GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST DEPARTMENT JANATA BHAWAN, DISPUR, GUWAHATI-6

eCF No.362364/68 Dated Dispur, the February, 2024

To : The Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Sub office, Guwahati, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 3.7574 Ha. of forest land for drilling of exploratory well, LGM in Longai Reserved Forest by AAFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikuna, Silchar, Cachar.

Ref : Government of India letter No. 3-AS B/185/2023/GHY/4504-05 dated 12.9.2023.

Sir,

In inviting reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the following additional information/document as sought vide letter under reference for favour of your kind information and necessary action: -

Govt. of India letter	Information Provided	
No. 3-AS		
B/185/2023/GHY/4504-		
05 dated 12.9.2023		
No. (1)	The User Agency (ONGC Ltd.) has intimated	
	that the length of the proposed approach road	
	– 304.92m, width – 10m within Longai	
	Reserved Forest from Tripura Border vide	
	letter No. ONGC/FC/LGM/2023 dated	
	01.12.2023 (copy enclosed).	
No. (2)	The PCCF, WL & CWLW, Assam has	
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	including Slow Loris vide letter No.	
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	06.02.02024 (copy enclosed).	
No. (3)	The User Agency (ONGC Ltd.) has intimated	
	that the 1500 people likely to be temporarily	
	employed during construction and	
	operational phase vide letter No.	
	ONGC/FC/LGM/2023 dated 01.12.2023 (copy	
	enclosed).	

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No. (4)	The User Agency (ONGC Ltd.) has intimated that the Block Area of Adamtila PML: 4 SKM, Forest Area: 0 SKM & Non-forest Area: 4 SKM
	Block Area AdamtilaExtn. PML: 148 SKM, Forest Area: 82.3 SKM & Non-forest Area: 65.7 SKM vide letter No. ONGC/FC/LGM/2023 dated 01.12.2023 (copy
	enclosed).
No. (5)	The DFO, Karimganj Division has intimated that Applied and Granted Forest Clearance Adamtila PML: NIL
	Applied for Forest Clearance in AdamtilaExtn. PML: 01 (LGM)
	Forest Clearance Granted in AdamtilaExtn. PML: 01 (Longai-2) by GoI, MoEF letter No. 8-2-42/2001/RoNE/AS/635-638 dated
	26.06.2001 (copy enclosed)
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No. (11)	The DFO, Karimganj Division has submitted	
	the revised NPV calculation sheet vide letter	
	No. KJ (T)/Diversion/LGM/ONGC/2024/737-39	
	dated 05.02.2024 (copy enclosed).	

Enclo : As stated above.

Signeduby_{aithfully,} Neera Daulagupu Date: 13-02-2024 19:11:49

Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, <u>Environment and Forest Department</u>

Memo eCF No.362364/68-A Dated Dispur, the February, 2024 Copy to:-

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

e-signed Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, <u>Environment and Forest Department</u>

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No. FG.27/Pi	oposal/ONGC/Karimganj Divn.	Email: <u>addlpccf.nodal@gmail.com</u> Dated 09.02.2024
To,	The Special Chief Secretary to the Government of Assa Environment and Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati	
Sub:	Proposal for diversion of 3.7574 Ha. of forest land fo Longai Reserved Forest by AAFB Exploratory Asser	
Ref:	Government of India letter No. 3-AS B/185/2023/GHY	/4504-05 dated 12.9.2023.

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am submitting herewith the information/documents as sought by the Government of India, MoEF & CC, Sub Office, Guwahati vide their letter No. 3-AS B/185/2023/GHY/4504-05 dated 12.9.2023 as under-

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	(copy enclosed).	

The above-mentioned information may kindly be sent to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Sub Office, Guwahati (Under Regional Office, Shillong), Guwahati accordingly.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully.

(Dr. C Muthikumaravel, IFS) Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam

Copy to:

- 1. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37 for kind information.
- 2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division, Karimganj for information.
- 3. The Chief Geologist, AAFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikona, Silchar-28 for information.

Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force, Assam

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No. KJ (T) / I	Diversion / LGM / ONGC / 2024 / $737 - 39$ Dated Kxj, the $05 / 02 / 2024$.
To,	The Chief Conservator of Forests, Southern Assam Circle, Silchar-1, Cachar.
Sub:	Proposal for diversion of 3.7574 Ha. of Forest land for drilling of exploratory well LGM in Longai Reserved Forest by APFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikona, Silchar, Cachar.
Ref:	Your letter No. FGS.27/ FC Act/Diversion/LMG/ONGC/LRF/Kxj.Divn dtd. 17.11.2023. &
	File No. ONGC/FC/LGM/2023 dtd.01.12.2023 of the Head Forwarded Base.

File No. ONGC/FC/LGM/2023 dtd.01.12.2023 of the Head Forwarded Base, ONGC, Explanatory Asset, Srikona, Silchar, Cachar

Sir,

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With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith the lacking information/documents as sought for by the Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Guwahati, Assam vide letter F. No.3-AS B/185/2023/Ghy/4504-05 dtd. 12.09.2023 are as follows:

SI No.	Query	Status	
1	The total length of the proposed approach road with existing proposed RoW	Length of the proposed approach road- 304.92m, width: 10m within Longai Reserve Forest from Tripura Border. It is to be mention here that demarcated RoW of the proposed approach road varies from 9 meters to 10 meters. However, in projects where minimum RoW is about 6 meters, movements of vehicles are controlled in such way that only one way traffic is allowed at a time. Hence RoW not required in case of approach road as proposed by the User Agency.	
2	The comment of the CWLW, Govt. of Assam on the proposed area as the area has reported to have numbers of wildlife species including Slow Loris	The report has already been submitted to the higher authority vide this office letter No.KJ(T)/Diversion/LGM/ONGC/2023/7199-7201 dtd.09.11.2023 as Annexure-1.	
3	The employment likely to be generated 1500 people likely to be temporarily e during the construction and operational r		
4	The total area covered by Adamtila PML block and Adamtila Extension PML Block specifying both forest and non-forest area	 Block Area of Adamtila PML: 4 SKM Forest Area: 0 SKM Non-forest Area: 4 SKM Block Area Adamtila Extn. PML: 148 SKM Forest Area: 82.3 SKM Non-forest Area: 65.7 SKM KML file showing forest and non-forest area in Adamtila PML and Adamtila Extn. PML is enclosed as Annexure-2. 	

		Applied and Granted Forest Clearance
		Adamtila PML: NIL. Applied for Forest Clearance in Adamtila Extn.
		PML: 01 (LGM).
	The list of all exploratory and production drilling cases applied and granted Forest Clearance under FC	Forest Clearance Granted in Adamtila Extn. PML: 01 (Longai-2) by GoI, MoEF letter No.8-2- 42/2001/RoNE/AS//635-638 dtd. 26.06.2001(copy enclosed) as Annexure-3.
5 Act 1980 in Adamtila PML block and Adamtila Extension PML Block (both forest and non-forest land) and their cumulative impact study on Flora & Fauna of these proposed area		Since the drilling operation carried out during 2002-03 within the specified terms & conditions and found the well is dry, thus the user agency i.e. ONGC has left the diverted area with all equipments during Sep'2003. Now on through study of the diverted area, it is seen that after 20 Years the aforesaid land recovered in original condition and various types of species of Flora & Fauna has restored on the diverted area.
6	The aerial distance of the proposed area from the nearest boundary of the Protected Area/National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary as the submitted aerial distance i.e. 88.28 km is mentioned to be from West Block of Borail Wildlife Sanctuary	The information relating to aerial distance of the proposed area of diversion from the nearest boundary of BWLS has issued in favour of the User Agency vide letter No. KJ(T)/Diversion/ONGC/2021/7624-25 dtd.16 .12. 2021 enclosed as Annexure-4 .
7	The number of bore hole and size involved in this proposed drilling location	One borehole of 26" diameter is proposed to be drilled as informed by the U/A.
8	Status of payment of 2% NPV of the forest area involved in the Adamtila Extension PMI. Block in Karimganj district of Assam may be intimated	Payment of Rs 17,59,95,820/- made towards NPV by ONGC Jorhat on 30.09.2016 to the office of PCCF, Guwahati. Payment details made are enclosed as Annexure-5 .
9	The current status of the Environment clearance of this instant proposal	EC is under process.
10	The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006 certificate of this proposed area	The proposal for issue of FRA certificate has duly been forwarded to the District Commissioner Cum Chairman, District Level Committee (FRA), Karimganj vide letter No. KJ(T)/Diversion/LGM/ONGC/2023/6969-73 dtd.01 .11. 2023 enclosed as Annexure-6 .
11	The revised NPV calculation of the proposed area as per the Ministry letter File. No. 5-3/ 101 1-6C (Vol-1) dated 21.03.2022, if not submitted	The revised NPV calculation has been submitted (copy enclosed as Annexure-7).

