# STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS &HoFF PLOT NO. GD-2/12,ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR BHUBANESWAR-751023

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Sri Susanta Nanda, IFS

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion & Nodal Officer, FC Act) O/o the PCCF &HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar

To

The Deputy Director General of Forests (Central)

Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur Bhubaneswar-751023

Sub: - Diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) project, a spur line of Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra-Pipeline (JHBDPL) project in Bhadrak, Balasore& Mayurbhanj District of Odisha by GAIL (India) Limited (A Govt. of India Undertaking) – Compliance to GoI observations regarding.

Ref:- Letter No.5-ORB557/2023-BHU dated 28.03.2023 the Deputy Inspector General of Forests (C), GoI, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, the compliance basing on the report of the DFO, Baripada Forest Division and FD,STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle are furnished below-:

Observation No.1:-The KML file of the CA area has not been uploaded by DFO, Baripada in online proposal (Parivesh web portal).

<u>Compliance:</u> In compliance to the above the FD STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the KML file of Compensatory Afforestation area identified in Nuagaon RF under Betanati range of Baripada division over 4.2 ha of degraded forest land has already been uploaded in Form-A, Part-II in Parivesh Portal by the DFO, Baripada Forest division as reported by the DFO vide his memo No.7240 dt.27.09.2023 (Copy enclosed) **as Annexure-I**.

Observation No.2:-The user agency has not submitted the entire KML file of the proposed pipeline with the proposal.

<u>Compliance:</u> In compliance to the above the FD STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that the entire KML file of the forest land proposed to be diverted over 1.849 ha for laying of the proposed pipeline has already been uploaded in PARIVESH portal by the user agency as intimated vide their letter No. GAIL/DHPL/PL/Mayurbhanj/Forest/2022/004 dt.03.08.2023. A copy of the letter of GAIL (India) Limited alongwith the entire KML file of the proposed pipeline in CD form is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-II**.

Observation No.3:-The user agency has laid pipeline over 0.2379 ha of Revenue forest land in Baripada Forest Division without prior approval under FC Act. 1980. Detailed action taken report on violation of FC Act. 1980 alongwith name and designation of erring officials responsible for negligence of duties causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose.

Compliance:- In compliance to the above the FD STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle has reported that regarding unauthorised use of revenue forest land for non-forestry purpose to the tune of 0.2379 ha under 2 nos of villages such as Sikharkhunta and Kainphulia under Betanati Tahasil of Mayurbhanj District pertaining to Baripada Forest Division without prior approval of FC Act, 1980, the Tahasildar, Betanati Tahasil has furnished his detailed action taken report on violation of FC Act, 1980 alongwith name and designation of the earring officials responsible for negligence in duties vide his letter No.4963 dt.07.12.2023 addressed to the ADM, Mayurbhnj District with copy endorsed to the DFO, Baripada Forest Division(Copy enclosed). In this connection the following documents are enclosed for reference.

- i) Show cause Notice issued to GAIL India Ltd. by the Tahasildar, Betnati vide his letter No.4504 dt.28.11.2023 is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-III.**
- ii) Reply of the above show cause notice by M/s GAIL India Ltd. to the Tahasildar, Betanati vide their letter dated 30.11.2023 is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-IV**.
- iii) Basing on the above reply further show cause notice issued by the Tahasildat, Betanati to the executing agency i.e. Subrat Kumar Bhunja, Resident Constriction Manager, M/s Corrtech International Ltd., Site office at Shree Jagannath Complex, IOB, New Complex, In front of Odisha Polytechnic College, Kuruda, PS-Sadar, Balasore, vide his letter No.4532 dt,30.11.2023 is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-V**.
- iv) Reply of the above show cause notice furnished by S.K.Bhunja, Resident Constriction Manager, M/s Corrtech International Ltd., to the Tahasildar Benanati dated.01.12.2023 (Annexure-VI) with copy of money receipt No.487870 dated.02.12.2023 of Betanati Tahasil for Rs.30,000/- realized towards penalty from the above executing agency is enclosed herewith as Annexure-VII.

v) Action taken report of the Tahasildar Betnati Tahasil addressed to the ADM, Mayurbhanj Dist. vide his letter No.4693 dt.07.12.2023 with copy endorsed to the DFO, Baripada Forest Division vide his memo No.4695 dtd.07.12.2023 is enclosed herewith as **Annexure-VIII.** 

