. 5-2/2017-Fc dated 28.03.2019.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 18</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
19.	The user agency shall comply with all the provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations, Guidelines Hon'ble court order(s) and NGT order(s) pertaining to this project, if any, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 19</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
20.	All other clearance/ NOCs under different applicable rules/ regulations/ local laws and under Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006 as required vide MoEF,	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 20</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration

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	New Delhi guideline No. 11-9/1998-FC(Pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.	development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
21.	This approval may be revoked if the above conditions of approval are not complied to the satisfaction of the Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 21</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
22.	Any other conditions that the Regional Office of Environment, Forest & Climate Change may be stipulated from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection and development of forest & wildlife. The state govt. shall ensure compliance of all the above conditions;	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 22</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"
23.	As per Ministry's letter no. 11-30/96-FC(Pt)dt. 14.09.2001, if the compliance of stipulated conditions is awaited from the state govt. for more than 5 (five) years, the in-principle approval would be summarily be revoked considering that the user agency is no longer interested in the project.	Agreed. Undertaking furnished in <u>point no. 23</u> of "All undertakings for diversion of 4.125 ha of forest land for Oil and exploration development and production of well pad No.29 in Nambar Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division"


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