

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

No.FRS.89/2022/136

Dated Dispur, the 17th June, 2022

To : The Inspector General of Forest (Central),
Government of India,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Integrated Regional Office, 4th Floor, Housefed Building,
G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 3.411 Ha. forest land for drilling location DGR in Upper
Dehing Reserved Forest (West Block) under Digboi Division in favour of OIL.

Ref : Govt. of India letter F. No 3-AS B 111/2020-SHI/923-924 dated 12.8.2021.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am directed to furnish herewith the additional information/documents as below for favour of your kind information and necessary action:-

Govt. of India letter No 3-AS B 111/2020- SHI/923-924 dated 12.8.2021	Information Provided
Condition No. (1)	The Form-A, Part-V form with recommendation is annexed herewith as Annexure- VII .
Condition No. (2)	The User Agency (OIL) has deposited the 2 % NPV for proposed drilling wells to the Ad-hoc CAMPA account on 6.10.2016(Copy enclosed as Annexure-I)
Condition No. (3)	The User Agency (OIL) has stated that the Mining lease was granted by the state Govt. 29.8.2010, whereas the present guidelines were issued by the MoEF& CC on 24.6.2015 pursuant to the order of the Hon'ble supreme court dated 8.8.2014. Therefore, the permission u/s 2 (iii) of the FC Act was not applicable at the relevant period for granting Mineral lease vide their letter No. S&E/E/88B/1497 dated 11.11.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
Condition No. (4)	As per DFO, Digboi Division report the proposed area falls at a distance of 3.10 K.M. (approx.) from DihingPatkai National Park and 1.37 K.M. (approx.) from the proposed Eco- Sensitive Zone boundary of DihingPatkai National Park. But, as it has not yet been notified, the proposed area is inside deemed Eco-Sensitive Zone of 10 K.M. vide their letter No. A/G-8 (a)/F.C. Act/DGR/2021/2027-29 dated 14.12.2021(Copy enclosed as Annexure-III). Final approval may be considered only after final notification of ESZ.
Condition No. (5)	As per DFO, Digboi Division report the existing drilling location where the new location DGR has been planned was drilled from the existing plinth of location HDF which was drilled in year the year 1979. DGR will be drilled in the same plinth area vide their letter No. A/G-8 (a)/F.C. Act/DGR/2021/2027-29 dated 14.12.2021(Copy enclosed as Annexure-III).

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Condition No. (6)	The DFO, Digboi Division has submitted the Compensatory Afforestation Scheme with technically approved by Conservator of Forests, Eastern Assam Circle, Jorhat. (Copy enclosed as Annexure-IV)
Condition No. (7)	The Chief Wildlife Warden, Assam has submitted the 2% of the estimated project cost for Human Elephant Conflict (HEC) mitigation etc. vide their letter No. WL/FG/Nodal/Drilling Location DGR/Oil dated 11.5.2022 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-V)
Condition No. (8)	The User Agency (OIL) has stated that the names of 4 Nos. of development wells and 3 Nos. of exploratory wells as mentioned in the Environment Clearance letter F. No. J-11011/1252/2007-IA II (I) dated 1.11.2011 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-VI). The Forest Clearance is not applicable on these well as no forest land is involved vide their letter No. S&E/E/88B/1497 dated 11.11.2021 (Copy enclosed as Annexure-II).
Condition No. (9)	The KML/shape file in CD format of the proposed area and compensatory afforestation area is enclosed herewith.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

(I. Kalita, ACS)

Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam
Environment and Forest Department

Dated Dispur, the 17th June, 2022

Memo No. FRS.89/2022/136-A

Copy to:

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

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