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Enclo: As stated.

Yours faithfully, Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division, Karimganj.

Copy to:-*

- 1) The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (F.C. Act), Assam, Panjabari, Guwahtai-37 for favour of his kind information necessary action.
- 2) The Chief Geologist, AAFB, Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikona, Silchar, Cachar for information & necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division, Karimganj.

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No. WL/FG.35/Drilling Well/LGM/ONGC To,

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37. Email Id : pccf.wl.assam@gmail.com Date: 06.02.2024

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 3.7574 Ha. of forest land for drilling of exploratory well, LGM in Longai Reserved Forest by AAFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikuna, Silchar, Cachar.

Ref: This office letter No. WL/FG.35/Drilling Well/LGM/ONGC, dated.01.02.2024

Sir,

With reference to the subject and letter cited above, I would like to inform you that the comments of CWLW submitted vide this office letter dated.01.02.2024 quoted above have been modified and resubmitted herewith for favour of your kind information and necessary action. The comments furnished earlier may kindly be treated as withdrawn.

Comments:

Longai Reserved Forest is situated in the district of Karimganj under Karimganj Forest Division. Total area of the RF is 15,139.313 Ha. Forest type of the RF is 2BC₂- Cachar Tropical Semi-Evergreen Forest interspersed with 1BC₃- Cachar Tropical Evergreen Forest with canebrakes. The forests of the RF provide a suitable habitat for various rare, endangered wild animal species most of which are listed in Schedule-I of Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 as amended up-to date. Some of the animals found in the area are- Hoolock Gibbon, Assamese Macque, Capped Langur, Slow Loris, Rhesus Macque, Leopard, Leopard Cat, Fishing Cat, Sambar, Barking Deer, Porcupine, Giant Squirrel etc.

Implementation of the above said project in the RF will require great deal of precautions as well as management interventions under a scientifically prepared Wild Life Conservation Plan and Wild Animal-Human-Conflict Mitigation Plan.

As the project is of national interest, it may be recommended subject to the following conditions.

- 1. The PP shall resort to minimal tree felling.
- 2. No adverse impact shall be caused to the wild animals and their habitat.
- 3. The PP shall take adequate measures against all kinds of pollution likely to be caused by implementation of the project including disasters like oil & gas leakage or explosion of the well.
- 2% of the total project cost shall be deposited as CORPUS fund to be utilized by the CWLW for Wild Life Conservation & Management and Mitigation of Human-Animal Conflict including preparation of plans.

Yours faithfully,

(Sandeep Kumar, IFS), Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam

Copy for information and necessary action to Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam, O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife & Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam

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No. KJ (T) / Diversion / LGM / ONGC / 2023 / 7199 - 720 / Dated Kxj, the 09 / 11 / 2023. To,

The Chief Conservator of Forests, Southern Assam Circle, Silchar-1, Cachar.

