

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

No.FRS.64/2022/98

Dated Dispur, the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

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

Sub : Proposal for diversion of 4.125 Ha. of forest land for Oil and Gas  
exploration, development and production of Well pad No.29 in Diphu  
Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of M/s Vedanta  
Limited (Division of Cairn Oil & Gas).

Ref : Letter No F. No 3-AS B 106/2022/GHY/2726-2727 dated 19.07.2022.

Sir,

In inviting a reference to your letter on the subject cited above, I am enclosing herewith a copy of letter No FC.27/FCA/Proposal/Vedanta Ltd./Well pad No.29/Golghat Divn. Dated 22.07.2022 along with enclosures as received from the Chief Conservator of Forest Nodal Officer (FC ACT), O/o the PCCF & HoFF, Assam regarding subject mentioned proposal and inform you that the Well pad no.29 is at approx. **81.6 KM** from **Sivadol Negheriting Golaghat** and approx. **36 KM** from **Kasomari Pathar, Golaghat**. A Google Map showing the aerial distance is enclosed herewith for your reference.

In this regard I am also directed to inform you that as per the provision of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 no person is allowed to carry any constructions, mining, quarrying, excavating, blasting or any operation of a like nature in protected and prohibited area (100m from the protected limit) of the centrally protected monument. However, one can repair or renovates or construct within the regulated area (200m in all directions beginning from the prohibited limit) with the prior permission from competent authority and National Monument Authority (NMA). Therefore, the proposed area does not require NOC from Director cum Compensatory Authority, Directorate of Archaeology, Govt. of Assam as it falls far away from the Archaeological Site.

Yours faithfully,

Encl: As stated above.

(I. Kalita, ACS)

Addl. Secretary to the Govt. of Assam

Environment and Forest Department

Dated Dispur, the 25<sup>th</sup> July, 2022

Memo No. FRS.64/2022/98-A

Copy to:

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

(I. Kalita, ACS)

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Environment and Forest Department

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**GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS AND  
HEAD OF FOREST FORCE, ASSAM  
ARANYA BHAWAN, PANJABARI, GUWAHATI-37**

Email: [adlpccf.nodal@gmail.com](mailto:adlpccf.nodal@gmail.com)

No. FG.27/FCA/Proposal/Vedanta Ltd./Well Pad No.29/Golaghat Divn.

Date: 22.7.2022

To,

The Additional Chief Secretary to the Government of Assam  
Environment and Forest Department  
Dispur, Guwahati-6.

Sub: **Forest diversion proposal of 4.125 Ha. forest land for Oil and Gas exploration, development and production of Well Pad No.29 in Nambor South Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited (Diversion Cairn Oil & Gas).**

Ref: Government of India letter No. 3-AS B 106/2022- GHY/2726-2727 dated 19.7.2022

Sir,

With reference to the above, I am enclosing herewith a letter No. AA-1/FC/29/13 dated 20.7.2022 along with its enclosures received from the Vedanta Ltd. regarding forest diversion proposal of 4.125 Ha. forest land for Oil and Gas exploration, development and production of Well Pad No.29 in Nambor South Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited (Diversion Cairn Oil & Gas). It may be stated that the well pad No. 29 is at approx. 81.6 KM from Sivadol Negheriting Golaghat and approx. 36 KM from Kasomari Pathar, Golaghat. A Google Map showing the aerial distance is enclosed herewith.

As per the provision of the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 no person is allowed to carry any constructions, mining, quarrying, excavating, blasting or any operation of a like nature in protected and prohibited area (100m from the protected limit) of the centrally protected monument. However, one can repair or renovates or construct within the regulated area (200m in all directions beginning from the prohibited limit) with the prior permission from competent authority and NMA. Therefore, the proposed area does not require NOC from Director cum Compensatory Authority, Directorate of Archaeology, Govt. of Assam as in falls for away from the Archaeological Sites.

The above-mentioned information may kindly be send to the Government of India, MoEF&CC, Integrated Regional Office, Guwahati accordingly.

Encl: As stated above.

