



OFFICE OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, ASSAM  
MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FOREST AND CLIMATE CHANGE, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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Minutes of the 33<sup>rd</sup> Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Sitting) of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2025 from 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM in the Conference Hall, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Pollution Control Board, Assam.

List of the Hon'ble Members / Officials present in the meeting:

Sl no.	Name	Designation	Signature
1	Sri Jatindra Sarma, IFS (Retd.)	Chairman, SEAC	Sd/-
2	Dr. Rahul Mahanta	Member, SEAC	Sd/
3	Dr. Apurba Kumar Das	Member, SEAC	Through VC
4	Dr. Bijoy Sankar Goswami	Member, SEAC	Sd/
5	Shri Arup Barpujary	Member, SEAC	Sd/
6	Dr. Raza Rafiqul Hoque	Member, SEAC	Through VC
7	Dr. G. K. Misra	Member Secretary, SEAC	Sd/-

At the very outset, the Member Secretary, SEAC welcomed the Hon'ble Chairman, SEAC; special Invitee and all the Members of the Committee. He briefed the house about the agenda for the meeting as circulated and requested the esteemed members for their thorough participation and deliberation in the process of appraisal of the pending cases and for necessary recommendations to be made to the SEIAA, Assam by the Committee.

1. Environment Clearance EC for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploration Drilling & Testing (Well Name: OBCA) in OALP Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 in Gohpur Area under Sonitpur District in the State of Assam by Oil India Limited: SEIAA.3553/2023 (SIA/AS/IND2/432459/2023)

### **Salient Features:**

This is with reference to the application made for grant of EC in respect of the location "OBCA" **Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling at Loc. OBCA in OALP-V Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 (Area : Biswanth)** in Sonitpur district of Assam.

Location of the Project **OBCA** is a non forest area, falling in the Revenue land. KML file is examined and found correct. **GPS location of the Well is 26°53'12.299"N, 93°36'17.554"E.**

Total land requirement for the project is **3.33** ha.

Applicant of the project is Sri Ajit Chandra Haloi, Executive Director (HSE), Oil India Limited, Duliajan.

Smti Mallika Baruah Sarma (Executive Director, HSE & ESG) is authorized as Nodal Officer for online application and for obtaining Environment Clearance by Oil India Limited vide letter dated 17.08.2024.

Smti Mallika Baruah Sarma on behalf of the Project proponent, **Oil India Limited** has applied for EC for **Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling at Loc. OBCA in OALP-V Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 (Area : Biswanth)** in Sonitpur district of Assam.

PEL for **8 (eight) years** vide Mines & Minerals Deptt. Letter dated **08.02.2021** is uploaded. Distance of the project area **OBCA** from the boundary to the **6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve** is 9.8 Km (approx.).

Wildlife Clearance from the competent authority vide no WL/AS/Others/470486/2024 dated **6.08.2025** is uploaded in the terms of the EDS raised. In regards to the acquisition of the revenue land in question for the project proposal requisite land documents with credible proof of acquisition are not uploaded and found wanting.

Estimated Project cost is **Rs 20.00 crore.**

### **Deliberation by the SEAC in last Meeting:**

The proposal requesting grant of EC for **Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling at Loc. OBCA in OALP-V Block AA-ONHP-2019/1 (Area : Biswanth)** in Sonitpur district of Assam is placed before the Hon'ble Committee for appraisal and deliberation. The proposal is submitted for the EC in respect of the location **OBCA** along with the project brief, EMP, Land use and land cover map of the location including other requisite documents. Senior Officers of Oil India Limited representing the project



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Proponent has made detailed presentation with clarification as to the status as on date about the project at hand.

The As the area is falling in non forest area i.e being a PP land, the land acquisition by the Proponent is required to be submitted in due course of time covering the GPS coordinates.

The PP has committed that after completion of the land procurement process, OIL will provide all relevant details of the acquired land, including ownership documents and other requisite papers, information etc from the competent authority as required under the applicable procedure.

After due deliberation, discussion and due diligence in the matter the SEAC is of the considered opinion that the prayer for grant of EC shall be reconsidered after receipt of all requisite documents discussed under foregoing paragraphs. At this stage SEAC is not inclined to recommend for grant of EC due to inherent deficiencies as on record. However, it is made clear that no further presentation is warranted from the PP in the aforesaid matter.