Sub: Proposal for diversion of 3.7574 Ha. of Forest land for drilling of exploratory well LGM in Longai Reserved Forest by APFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikona, Silchar, Cachar.

Ref: FG.27/Proposal/ONGC/Karimganj/Division (B) dtd. 19.09.2023 of the CCF & Nodal Officer, (FC Act), Assam, O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forests Force, Assam.

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith the information/documents on point No.2 of the Govt. of India as sought for. That sir, the Longai Reserved Forest is rich in flora & fauna which has a total area of 15139.313 ha. and shares its Interstate Boundary with Tripura and Mizoram. The Longai Reserved Forest is having various important faunal like Hollock Gibbon, Civet Cat Slow Loris, Hanuman Langur, Wild Boar, Green Viper & various Migratory Birds, etc. have been spotted by the field staff as reported by the Range Officer, Lowairpoa Range vide letter No. LP/Diversion/ONGC/ 2023/385 dtd. 03.06.2023 (copy enclosed).

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Enclo: As stated.

Divisional Forest Officer, Karimgan, Division, Karimganj.

Copy to:-

Sir,

1) The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (Wildlife) and Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahtai-37 for favour of his kind information necessary action.

2) The Addl. Principal Chief Conservator, of Forests (T), Lower Assam Zone, Basistha, Guwahati-29 for favour of his kind information necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division, Karimganj. Google Map showing the boundaries of different Reserved Forest, location of Adamtilla PML and Adamtilla Extension PML of ONGC, Srikuna under Karimgan Forest Division, Karimganj Am-2

Block Area of Adamtilla PML = 4 Sq. Km, (Non Forest) Total Area of Adamtilla Extension PML = 148 Sq. Km (Forest Area 82.30 Sq. Km & Non-Forest Area 65.70 Km)

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North Eastern Regional Office

Upland Road, Laitumkhrah 1635-636

June 25, 2001

Date :

The Secretary(Forests) Government of Assam Dispur, Guwahati

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Diversion of forest land for drilling operation at LG-L by ONGC at Longai RF under Karimganj Division.

Ref: 2657 3.7.01.

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(1) Govt of Assam letter No. FRS.10/2001/37 dt 1 8.3.2001. (2) MoEF(NER) even letter no. dated 19.3.2001. (3) MoEF(NER) even letter no. dated 28.3.2001. £4) ONGC letter No. CS/PA/OC/086/99-2001/1225 (AT POL 29.5.2001.

am directed to invite your attention to the subject Ι and references cited above. After examining your proposal in ref cited (1) for diversion of 4.201 ha of forest land for drilling operation at Longai RF this office had issued orders in ref cited the diversion of 1.601 ha of forest land for (2) for this purpose.

In ref cited (4) the ONGC has represented that in view of the topographical features and the requirement for effluent water lagoon as well as larger land requirement for E-1400 type of Big they may be allowed 3.641 ha of forest land for drilling operatins.

After careful consideration the central government hereby conveys its approval under Scelion 2 of the FCA, 1980 for the diversion of 3.641 ha of forest land for drilling operation at LG-L by ONGC at Longai RF under Karimganj Division in supercession of the orders issued in the letters cited (2) & (3) above.

This diversion shall be subject to the following conditions:-



- legal status of the forest land will 1. The remain. unchanged.
- Compensatory afforestation shall be done at the 2. project cost over equivalent non-forest land which Mill be notified as Protected BF
- The user agency will establish furtwood depots and will provide fuelwood to construction labourers and staff, free of cost to a sold destruction to forest HILLA
- The forest area will ever back to the fore " 1. Department when not required by the user adence

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Environment/Pollution control measures well observed as prescribed by the competent authority g.

The forest land should not be used for any purpo other than those mentioned above. 7.

