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प्रधान मुख्य वन संरक्षक/ प्रमुख सचिव/ वन बल प्रमुख
Principal Secretary-cum- PCCF,
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पर्यावरण और वन विभाग / Department of Environment & Forests,
ईटानगर/Itanagar.

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 3.96 ha of forest land for renewal of Forest Clearance for drilling location "KUC" (Well No. KMC-3) under Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease (PML), Nampong Forest Division, Jairampur in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Oil India Limited, Duliajan, Assam.

Sir,

This has got reference to the State Government's letter No.FOR.837/CONS/2018/986-92 dated 27.02.2020, even no. 1878-80 dated 25.07.2020 and 19.08.2020 on the subject mentioned above seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. After careful examination of the proposal of the State Government, recommendation of REC held on 31.08.2020 and the approval by Ministry, New Delhi, the *In-principle / Stage-I* approval of the Central Government is hereby granted for diversion of **3.96 ha** of forest land for renewal of Forest Clearance for drilling location "KUC" (Well No. KMC-3) under Ningru Petroleum Mining Lease (PML), Nampong Forest Division, Jairampur in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Oil India Limited, Duliajan, Assam, subject to the following conditions:

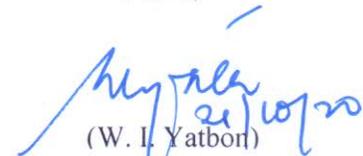
- 1) The State Govt shall charge the Net Present Value (NPV) for the 3.96 ha forest area to be diverted under the proposal from the Use Agency as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India dated 30.10.2002, 01.08.2003, 28.03.2008, 24.04.2008 and 09.05.2008 in IA No. 566 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 202/1995 and as per the guidelines issued by this Ministry vide its 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 5-3/2007-FC dated 05.02.2009. The requisite funds shall be transferred through online portal to CAMPA account of the State concerned.
- 2) Additional amount of 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.
- 3) All the funds received from the user agency under the project shall be transferred/ deposited to CAMPA fund only through *e-portal* (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
- 4) The user agency shall bear and deposit the amount of the cost of demarcation of the land proposed for diversion directly to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer. The concerned

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Divisional Forest Officer shall demarcate the land proposed for diversion on the ground by erecting at least 4' high cement-concrete pillar written duly numbered, forward and backward bearing and distance from pillar to pillar written on the pillar and DGPS co-ordinates to be inscribed on the pillars. The competent authority shall verify and issue a certificate to this effect. Photographs showing permanent boundary pillars with GPS co-ordinates to be submitted.

- 5) The charges for felling, logging and transportation of project affected trees should be collected from the User Agency at the rates approved by the State Govt and deposited with the DFO concerned for utilization immediately following the diversion of forest land.
 - 6) The certificates for the payment in respect to Sl. No. (4) & (5) shall be furnished to this office by the user agency.
 - 7) **The user agency shall submit an undertaking not to start any commercial production if exploration is successful, without prior mandatory clearance / approval from MoEF&CC.**
 - 8) The user agency shall obtain the mandatory Environment Clearance as per the provision of Environment (Protection) Act 1986, if required.
 - 9) The user agency will have to obtain the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 clearance for removal, if any, of the stone, river sand, river boulders in forest land, if necessary.
 - 10) **The permission for exploratory drilling or prospection would not ipso facto imply any commitment on the part of Central Govt for diversion of forest land even if minerals/oil/hydrocarbons are struck for mining.**
 - 11) The time for exploratory drilling will be for a period of 3 (three) years. In case the User Agency requires more time then extension is to be sought from this Regional office.
 - 12) 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, New Delhi guideline No.11-9/1998-FC(pt) dated 03.08.2009 shall be complied with.
 - 13) As per Ministry's letter No 11-30/96-FC(Pt) dt 14.9.2001, 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.
 - 14) The compliance report shall be uploaded on **e-portal** (<https://parivesh.nic.in/>).
3. After the receipt of the compliance report from the State Government on fulfillment of the conditions mentioned above, final/stage-II approval of the Central Government, in accordance with Section 2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, will be considered. Till the receipt of the Final / Stage-II approval of the Central Government for diversion of the said forest land from this Ministry, transfer of the said forest land to the User Agency shall not be affected by the State Government.

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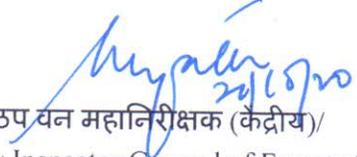
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