In view of the above, the compliance to the observations made by Government of India, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar are sent herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl: As above

Yours faithfully

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)
29.12.2023

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Additional Chief Secretary to Government, Forest Environment and Climate Change Department, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to LetterNo.5-ORB557/2023-BHU dated 28.03.2023 of the Dy. Inspector General of Forests(C), Government of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar and Memo No. 7714/FE&CC dated 17.04.2023 of the OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department addressed to this office.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle for information and necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 3055 dated 18.08.2023, No.3907 dated 07.10.2023 and No.5306 dt.14.12.2023.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Divisional Forest Officer, Baripada Forest Division for information and necessary action with reference to Memo No. 3056 dated 18.08.2023 and Memo No.3908 dated 07.10.2023, No.5307 dt.14.12.2023 of the FD, STR-cum-RCCF, Baripada Circle to his address.

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)

Memo No.

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Copy forwarded to the Deputy General Manager (B.I.S), GAIL India Limited, 612, Utkal Signature, Pahala, NH-5, Bhubaneswar-752101 for information and necessary action with reference to LetterNo.5-ORB557/2023-BHU dated 28.03.2023 of Dy. Inspector General of Forests(C), Government of India, MoEF& CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar.

Principal Chief Consorvator of Forests (Forest Diversion and Nodal Officer, FC Act)



### OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, BARIPADA FOREST DIVISION, BARIPADA, MAYURBHANJ, ODISHA Telephone no. 06792-252613, 252622 and Fax 255770, e-mail: dfo.baripada@odisha.gov.in

Memo No\_ 7240/4F Dt. 27.9.23

To

The Field Director, Similipal Tiger Reserve-cum-

Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Baripada Circle, Baripada

Sub:-

Diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land implementation of Dhamra- Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spurline of Jagdispur- Haldia- Bokaro- Dhamra Pipeline (JHBDPL) Project in Bhadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj District of Odisha by GAIL (India) Limited (A Govt. of India Undertaking).

Ref:-

Your Office memo No. 3437/17-77/2022 date 15.09.2023.

In inviting reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am submitting below point wise compliance and supporting documents for favour of your kind information and necessary

Condition No.1-

The KML file of the Ch area has not been uploaded by the DFO, Baripada

The KML file of the Chand has been uploaded online in Form-A, Part-II in

Parivesh Portal.

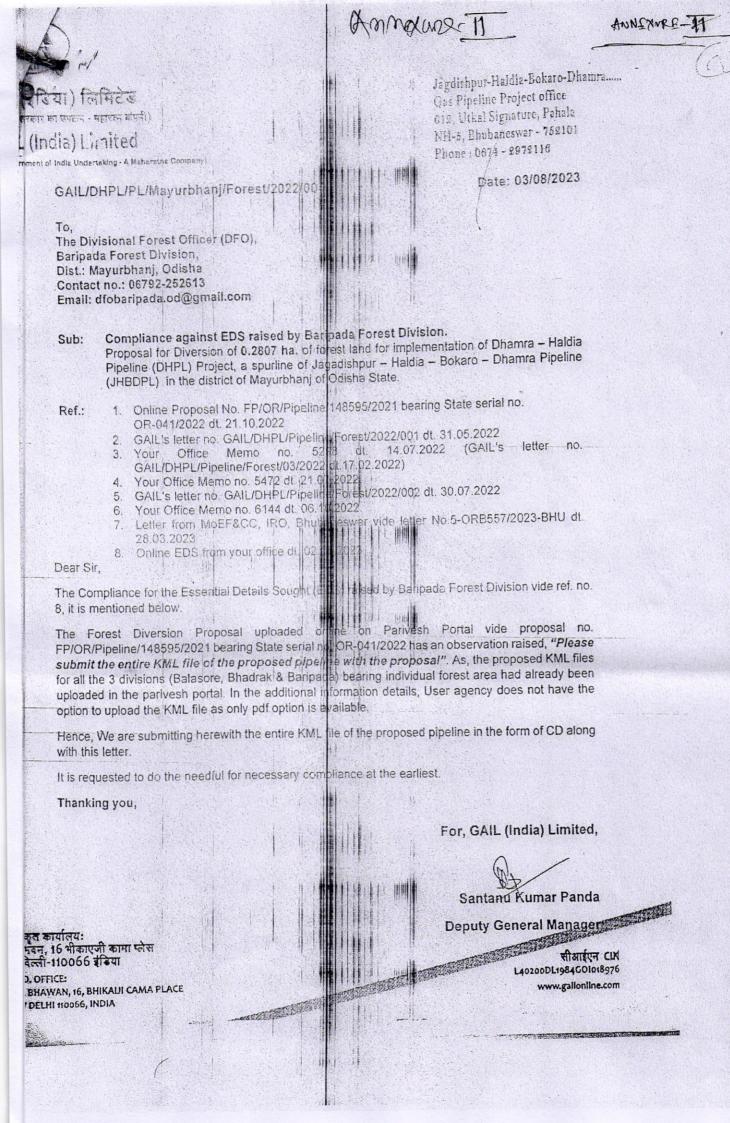
This is for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Divisional Forest Officer Baripada Forest Division