The user agency will transfer the cost compensatory afforestation over equivalent forest land in favour of the () department. () () () state 8,

After receipt of the compliance report on the abov condition from the state government only, forma approval under Section 2 of the (Conservation) Act, 1980, will be issued in thi

Yours faithfully,

(Ms. I. Ao

Dy. Conservator of forests(C)

Copy to:-

1. The PCCF, Forest Department, Rehabari, Guwahati, Assam. 2. The CCF(T), Assam. 3. The CCF(HQ) & Nodal Officer, O/o PCCF, Assam

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Dated Kxj, the 16 / 11/2021.

The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (FC Act), O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Assam, Panjabari, Guwahati-37.

Information regarding aerial distance of proposed Forest land for diversion of Exploratory Drilling of Well by ONGC at Ankhapi Punjee Part-I from the nearest Tiger Reserve / National Park / Wildlife Sanctuary / Biosphere Reserve.

Ref: Letter dtd.18.02.2021 received from the General Manager – Head Forward Base, AAFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Silchar, Cachar.

Sir.

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Sub:

With reference to the subject cited above, I have the honour to submit herewith the aerial distances of the proposed Forest land from the Borail Wildlife Sanctuary (West Block) for diversion of Exploratory Drilling of Well by ONGC at Ankhapi Punjee Part-I within Longai Reserved Forest as per co-ordinate provided by ONGC.

Name of RF	Location	Co-ordinates	Aerial Distance from BWLS
Longai	Ankhapi Punjee Pt-I	N24 15 13.09 E92 14 29.16	88.28 KM

This is for favour of your kind information & necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division, Karimganj.

Copy to the General Manager – Head Forward Base, AAFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Silchar for information.

Divisional Forest Officer Karimganj Division, Karimganj.

Oll and Natural Gas Corporation Limited Assam & Assam Arakan Basin Luit Bhavan, ONGC Complox, Cinnamara, Jorhat Phone: +91 376 2360011, 2707002, FAX: +91 376 2360012/14		
File Ref	Ref No. JRT/ BM-AAA/ BMG/ 4/2016/4155 30.09.20	
From	Office of Basin Manager, A& AA Basin : Jorhat	
То	Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer, (F.C. Act) O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force: Panjabari: Guwahati- 781 037 Assam.	

Sub: Payment of NPV @ 2% against forest area covered under PMLs of ONGC in Assam.

Ref: Letter No. FG.27/Nodal/OIL & ONGC/ Genl. dated 09.05.2016. Letter No. FG.27/Nodal/OIL & ONGC/ Genl. dated 22.07.2016 Letter No. FG.27/Nodal/OIL & ONGC/ Genl. dated 29.08.2016 Letter No. JRT/ BM-AAA/ 20 /2016 dated 24.08.2016. Letter No. JRT/BM-AAA/BMG/1/2016/4138 dated 12.09.2016 Letter No. JRT/BM-AAA/BMG/2/2016/4141 dated 14.09 2016 Letter No. JRT/BM-AAA/BMG/3/2016/4141 dated 19.09 2016

Sir,

This has reference to the above communications on the subject matter. The total extent of the PML area is 1225.5 Sq. Km out of which 358.29 Sq. Km. (35829 Ha) falls under Forest Area. Going by the rate communicated by the Government of Assam i.e. Rs. 20, 860 per Ha, the 2% NPV has been worked out to be Rs. 74,73,92,940. It is understood that there are different classes of the Forest like Open Forest, Dense Forest & Very Dense Forest and whether the said amount of Rs. 20,860/-per hectare is applicable to all kind of Classes of Forest or Class I Foreșt is not clear.

ONGC, Jorhat work center (A&AA Basin and Jorhat Asset), has made a provisional payment of Rs.74,73,92,940, vide UTR No. SBIN416274305261 by RTGS in the Govt. A/C no. 037100101025200 -Adhoc CAMPA of Corporation Bank, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, New Delhi on 30.09.2016, as advised by your office, under protest and without prejudice to the rights and remedies available to ONGC,.

Kindly acknowledge the receipt of the payment.

With regards,

30.09.2016 (Manoj Ranjan) DGM (Geol)-BMG

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No. KJ (T) / Diversion / LGM / ONGC / 2023 / 6969 - 73 Dated Kxj, the 01 / 11 / 2023.

