



OFFICE OF THE STATE EXPERT APPRAISAL COMMITTEE, ASSAM
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Minutes of the 30th Meeting (2nd Sitting) of the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) held on 18th September, 2025 from 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM in the Conference Hall, 3rd 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. Bijoy Sankar Goswami	Member, SEAC	Sd/
3	Shri Shantanoo Bhattacharyya	Member, SEAC	Sd/
4	Shri. Arup Barpujary	Member, SEAC	Sd/
5	Dr. Raza Rafiqul Hoque	Member, SEAC	Sd/-
6	Smti. Barnalee Nath	Joint Director, DGM, Invitee	Sd/-
7	Prof. (Dr.) B.P Duarah	Deptt. of Geology, Gauhati University, Special Invitee	Sd/-
8	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.



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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, Duliagan. 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 6th 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 SEAC:

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

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.


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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

The meeting ended with vote of thanks from the Chair.



**Chairman
SEAC, Assam**

Memo No. SEAC.33/2013/Pt.-I -A/ 726

Dated : 8 .10. 2025

Copy to:

- 1) The Chairman, SEIAA for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- 2) The Member Secretary, State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA), Assam for favour of kind information and necessary action.
- 3) All Members, SEAC, Assam for favour of their kind information.
- 4) Accountant cum Cashier of the office of the SEIAA, Assam for his information.
- 5) Office copy for each of the proposals.



**Member Secretary
SEAC, Assam**