Memo No 7241/4F Dt. 27.9.23

Copy forwarded to the Conservator of Forests (Nodal), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information with reference to his letter No. 18220 date 09.09.2023

Divisional Forest Officer Baripada Forest Division



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## OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, BETNOTI

BHOGABATI, P.O / P.S - BETNOTI, MAYURBHANJ-757025 Telephone- 06793-220251 e-Mail- Inti-Detn-

Letter No. 4504 /Rev. Dt. 25:11:23

To

The Deputy General Manager, (Bls) GAIL (India) Limited

Sub:

Regarding proposal for Diversion of 1.849 of forest land for Implementation of Dhamra- Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) project, a spurline of Jagadishpur- Haldia Pipeline (JHBDPL) project in Bhadrak, Balasore \* and Mayurbhani District .

Ref.

Letter no. 3047/Rev. Dt 24.11.2023 of Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj addressed to this office letter No 8372/Dt 08.11.2023 of DFO, Baripada Forest Division addressed to the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj and communicated to this office vide memo no. 8374/Dt 08.11.2023.

Sir

With reference to the subject cited above, I am to intimate that as per letter no. 3123 /4F, Dt 24 04.2023 of DFO, Baripada addressed to the Office of the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj, the User Agency I.e. GAIL India Limited has laid pipeline over 0.2379ha of Revenue Forest land ( copy enclosed separately) of Baripada Forest Division without prior approval under FC Act 1980. Further as per the letter, the same agency has used the forest land for non-forestry purpose since 15:06:2022 .

In view of the same, you are hereby informed to intimate the undersigned that under which circumstance the User agency has laid the pipeline in the sald land schedules without prior approval under FC Act-1980 and furnish the name and designation of the erring officials responsible for such negligence in duties causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose .

Yours Faithfully, Revised of John Stiller, Betnott.

Jemo No...4505 ...../Dt. 26-11:23.....

Copy submitted to the Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj with ference to their office letter no.3047/Rev, 24.11.2023 and DFO, Baripada Forest

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To

The Tahasildar, Betnoti, Mayurbhanj, Odisha

Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamir Gas Pipeline Project office 612, Utkal Signature, Pahala NH-s, Bhubaneswar - 752101 Phone: 0674 - 2972116

Date 30.11.2023

Subject : Proposal for diversion of 1.849 ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldla Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spurline of Jagdishpur-Haldia Pipeline (JHBDPL) Project in Bahadrak, Balasore & Mayurbhanj District of Odisha by GAIL (India) Ltd pertaining to 3 Divisions I.e. Bhadrak(WL), Division (0.3762 ha of forest land), Balasore (WL) Division (1.1921 ha of forest land) and Baripada Division (0.2807 ha of forest land). Dear Madam,

This has reference to the letter no 4504 deted 28.11.2023 received from your good office regarding the subject matter. In this regard following is submitted:

GAIL has awarded the contract to M/s Corrtech International Limited (CIL) for laying Natural Gas pipeline from Dhamra(Odisha) to Haldia(West Bengal). Presently, M/s CIL is executing the job having their site office at Shree Jagannath Complex, IOB New Campus, In front of Odisha Polytechnic College, At Kuruda, PS Sadar, Balasore PIN 756056. Mr Subrata Kumar Bhunia(email: sbhunia@corrtech.in), Resident Construction Manager is in-charge for execution of the said Job,

As you may kindly be aware that the lands located at Mouza Sikharkhunta & Kainphulia, Tehsil: Betnoti, Mayurbhani are presently private lands used for cultivation purposes by recorded tenants. As per the present record enclosed in Annexure, lands are non-forest land and there is no forest growth in the said lands. In view of the above, M/s CIL inadvertently laid the pipeline prior to forest diversion proposal.