To,

The District Commissioner, Cum Chairman District Level Committee (FRA), Karimganj.

Sub:

: Diversion of 3.7475 hect. of forest land for exploratory location of LGM in Longai Reserved Forest against Proposal No.FP/AS/MIN/46794/2020 and issue of FRA certificate-regarding.

Ref: This office letter No. KJ(T)/Diversion/LGM/ONGC/2023/454-55 dtd.30.01. 2023.

Sir,

In continuation of this office letter under reference, I have the honour to Resubmit herewith the copies of Gram Shaba resolution of the meeting held on 02.01.2023 at Dewali Mandob under Balipipla Beat with the President Dewali FRC, Chief Geologist, AAFB, Explanatory Asset, Srikona, Cachar, Range Forest Officer, Lowairpoa Range and Beat Officer, Balipipla Beat to safe guard the inhabitant of the Primitive Tribal Groups and Traditional Forest Dwellers (copy enclosed) for issue of FRA certificate for diversion of 3.7475 Hect. of forest land in Longai Reserved Forest for drilling of explanatory well by ONGC.

In this regard, it is to be mentioned here that the project site is approximately 4 Km away from human habitation i.e. from Balipipla Forest Village under Longai Reserved Forest.

A copy of FRA certificate issued by your good office for diversion of forest land for lying of Gas Pipeline by IGGL is also enclosed herewith for favour of your ready reference.

It is therefore requested to issue the FRA certificate as per FRA'2006.

This is for favour of your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

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Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganjį Division, Karimganj.

Copy to:

Enclo: As stated.

- 1) The Chief Conservator of Forests & Nodal Officer (F.C. Act), Assam for favour of his kind information & necessary action.
- 2) The Chief Conservator of Forests, Southern Assam Circle, Silchar-1, Cachar favour of his kind information & necessary action.
- 3) The Chief Geologist, AAFB, Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikona, Silchar, Cachar
- , for information & necessary action. He is requested to persue the matter with the District Commissioner, Karimganj.
- 4) The Asstt. Conservator of Forests (H/Q), Karimganj for information.

Divisional Forest Officer, KarimganjjDivision, Karimganj.

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CALCULATION OF NET PRESENT VALUE IN RESPECT OF DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND IN LONGAI RESERVED FOREST, UNDER KARIMGANJ FOREST DIVISION FOR EXPLORATORY DRILLING OF WELL LGM IN FAVOUR OF ONGC, AFB, EXPLORATORY, ASSET, SILCHAR, CACHAR, ASSAM,

Net present value of 3.7574 hact. of Forest land in Longai Reserved Forest, under Karimganj Forest Division, Karimganj for exploratory drilling of well LGM by ONGC, AFB, Exploratory, Asset, Silchar, Cachar, Assam.

- (a) Total area of Forest land proposed for diversion in Longai Reserve Forest is 3.7574 hect.
- 2. Density of proposed area: Very Dense Forest.
- 3. (a) N.P.V. per hact. as per Eco-class-I (Very Dense):

	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	-/-
Dense Forest Area (in Ha.)	Rate Per Ha.	Total Amount
3.7574	15,95,790/-	59,96,021.00
Total = 3.7574		59,96,021.00

N.P.V. against 3.7574 hact. for diversion = Rs. 59,96,021.00

(Rupees Fifty nine lakh ninety six thousand twenty one) only

(Chiranjeev P Jain, I.F.S) Divisional Forest Officer, Karimganj Division, Karimganj.

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कार्यालयः भूविज्ञान संचालन के प्रधान OFFICE OF HEAD FORWARD BASE असम अराकान वलित पट्टी अन्वेषण परिसम्पत्ति ,सिलचर AAFB EXPLORATORY ASSET, SILCHAR

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File No. ONGC/FC/LGM/2023

01.12.2023

To, Divisional Forest Officer Karimganj Division, Karimganj Assam-788710

Subject: Proposal for diversion of 3.7574 ha of forest land for drilling of exploratory well, LGM in Longai Reserved Forest by AAFB Exploratory Asset, ONGC, Srikona, Silchar, Cachar.

