

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE
(IA DIVISION-INDUSTRY-2 SECTOR)**

Dated: 20.03.2024

**Meeting ID: IA/IND2/13594/14/03/2024
MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE
(INDUSTRY-2 SECTOR PROJECTS)
HELD ON 14th March, 2024**

**Venue: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,
Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-
110003 through Video Conferencing (VC)**

(i) Opening Remarks by the Chairman: The Chairman made hearty welcome to the Committee members and appreciated the efforts of the Committee. After opening remarks, the Chairman opened the EAC meeting for further deliberations.

(ii) Confirmation of minutes: The EAC, having taken note that final minutes were issued after incorporating comments received from the EAC members on the minutes of its Meeting (ID: EC/AGENDA/EAC/149177/2/2024) held on 29th February, 2024 conducted through Video Conferencing (VC), confirmed the same.

(iii) Member Secretary informed the Members of the EAC that they may declare their conflict of interest before appraisal of any proposal and recuse from the meeting and the same shall be explicitly recorded in the Minutes of the meeting. Further, it was also informed that in case it is revealed later that in spite of the conflict of interest the Member had participated in the appraisal of the proposal, the responsibility for the same lies with the concerned Member and it may result in removal from the membership of EAC. After welcoming the Committee Members, discussion on each of the agenda items was taken up ad-seriatim.

(iv) Details of the proposals considered during the meeting conducted through Video Conferencing (VC), deliberations made and the

recommendations of the Committee are explained in the respective agenda items as under: -

14th March, 2024 (Thursday)

Agenda No. 01

Drilling of Development wells (40 nos.) and Exploratory / Appraisal wells (5 Wells) in the Kharsang Oil Field at district Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh by M/s Geo Enpro Petroleum – Re-consideration of Environmental Clearance.

[IA/AR/IND2/28663/2015, IA-J-11011/341/2014 IA II (I)]

The proposal was considered in 03rd EAC meeting held on 18th - 19th January, 2016, wherein the committee recommended the proposal for Environmental Clearance subject to submission of stage-1 Forest Clearance for the proposed diversion of 94.712 Ha forest land involved. The proposal was again considered in 16th EAC meeting held on 08th - 09th December, 2016. During presentation PP informed that Forest clearance has not received yet, therefore committee suggested to delist the proposal from the pending list of proposal till the stage-1 Forest clearance gets submitted.

PP has submitted Stage-I FC approval through Parviesh Portal on 09.03.2023 for diversion of 83.12 ha (originally proposed 94.712 ha) granted by the MoEF&CC vide letter dated 14.02.2023. Subsequently, the proposal was considered in EAC Ind-II meeting held on 15.03.2023 wherein EAC deferred the proposal for want of additional information. PP has submitted the desired information on Parivesh portal on 01.03.2024.

EAC made following observations on the additional information submitted:

- The revised EIA/EMP report submitted by the newly engaged consultant M/s. Mantec Consultants Pvt. Ltd. (NABET Certificate No. NABET/EIA/2326/RA 0305 Validity April 20, 2026) cannot be accepted as the signatures on the report as appeared are 'cut and paste' fabrication. In place of signature of FAE involved Shri Gajanand Mallick in Ecology and Biodiversity at Sl. No 5 of disclosure of consultants instead contains the signature of Shri A S

Brara. Further, it is also mentioned in the report that FAE Shri Nilesh Vithal Podtar engaged in Solid & hazardous waste management had assessed the waste sources and status in the study area after studying the sources. Sh. Podtar prepared the Impact report and suggested Mitigation measures and development of EMP, whereas his tenure started from February 2024, long after the data was collected and analysed. EAC took a serious note of this and opined that the report has gross lapses and baseline data submitted by the consultants may also be completely fabricated. Therefore EAC rejected the report. In this regard, EAC suggested that M/s. Mantec Consultants Pvt. Ltd. shall be referred to QCI/NABET for black listing.

- PP shall submit fresh report addressing all the points raised in the EAC meeting held on 15th March, 2023.

1. Air quality monitoring study was conducted for one month in the year 2015 and also the data is more than three years old. As per OM dated 19.06.2014, EAC suggested PP to collect environmental data and carry out fresh ambient air quality monitoring for 3 months.

2. Submit Wildlife Conservation Plan duly authenticated by the Chief Wildlife Warden of the State Government for conservation of Schedule I fauna, if any exists in the study area.

3. Air quality modelling shall be carried out considering the topography of the proposed area.

4. Risk assessment for issues related land slide in the project area.

5. CCR of the existing project by IRO shall be submitted.

6. Fresh water requirement shall be reduced from 50 to 25 KLPD per drilling well.

7. Treatment and disposal system for formation water from the proposed project. Availability of the existing capacity of ETP for treatment of formation water.

- PH exemption has been given for the proposal under para 7 (ii) stating that PH has been conducted on the block area on 11.07.2007. It is noted that the PH was conducted about 17 years ago and many changes could have happened during the period. Considering this a fresh PH is needed and PP shall submit the proposal afresh.

Accordingly, proposal was returned in present form.

**List of the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2) members
participated during Video Conferencing (VC) meeting**

S. No.	Name and Address	Position
1.	Shri S. C. Mann	Chairman
2.	Dr. J. S. Sharma	Member
3.	Prof. Y. V. Rami Reddy	Member
4.	Dr. Onkar Nath Tiwari	Member
5.	Shri. J.S. Kamyotra	Member
6.	Dr. Rahul Rameshrao Mungikar	Member
7.	Dr. Sanjay V. Patil	Member
8.	Dr. Vimal Kumar Hatwal, Scientist 'E'	Member Secretary
MoEFCC		
9.	Dr. Mahendra Phulwaria	Scientist 'C'
10.	Mr. Kanaka Teja	Research Assistant
