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F.No.3 AS B 004/2021-GHY /1448 -1449

11<sup>th</sup> November, 2021

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अतिरिक्त प्रमुख सचिव/ Addl. Chief Secretary,

असम सरकार/Govt of Assam,

पर्यावरण और वन विभाग/Environment and Forests Department,

दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.69 ha of forest land for drilling wells Suphayam-1/SUAB within the existing site of Suphayam-1 under Golaghat Division in favour of OIL & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd., Jorhat.

Ref: (i) Letter No. FRS.3/2021/56 dated 08.10.2021 of Govt of Assam.

(ii) Letter F.No.3 AS B 004/2021-GHY/1368-1369 dated 27.10.2021 of Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati.

Sir,

With reference to the above and as discussed with the Nodal Officer (FCA), Govt of Assam and ONGC Ltd, Jorhat in the meeting held on 02.11.2021, I am to inform that no forest clearance for the drilling location 'Suphayam-1/SUAB' in favour of ONGC Ltd. has been granted as per the available records of IRO, Guwahati. However, Regional Office, Shillong vide letter No 8-12-97/RO-NE-AS/197-200 dated 23.05.1997 accorded approval for diversion of 1.69 ha of forest land for drilling location 'Suphayam-1'. After detail discussion and in view of the aforesaid meeting, State Govt is requested to kindly clarify/furnish the following information:-

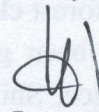
- 1) To clarify the reason for submitting the name of this instant proposal as "Creation of Surface facility at Suphayam-1 drill site" on Parivesh portal and not as proposed in the submitted hard copy. The corrected name of the proposal is to be provided.
- 2) The submitted site suitability certificate, Part III form, site inspection report/recommendation letter of DFO, CF and recommendation letter of the Nodal Officer (FCA), etc mentioned that the approved diversion of 1.69 ha of forest land for drilling location as 'Suphayam-1/SUAB' and not as 'Suphayam-I' as approved by Regional Office, Shillong vide letter No 8-12-97/RO-NE-AS/197-200 dated 23.05.1997. To avoid future complicity the corrected certificates/



recommendation letters are to be resubmitted with the approved drilling location name i.e. 'Suphayam-I' and not as 'Suphayam-1/SUAB'.

- 3) To resubmit the approved layout map of the proposed area indicating the mentioned item-wise area in hectare.
- 4) To clarify on the item No. 28. i.e. "WELLSU#2", item No. 4,5,6 and 7 i.e. "PIT" and item No. 26 i.e. "Flare" as mentioned in the submitted lay out map whether these items are for the new drilling location or not, if not, the reason for requiring these items in this instant proposal as the purpose of the proposal is for creation of surface facility (GGS/EPS).
- 5) State Govt to clarify whether any forest clearance of the **approach road area i.e. 0.14 ha** as mentioned in the lay out map of this instant proposal has been accorded or not, as no forest clearance in respect of the approach road has been mentioned in the diversion of 1.69 ha 'Suphayam-1' granted by RO, Shillong letter No 8-12-97/RO-NE-AS/197-200 dated 23.05.1997.
- 6) State Govt to clarify the year of drilling as it is mentioned that **Suphyam-1/(SUAB)** was drilled in **2001** and **Suphayam-1** was drilled in year **1997** along with the confirmation whether the drilling location **Suphyam-1/(SUAB)** and **Suphayam-1** are same or different locations.
- 7) The details of exploratory drilling /commercial production/exploitation locations names along with their forest clearance status, from where Gas or oil are to be collected in this proposed surface facility (GGS/EPS), if any, is to be provided.
- 8) Justification for considering the extant proposal as a fresh case of non-forestry use when forest area already stands diverted?
- 9) Justification for non-applicability of the relevant guidelines on change in landuse and considering the project in the manner it is submitted by the State.

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Inspector General of Forests(C)

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