Reference to MOEF&CC letter no. F.No. 3-AS B/185/2023 dated 12.09.2023 on the subject matter, please find below point wise reply below:

SI No.	Query	Status
1	The total length of the proposed approach road	Length of the proposed approach road-
	with existing proposed RoW	304.92m, width: 10m within Longai
		Reserve Forest from Tripura Border
		It is to mention that demarcated RoW of the proposed approach road varies from 9 meters to 10 meters. However, in
		projects where minimum RoW is about 6
	r.	meters, movements of vehicles are
		controlled in such way that only one way
		traffic is allowed at a time. Hence RoW
		not required in case of approach road.
2	The comment of the CWLW, Govt of Assam on	This information will be provided by DFO
	the proposed area as the area has reported to	karimganj
	have numbers of wildlife species including Slow Loris	
3	The employment likely to be generated during	1500 people likely to be temporarily
	the construction and operational phase from this	employed during construction and
	proposed drilling location	operational phase
4	The total area covered by Adamtila PML block	Block Area of Adamtila PML: 4 SKM
	and Adamtila Extension PML Block specifying	Forest Area: 0 SKM
,	both forest and non-forest area	Non-forest Area: 4 SKM
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		Block Area Adamtila Extn PML: 148 SKM
		Forest Area: 82.3 SKM
		Non-forest Area: 65.7 SKM
		KML file showing forest and non-forest area in Adamtila PML and Adamtila Extn. PML is attached as Annexure-1

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5	The list of all exploratory and production drilling	Applied and Granted Forest Clearance in
	cases applied and granted Forest Clearance	Adamtila PML: NIL (Non-forest land)
	under FC Act 1980 in Adamtila PML block and	
	Adamtila Extension PML Block (both forest and	Applied for Forest Clearance in Adamtila
	non-forest land) and their cumulative impact	Extn. PML: 01 (LGM)
	study on Flora & Fauna of these proposed area	Granted Forest Clearance in Adamtila
		Extn. PML: 01 (Longai-2). Diversion grant
		received from MOEF dated 26.06.2001 is
		attached as Annexure-2
6	The aerial distance of the proposed area from	Information provided by DFO karimganj
	the nearest boundary of the Protected	to Nodal officer Guwahati on
	Area/National Park/Wildlife Sanctuary as the	16.12.2021. Letter attached as
	submitted aerial distance i.e. 88.28 km is	Annexure-3
	mentioned to be from West Block of Borail	
	Wildlife Sanctuary	
7	The number of bore hole and size involved in this	One borehole of 26" diameter is
	proposed drilling location	proposed to be drilled
8	Status of payment of 2% NIV of the forest area	Payment of Rs 17,59,95,820 made
	involved in the Adamtila Extension PMI. Block in	towards NPV by ONGC Jorhat on
	Karimganj district of Assam may be intimated	30.09.2016 to the office of PCCF,
		Guwahati. Payment details made are
		attached as Annexure- 4
9	The current status of the Environment clearance	In the process of applying EC.
	of this instant proposal	
10	The current status of Forest Right Act, 2006	DFO Karimganj requested DC Karimganj
	certificate of this proposed area	to issue FRA on 01.11.2023. Additional
		DC Karimganj (forest) forwarded
		application to Additional DC (karimganj)
		for issue for FRA certificate on
		03.11.2023. Gram Sabha meeting held
		on 02.01.2023. DFO letter dated
		01.11.2023 along with gram sabha
		meeting is attached as Annexure-5
11	The revised NPV calculation of the proposed area	NA
	as per the Ministry letter File. No. 53/101 1-6C	
	(Vol-1) dated 21.03.2022, if not submitted	

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Yours faithfully

(B S Hayong) Head Forward Base

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