

**EDS dated 20.11.2018**

Please see our earlier observations vide query dated 25/10/2018, reiterated on 7/11/2018, for the needful and further action into the matter.

Reply:

This is in reference to the EDS raised dated 25/10/2018 & 07/11/2018 and our replies on 31/10/2018 and 12/11/2018 thereto.

In this regard, this is to further submit that Environment Clearance was granted vide F. No. J-11011/173/2015-IA-II(I) dated 31.10.2018 to the project "Onland Development and Production of Oil and Gas from 72 wells in two Onland PML Blocks (Godavari Onland and West Godavari) in KG Basin covering Districts East Godavari, West Godavari and Krishna (Andhra Pradesh).

This EC does not include BTSAD EPS for which ONGC is seeking EC under the current proposal.

Development wells namely BTSDA, BTSDB and BTSDC are planned to be drilled under the above mentioned EC and would be connected to the BTSAD EPS for taking production.

**EDS dated 25.10.2018**

**Construction of EPS as proposed may not be covered under item 1(b) of the schedule to the EIA Notification, 2006. In fact, such a structure is one of the allied facilities for oil & gas development and production from the wells having ECs, and should be integrated with that**

Reply: BTSAD EPS is onshore **Early Production System (EPS)** which is a facility for **production** of oil/gas. All oil and gas production activities require prior Environmental Clearance under category 1 (b) of EIA Notification, 2006- **Offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration, development & production.**

The present proposal aims for early monetization of the gas of the location. The envisaged gas production will be around 7 Lakh Standard Cubic Metre per Day.

**Earlier EDS: Please submit copy of the ToR amendment dated 8/8/2018.  
Also, please confirm applicability of the EIA Notification,  
2006 for establishment of EPS along with the  
categorization in terms of the Schedule**

F.No.J-11011/75/2017-IA II(I)  
Government of India  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
(IA Division)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan  
Jor Bagh Road, N Delhi - 3  
Dated: 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2018

To,  
M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd,  
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Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Urja Bhawan,  
5A, Nelson Mandela Marg,  
Vasant Kunj, N Delhi-70

**Sub: Establishment of EPS at BTSAD, Bhimavaram, West Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh by M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd - Amendment in ToR - reg.**

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal no.IA/AP/IND2/62860/2017 dated 25<sup>th</sup> May, 2018 on the above mentioned subject.

2. The Ministry had earlier granted terms of reference (ToR) vide letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 for the project 'Establishment of EPS' at BTSAD, Bhimavaram, District West Godavari (Andhra Pradesh) promoted by M/s Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Now, the proposal has been submitted for amendment in the said ToR seeking exemption from public hearing.

3. The proposal was considered by the sectoral Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2) in its 38<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 25-27 June, 2018. The EAC agreed to the request for amending the ToR dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017, provided the public hearing already conducted in District West Godavari on 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2018 for another project 'Additional Development Drilling of 72 Wells' in Andhra Pradesh is in conformity with the provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006.

4. Based on the proposal submitted by the project proponent, recommendations of the EAC (Industry-2) and further deliberations, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval for exemption from public hearing and thus amending the ToR dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 accordingly.

5. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the ToR letter dated 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2017 shall remain unchanged.

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8/8/2018  
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Corporate HSE

Dy. No. 76.5  
Date in 20.08.18  
Date out 20.08.18  
ONGC, Deendayal Urja Bhawan,  
Vasant Kunj, New Delhi-110070

Please confirm applicability of the EIA Notification, 2006 for establishment of EPS along with the categorization in terms of the Schedule.

- BTSAD EPS is an onshore Early Production System (EPS) for production of Hydrocarbons and is being covered under category 1 (b) of EIA Notification, 2006- Offshore and onshore oil and gas exploration, development & **production**