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To
The Director,
IA (II) Division,
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan,
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New Delhi – 110 003

Subject: Application seeking Environmental Clearance (EC) for proposed Onshore Oil and Gas development drilling and production in Tinsukia district under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapjan PML, Dumduma PML and Digboi PML.

Reference: MOEF&CC Letter No.- IA-J-11011/1251/2007-IA II (I) dated 8th March 2022
Online Proposal No. IA/AS/IND2/220363/2007

Oil India Ltd. (OIL) intends to carry out Onshore Oil and Gas development drilling and production in Tinsukia district under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapjan PML, Dumduma PML and Digboi PML. OIL has submitted the application online and the proposal no. is IA/AS/IND2/220363/2007.

The MoEF&CC IA-Divisions had some observations related to the proposal and send a letter (No.- IA-J-11011/1251/2007-IA II (I) dated 8th March 2022) to Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Assam for his expert opinion and feedback. The ADS and response are provided below.

S No.	Queries	Response
1.	It was observed that Bogapani Elephant Corridor is located within 1 km of the proposed wells further the proposed area falls under the critical elephant habitat and corridor which connects the two states Assam and Arunachal Pradesh. The proposed diversion is completely falling under the Dihing-Patkai Elephant Reserve, Assam and South Arunachal Elephant Reserve, Arunachal Pradesh.	<p>Bogapani Elephant Corridor is in Digboi Forest Division. The length and width of the corridor is 2.5-3.0 km and 0.5-1 km respectively. The frequency of usage of the corridor by elephant is Regular (Seasonal; September to February). Elephants move through Bogapani Tea Gardens, agricultural fields and human habitations once they have crossed NH 38 and the railway track near Ramnagar village. This railway track along with the national highway, is a major impediment to elephant movement in the corridor.</p> <p>[Source: Right of Passage (2017). Elephant Corridors of India [2nd Edition]. Menon, V, Tiwari, S K, Ramkumar, K, Kyarong, S, Ganguly, U and Sukumar, R (Eds.). Conservation Reference Series No. 3. Wildlife Trust of India, New Delhi].</p> <p>Out of 26 wells and 3 production installations, one well 833 is located within 1 km from the boundary of the Bogapani Elephant Corridor. The proposed well no. 833 will be dropped from the current proposal. Well locations and corridor distance plotted in toposheet is presented as Annexure-I.</p> <p>The proposed wells and production installations are located more than 10 km from Dehing Patkai National Park.</p> <p>During the period of active movement of elephants (September-February) in the area, site development and drilling activities at wells near the Bogapani Elephant Corridor will be avoided.</p>

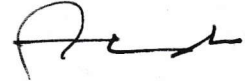
Some additional mitigation measures to be undertaken by the project include

- DG sets will be provided with acoustic enclosures and fence line noise barriers will be provided to reduce level of noise emitted from the drill sites;
- Appropriate shading of lights to be provided to prevent scattering.
- Approach road shall be made pucca to minimize generation of suspended dust

You are requested to consider the above proposal for grant of Environmental Clearance based on the above information.

Thanking you.

