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Ref. No. S&E/E/43/1074

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To,  
The Director, IA (II) Division  
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Sub : Application for Extension of validity of approved TOR for 7 Nos. of ERD wells of Oil India Limited in Tinsukia District of Assam beneath Dibru-Saikhowa National park

Ref : Proposal No: IA/AS/IND2/53583/2016

Sir,

Reference above, we would like to bring to your notice that OIL INDIA LIMITED has applied for Environment Clearance for 7 Nos. of ERD wells in Tinsukia district of Assam vide proposal on IA/AS/IND2/53583/2016 on 08/06/2016 and TOR has been granted on 03.08.2016 after the discussion on 10<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting held on 16.07.2016 with the condition for conducting public hearing. On 20<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting which was held on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2017, OIL had given a detailed presentation stating the various PH held in Tinsukia district on 08.07.2011 and 26.08.2011 and 26.12.2016, and requested EAC for exemption of PH for the ERD project. The EAC after detailed deliberation accepted the request made by the PP and recommended for exemption from public hearing under Para 7(ii) of the EIA notification, 2006.

2.0 Accordingly, EIA study has been carried out and OIL uploaded Form-2 & EIA report in MoEF & CC's portal on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 2019 for grant of EC, which was accepted and the project was listed in the 7<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting in May, 2019. The proposal as discussed in the 7<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> may, 2019 in which, again Public Hearing matter was discussed. EAC has postponed the proposal seeking certain clarifications like distance of wells from proposed wells where PH was done previously and submission of application for FC. This was submitted to your good office vide our letter No. S&E/E-43(16)/832 dated 29.05.2019.



3.0 OIL met Chairman, Member Secretary and Members of EAC during EAC meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> may, 2019 and explained that PH was exempted in February, 2017 in the 20<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting on the basis of PH conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016. OIL requested EAC members not to impose PH at this stage of the project, as it will otherwise jeopardize the whole process, for which OIL is persuading since 2016, OIL also handed over a letter to the Members Secretary in this regard on 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2019.

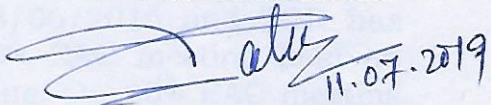
4.0 In the MoM of 7<sup>th</sup> EAC meeting, it was mentioned that after deliberations, acknowledge national importance of the project and in view of last public hearing conducted on 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2016 in the same district recommended again for exemption from fresh public hearing. However, to consider the present proposal for environmental clearance, the committee desired to know the distance of the proposed wells from the locations for which public hearing was earlier conducted.

5.0 Now, we are again in receipt of the letter from your office dated 29.05.2019, wherein OIL has been advised to conduct Public Hearing for the ERD project.

Since the Public Hearing matter is still under persuasion and the TOR is valid up to 02.08.2019, we request you to kindly extend the validity of the TOR for one year at least for the reason stated above.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,  
OIL INDIA LIMITED



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