

EDS dated 23/12/2018:

Please see our observations dated 2/11/2018 for the needful.

Reply:

In addition to our reply to your earlier query dated 02.11.2018, following are submitted for your kind consideration:

1. ONGC would submit Baseline study reports duly certified by M/s Detox Corporation Pvt. Ltd. which is a NABL accredited organization.
2. ONGC would submit NABL accreditation certificate of M/s Detox Corporation Pvt. Ltd.

In view of the above, it is again requested to consider the project for grant of EC.

EDS dated 02.11.2018: ONGC has already been informed for not submitting the proposal for environmental clearances based on the studies conducted and preparation of EIA/EMP reports on their own.

Reply: The present proposal is for offshore project beyond 12 Nautical Miles. The following points are submitted for kind perusal and consideration:

1. Baseline data monitoring for offshore projects involve huge financial implications to the tune of 5-6 crores. ONGC has already engaged M/s Detox Corporation Pvt. Ltd., Surat which is a NABL/MoEFCC accredited organization for carrying out periodic environmental sampling, monitoring & analytical services as per statutory requirements.
2. Baseline data acquisition has been done by an accredited third party (M/s Detox) and the same data has been used by ONGC for preparation of EIA report for its offshore project as ONGC being QCI-NABET accredited for preparing EIA reports for Offshore and Onshore oil and gas exploration, development and production projects.
This is in line with the MoEFCC O.M. vide F. No. J-11013/77/2004-IA II (I) dated 02.12.2009 wherein it has been brought out that all the PSUs working in the area of EIA to get themselves registered under the accreditation scheme of QCI-NABET for bringing specificity to the EIA report and for improved decision making.
3. There are limited numbers of accredited agencies for carrying out environmental sampling and monitoring involved in offshore projects.

In view of the above, it is requested to kindly consider the project for grant of EC.