Considering Dhamra-Haldia Natural Gas Pipeline (a Part of Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga) being the project of national importance, your kind favour is solicited to condone and do the needful at the earliest.

Looking forward to your kind support and thanking you.

With Warm Regards,

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#### OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, BETNOTI

At - BHOGABATI, P.O / P.S - BETNOTI, MAYURBHANJ-757025 , Telephone- 06793-220251 , e-Mail- tan betn-

Letter No. 4582 /Dt 30 11 3038

To

Subrat Kumar Bhunia, Resident Construction Manager, M/S Correch International Limited Site office at Shree Jagannath Complex, IOB, New Campus, In front of Odisha Polytenchnic College, Kuruda PS- Sadar, Balasore.

Sub;

Regarding showcause explanation in connection with illegal extraction and use of soil over the revenue forest land and using forest land for non-forestry purpose for laying pipeline in respect of Betnoti Tahasil

Sir

As per the letter of Deputy General Manager, GAIL(India) Limited vide their office letter no. Nil/Dt 30.11.2023 addressed to the undersigned, it is ascertained that GAIL has awarded the contract to M/S Corrtech International Limited(CIL) for laying Natural Gas Pipeline from Dhamra (Odisha) to Haldia (West Bengal) and you as being the Resident Construction Manager of the said company and incharge for execution of the said job, have laid the pipeline over an area of Aco.2379 hectares of Revenue Forest land of Betnoti Tahasil without prior approval under FC Act-1980 since 15.06.2022.

You are therefore instructed to file your show cause reply for laying pipeline over an area of Aco.2379 hectares of Revenue Forest land of Betnoti Tahasil without prior approval under FC Act-1980 and also directed to pay an amount of Rs 30,000/- (Rupees Thirty Thousand) only towards Penalty for illegal extraction of soil and use of soil over the same revenue forest land for non-forestry purpose violating the Provision of Rule-51 of Odisha Minor Mineral Concession Rules-2016 and Forest Conversation Act-1980 within three days of receipt of this letter without fail, failing which action as deemed proper will be taken against you.

Tahasildar- Cum-Executive Magistrate,

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Memo No. 4583 /Dt 30 11-2028.

Copy to GAIL India Limited for information with reference to their office letter no. Nil/ Dt 30.11.2023.

Tahasildar- Cum- Executive Magistrate,

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To The Tahasildar, Betnoti, Mayurbhani, Odisha

Date - 01.12.2023

Subject: Regarding submission of show cause reply in connection with diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose in Baripada Division (0.2379 HA) of forest land

Ref: Letter no.4532 dtd, 30.11.2023

#### Dear Sir,

As you may be aware that GAIL (India) Limited is laying the Gas pipeline in a stretch of 154 kms in Odisha State. We, Corrtech International Ltd. appointed by GAIL (A Maharatna Company of Govt. of India) for Laying & Construction of Steel Gas Pipeline along with associated facilities for Dhamra-Haldla Pipeline in Odlsha state vide work order no. GAIL/NOIDA/C&9/PROJ/DHAMRA-

As per land records, the lands located at Sikharkhunta & Kainphulia village, Tehsil: Betnoti, mayurbhanj are recorded as private land cultivation done by recorded tenants. As per the current land records it's a non-forest land and there is no forest growth on the ground. Hence, we have laid

As the project is being closely manitored by ministry level, a part of Pradhan Mantri Urja Ganga Yojona, request your kind favor to do the needful.

Thanking you and assuring you of our best services at all time:

Yours sincerely,

For Correch International Limited

S K Bhunia

Resident Construction Manager

S. K. Bhunia Resident Construction Manager Corr : h International Ltd. OHPL Project





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OFFICE OF THE TAHASILDAR, BETNOTI AL- BHOGABATI, P.O / P.S. BETNOTI, MAYURBHANJ-757025 . 6-Mail- Int. Deln-odifficien

To

The Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj

Sub.