Yours faithfully,

  
(Dr. C Muthukumaravel, IFS)

Chief Conservator of Forests &  
Nodal Officer (FC Act), Assam

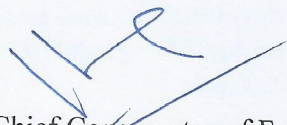
O/o the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and  
Head of Forest Force, Assam

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Copy to:

1. The Inspector General of Forest (Central), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, Integrated Regional Office, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Housefed Building, G.S Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-781022 for kind information.
2. The Divisional Forest Officer, Golaghat Division for information.
3. The Sr. Manager- Environment, M/s Vedanta Limited (Diversion Cairn Oil & Gas), DLF Phase-2, DLF City, Gurgaon, Haryana-122002 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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Ref No: AA-1/FC/29/13  
Date:20/07/2022

The Chief Conservator of Forest & Nodal Officer (FCA), Assam  
O/o Principal Chief Conservator of Forest (PCCF) and Head of Forest Force  
Aranya Bhawan, Panjabari,  
Guwahati – 781037, Assam

**Subject:** Proposal for diversion of 4.125 ha. of forest land for Oil and Gas exploration, development and production in Well Pad No.29 in Nambor Reserved Forest under Golaghat Division in favour of M/s Vedanta Limited.

Ref.: 1. Letter from IGF (C), IRO, Guwahati; ref. no. 3-AS B 102/2022-GHY/2726-2727 dtd. 19.07.22  
2. Letter from Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India; ref. no. 7/1/2022-23 (I)-2116 dtd. 29.03.22.

Dear Sir,

This has reference to the above-mentioned letter issued by Integrated Regional Office (IRO), Guwahati for the evaluation of Forest diversion proposal for diversion of Well Pad No.29 in Nambor Reserved Forest in Golaghat district.

In this regards we would like to submit the following for your kind consideration and perusal.

1. As per the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958 (as cited by the Superintending Archaeologist, Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) in it's letter vide ref. no. 7/1/2022-23 (I)-2116 dtd. 29.03.22), construction/ mining/ excavation, etc. work is prohibited within 100 meter of Archaeological structure. NOC is needed from the competent authority for construction/ repair/ renovation work in 200 meters from prohibited distance (i.e., 100 meters).

2. This well pad no. 29 is at approx. 81.6 km from Sivadol Negheriting Golaghat and approx. 36 km from Kasomari Pathar, Golaghat. Google Earth Map showing the aerial distance is enclosed as Annexure-1).

In view of the above, it is humbly requested you to kindly consider our application in next upcoming REC meeting being scheduled in next week.

Thanking You,

Yours faithfully,

For Vedanta Ltd. (Div.: Cairn Oil & Gas)



Dilip Kumar Bera  
DGM- Environment

Enclosures: As above

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## DISTANCE OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES FROM WP#29



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No. 7/1/2022-23(T)-2116

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Archaeological Survey of India

Office of the Superintending Archaeologist

Guwahati Circle

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Beltola-Basistha Road, Guwahati-781006

Dated:-29<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

29 MAR 2022

To,

The Divisional Forests Officer  
Golaghat Division  
Golaghat

Sub- Archaeological monuments/sites in Golaghat District, Assam under ASI, Guwahati  
Circle-reg.

Sir,

With reference to your letter no. B/62/Division/Vedanta/GD/2022/1951 dated 28.03.2022 on the subject cited above I am to inform you that there are two Centrally Protected Monuments/ Sites under Guwahati circle in Golaghat District such as


Sl. No.	Name of Monuments/Sites	Geo co-ordinates
1.	Kasomari Pathar, Golaghat	Latitude-26°-18'31.14" Longitude-93°-59'-19-732"
2.	The Sivadol at Negheriting Golaghat	Latitude- 26°-44'-3.984", Longitude-94-0'-18.999"

As per the provisions of The Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, no person is allowed to carry any constructions, mining, quarrying, excavating, blasting or any operation of a like nature in protected and prohibited area (100m from the protected limit) of the centrally protected monument. However, one can repair or renovates or construct within the regulated area (200 m in all directions beginning from the prohibited limit) with the prior permission from Competent Authority and NMA.

Therefore, you are hereby informed to contact Director cum Competent Authority, Directorate of Archaeology, Government of Assam, Guwahati, Assam for No Objection Certificate.

This is for your kind information and necessary action please.

Yours faithfully

  
Superintending Archaeologist  
29/03/2022