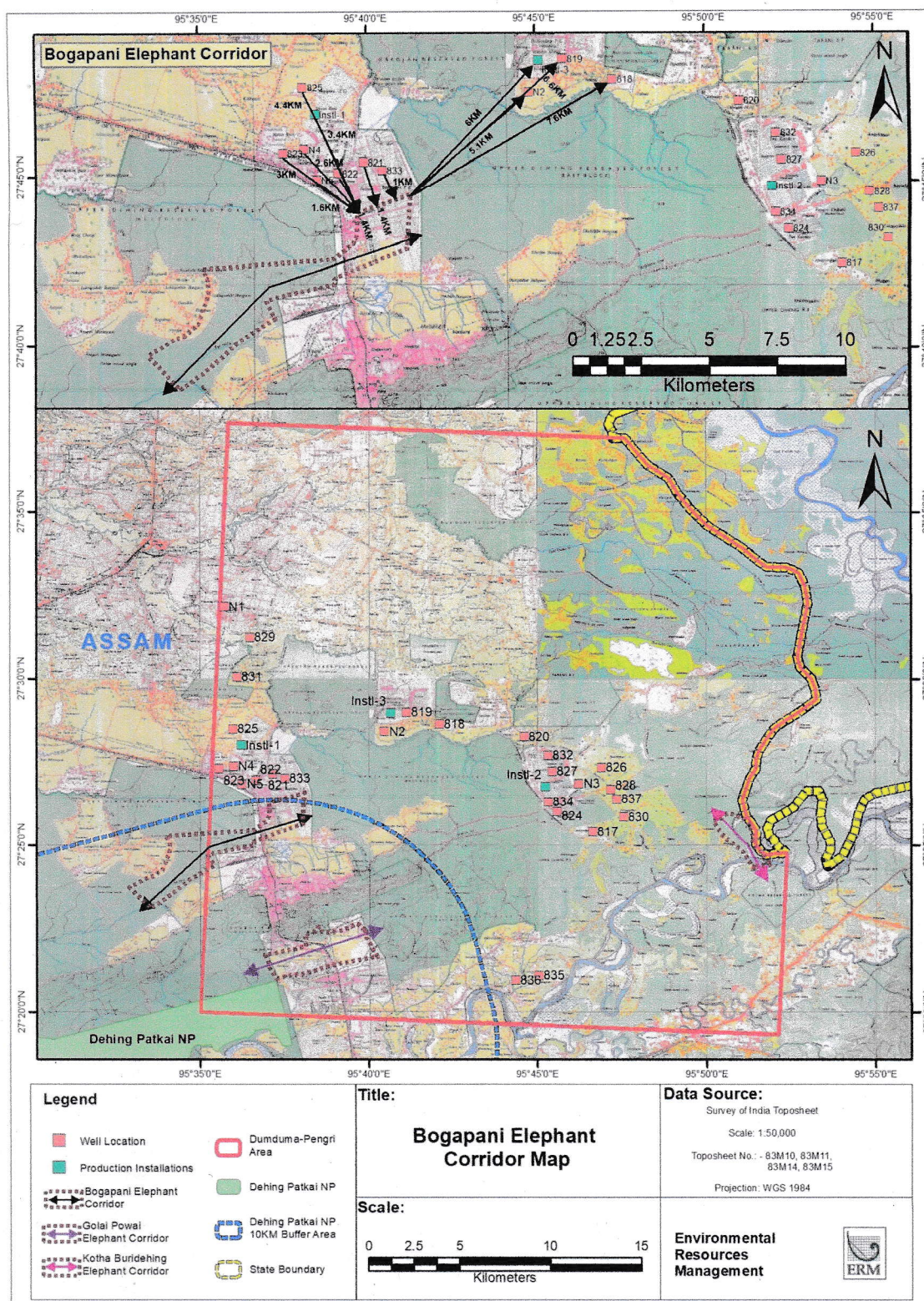
Yours faithfully,
OIL INDIA LTD

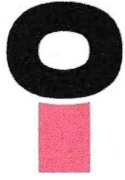


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UNDERTAKING

Oil India Ltd. (OIL) hereby undertake to drop one well, Well no. 833 from the list of 26 wells and 3 Production Installations, as it is located within 1 km from the boundary of Bogapani Elephant corridor for the proposal of "Onshore Oil & Gas Development drilling and production in Dumduma-Pengeri Area in Tinsukia District under PMLs namely Mechaki PML, Borhapjan PML, Dumduma PML and Digboi PML" Proposal no: IA/AS/IND2/220363/2007; File No. J-11011/1251 /2007-IA II (I)

Accordingly, the proposal may be considered for grant of Environmental Clearance for 25 wells and 3 Production Installations.

Above is for your kind information please.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

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