Regarding proposal for diversion of 1.849ha of forest land for implementation of Dhamra-Haldia Pipeline (DHPL) Project, a spurline of Jagadishpur- Haldla Pipeline ( JHBDPL) project in Bhadrak, Balasore and Mayurbhanj District by GAIL (India) Ltd.

Ref

Your office letter no. 3047/Rev,Dt24.11.2023 .

Sir.

In inviting kind reference to the letter on the subject cited above, I am to intimate that as per your instruction received vide letter under reference, following actions were taken in connection with negligence of duties causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry purpose on the part of the undersigned as mentioned below .

- 1. The Deputy General Manager.( Bis), GAIL ( India) Limited ( as being the User agency) was asked to furnish the name and designation of the erring officials responsible for negligence of duties causing diversion of forest land for non-forestry pupose in connection with laying of pipeline over 0.2379 ha of Revenue forest land of Betnoti Tahasil vide this office letter no. 4504/Dt 28.11.2023.
- 2. In the response, the Deputy General Manager, (Bis), GAIL reported vide their office letter No. Nil/ Dt 30.11,2023 that - GAIL has awarded the contract to M/S Correct International Limited (CIL) for laying Natural Gas Pipeline from Dhamra to Haidia ( West Bengal) and M/S CIL is executing the Job having their site office at Shree Jagananath complex.IOB New Campus, Infront of Odisha Polytechnic College, Kuruda, Balasore and Mr Subrat Kumar Bhunia, Resident Construction Manager is in charge for execution of the said job.
- 3. As such, said Srl Subrat Kumar Bhunia, Resident Construction Manager, M/S Corrtech International Limited was instructed to file showcause reply for taying pipeline over an area of 0.2379ha of Revenue Forest land of Betnoti Tahasil without prior approval under FC Act-1980 and further was directed to pay an amount of Rs 30,000/- only towards penalty for illegal extraction of Soil over the same revenue forest land vide this office letter no. 4532/Dt 30.11.2023 .
- Accordingly, Srl SK Bhunia has submitted his showcause vide their office letter no. NIVDt 01.12.2023 and a sum of Rs 30,000/- only was realised from Manager Incharge / Resident Construction Manager, M/S CIL towards penalty vide this office MR No. 76/487870/Dt 02.12.2023 .

Jain for regularisation in connection with causing of diversion of forest land for nonforestry purpose for the implementation of Dhamra- Haldla Pipeline project, the Deputy General Manager (Bis), GAIL(India) Limited, (as being the user agency) was informed to file the proposal before the competent authority under intimation to the undersigned adhering the guideline the Gol, MoEF and CC, IRO, Bhuabneswar vide this office letter no. 4660/06.12.2023 and as a response, the DGM (GAIL) has informed vide their office letter NII Dtd 07.12.2023 that their User agency has already submitted Forest diversion proposal No.FP/ OR/ Pipeline/148595/2021 Dt 21.10.2021 before the competent authority for implementation of Dhamra - Haldla Natural Gas pipeline for non forestry purpose.

However, a copy of this office letter no. 4504/Dt 28.11.2023., copy of letter no. NiV Dtd 30.11.2023 of DGM(GAIL), copy of this office letter no. 4532/Dt 30.11.2023, Letter no. NiV Dt 01.12.2023 of Subrat Kumar Bhunia, Resident Construction Manager, M/S CIL Limited, copy of MR No. 76/487870/Dt 02.12.2023, copy of this office letter no. 4660/06.12.2023 and copy of office letter no. Nil Dtd 07.12.2023 of DGM(GAIL) are enclosed herewith for favour of kind information and necessary action.

Encl; As above.

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Memo No. 4694 10:07:12:2023

Copy submitted to the Sub- Collector, Baripada for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to letter no. 3050/Dt 24.11,2023 of Additional District Mayurbhanj addressed to their kind office.

August 12/23 Tahasildar, Betnoti

Memo No. 4695 JDL 07-12 2028

Copy submitted to the DFO, Baripada Forest Division for favour of kind information and necessary action with reference to letter no. 3049/ Dt 24.11.2023 of Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhanj addressed to their office.

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Memo No. 4696 /Dt 07-12-2023.

Copy to the Deputy General Manager (Bis), GAIL( India) Limited for information with reference to letter no. 3051/ Dt 24.11.2023 of Additional District Magistrate, Mayurbhani addressed to their office.

Tahasildar, Betnoti

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