

भारत सरकार Government of India पर्यावरण,वन एवं जलवायु परिवर्तन मंत्रालय Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change एकीकृत क्षेत्रीय कार्यालय,गुवाहाटी/Sub office, Guwahati चौथीमंजिल, हौसेफेडइमारत, जीएसरोड, रुक्मणीगाँव, गुवाहाटी-७८१०२२ 4th Floor, Housefed building, GS Road, Rukminigaon,Guwahati -781022 दूरभाष/Tel Fax: 0361-2962350, E-mail:iro.guwahati-mefcc@gov.in



8th December, 2023

F. No. 3-AS B/047/2018-SHI/ **4947-48** सेवामे`,

> अतिरिक्तप्रमुखसचिव/Addl. Chief Secretary, असमसरकार/Govt of Assam, पर्यावरणऔरवनविभाग/Environment and Forests Deaprtment, दिसपुर/Dispur, गुवाहाटी/Guwahati-781006.

- Sub: Proposal for diversion of 1.44 ha of forest land for ROU for oil flow line from well No. KSAG to KSAB in Kasomarigaon area in Doyang Reserve Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of ONGC.
- Ref: (i)Letter No.eCF No.251053/105 dated 08.11.2023 and No. ECF No.251053/98 dated 12.06.2023 of Govt of Assam.
 (ii)Letter No. 3-AS B/047/2018-SHI/4070-71 dated 20.06.2023 and No. 3-AS B/047/2018-SHI/3423-24 dated 26.12.2022 of Sub Office, Guwahati.

Sir,

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With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I am directed to inform that the State Govt letter under reference (i) above has been examined in this office and observed that the appraisal well 'KSAG' apparently producing gas/oil was drilled from the plinth area of earlier approved FC exploratory drilling location 'KSAC'.State Govt is aware that any change in land use of the diverted area under F(C)Act,1980, requires to obtain prior permission of the Central Govt. State Govt is therefore requested to furnish the following for further processing of this proposal:-

- (i) Clarification on 'appraisal well', its meaning, use and if production of oil is being carried out from such wells as reported, its differences from the normal oil wells.
- (ii) To clarify how the additional drilling well location 'KSAG' was drilled in the 'KSAC' without the prior permission of the Central Govt, being a land-use change.

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Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)

1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Govt of Assam, Environment and Forest Department, Aranya Bhawan, Rop Konwar Jyoti Prasad, Agarwal Path, Near Srimanta Sankardev Kalakhetra, Panjabari, Guwahati-781037 for kind information and necessary action.

Deputy Inspector General of Forests(C)