**Recommendation:** ADS

**Deliberation by the SEAC in current Meeting:**

The PP has submitted all the requisite land documents i.e. compensation agreement executed with all the land owners & Notarized Undertaking for Land Acquisition etc as ADS reply.

After due deliberation, discussion and due diligence in the matter the SEAC is of the considered opinion to recommend for grant of EC by the SEIAA with specific terms & conditions by SEAC.

**Decision:** Recommended for grant of EC.

**Specific Conditions by SEAC:**

- I) CER activities shall be carried out in terms of the approved EMP and compliance of the same shall be uploaded in the PARIVESH 2.0 portal.
- II) The PP shall undertake Climate Change mitigation measures through the DFO, Biswanath Wildlife Division (under Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve) to facilitate promotion of Eco tourism activity in the northern part of the National Park and Tiger Reserve and also to support the cause of anti poaching activity for the precious **Schedule I** animals of the park. For the purpose of invigorating the ecotourism activity adequate logistic support under due consultation with the DFO shall be



supported in a time bound manner. For surveillance in the park area as a measure of anti poaching activity by the field staff and officers a suitable vehicle shall accordingly be provided under due consultation with the authority.

### CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility):

#### Green Belt:

- I) The proponent shall develop Green Belt around the Wells comprising 10% of the area of the project area and shall ensure planting of indigenous species of plants as are prescribed. For the purpose, the concerned DFO, Sonitpur East Division may be consulted to have the quality planting materials ready in advance in the Departmental Nursery and requisite fund for the purpose should be made available to the DFO in advance for raising of minimum of **1,500 poly-pot** saplings.
- II) The recommended species of plants in the area could be of species like Nahor (*Mesua ferrea*), Siris (*Albizzia procera*), Hollock (*Terminalia myriocarpa*), Amlokhi (*Phyllanthus emblica*), Hilikha (*Terminalia chebula*), Jamun (*Syzygiumcumini*), Cham (*Artocarpus chaplasha*), Dimaru (*Ficus spp*), Ow Tenga (*Dillenia indica*), Thekera (*Garcinia spp*), Bhomora (*Terminalia bellirica*) etc etc. Density of plantations shall be **1,250** plants per Hectare and the Proponent is required to raise plantations covering an area measuring **33%** of the project area against the Well as prescribed.
- III) To cover the prescribed area under plantation, educational institution, Govt lands around the project area may be selected and local NGOs, Students, Villagers may be involved in plantation activities and the preferred species of plants may be fruit bearing, of medicinal value and aesthetic in nature.
- IV) The proponent shall take all requisite measures to maintain natural environment in the oil fields and its surroundings are to be maintained in healthy and environment friendly conditions. All necessary measures and precautions must have to be taken by the proponent to prevent any probable / random oil spillage, discharge of effluents in the surroundings.



- V) CER activities shall be carried out by the PP within 1<sup>st</sup> year of the EC and for non compliance of the same stakeholders shall be made accountable in terms of the EIA Notification, 2006.
- VI) Half Yearly Compliance Reports (HCR) are mandatory on the part of project Proponent which need to be uploaded on or before **1st June** and **1st December** of the calendar year in **PARIVESH 2.0 portal** and no activity shall be permitted by the DFO without HCR.

**Compliance of the same shall duly be uploaded by the Proponent in the PARIVESH portal.**

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



**J SARMA, IFS (Retd.)  
Chairman  
SEAC, Assam**

Memo No. SEAC.33/2013/Pt.-1783-A

Dated : 9 .12. 2025

Copy to:

- 1) The Chairman, SEIAA for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The Director, KNP & TR, Bokakhat for favour of kind information.
- 3) The Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Assam for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- 4) All Members, SEAC, Assam for favour of their kind information.
- 5) The DFO, Biswanath Wildlife Division, Biswanath Chariali and the DFO, Sonitpur East Division, Biswanath Chariali for their information and necessary action.
- 6) Accountant cum Cashier of the office of the SEIAA, Assam for his information.
- 7) Office copy for each of the proposals.



**Member Secretary  
SEAC, Assam**