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To,

M/s ONGC
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Sub: Drilling of Development well (108 nos.) in oil field of Ahemdabad Asset of ONGC Ltd. at Mehsana and Gandhinagar Gujarat by M/s ONGC Ltd. - Environmental Clearance - reg.

Ref.: Your online proposal no. IA/GJ/IND2/26895/2012; dated 21st February, 2015.

Sir,

This has reference to your online proposal no. IA/GJ/IND2/26895/2012; dated 21st February, 2015 along with project documents including Form I, Terms of References, Pre-feasibility Report, EIA/EMP Report along with Public Hearing Report regarding above mentioned project.

2.0 The Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change has examined the application. It is noted that proposal is for Drilling of Development well (108 nos.) in oil field of Ahemdabad Asset of ONGC Ltd. at Mehsana and Gandhinagar Gujarat by M/s ONGC Ltd. The area of land required would be approximately of the order of 110 m x 110 m for each well. Depth of drilling will be 800-2000 m. Cost of drilling a vertical well is INR 4.0 crore/well while that of horizontal well is INR 12 crore /well, ONGC is planning to drill 100 vertical wells and 8 horizontal wells, will be 10 Crore, hence a total Project Cost of INR 496 Crores. It is reported that there is no National Park and protected area lies within the distance of 10 km. Thol Bird Sanctuary (ESZ) is situated within 10 km distance from the project site. The proposed Drilling Locations area as follows:

S. No.	Well No.	Latitude	Longitude
1	W-1	23°15'41.92"N	72°19'57.56"E
2	W-2	23°15'16.87"N	72°19'58.26"E
3	W-3	23°14'34.26"N	72°19'48.18"E
4	W-4	23°14'37.15"N	72°18'23.25"E
5	W-5	23°14'7.27"N	72°18'42.06"E
6	W-6	23°14'21.37"N	72°17'41.91"E
7	W-7	23°13'51.57"N	72°19'22.99"E
8	W-8	23°13'32.12"N	72°18'31.22"E
9	W-9	23°14'35.61"N	72°20'43.62"E
10	W-27	23°12'31.61"N	72°32'13.53"E

11	W-28	23°12'47.41"N	72°31'28.52"E
12	W-29	23°13'9.26"N	72°33'32.09"E
13	W-30	23°13'12.20"N	72°32'39.00"E
14	W-31	23°13'39.27"N	72°33'51.56"E
15	W-32	23°11'41.21"N	72°31'57.32"E
16	W-33	23°13'29.86"N	72°29'41.01"E
17	W-34	23°15'1.76"N	72°30'37.12"E
18	W-35	23°14'44.09"N	72°31'45.93"E
19	W-36	23°15'17.03"N	72°31'26.78"E
20	W-37	23°15'45.97"N	72°32'13.95"E
21	W-38	23°14'59.97"N	72°29'36.48"E
22	W-39	23°15'39.67"N	72°30'48.84"E
23	W-40	23°16'13.78"N	72°32'5.56"E
24	W-41	23°16'32.88"N	72°31'40.26"E
25	W-42	23°15'14.81"N	72°28'31.07"E
26	W-43	23°16'7.92"N	72°30'16.12"E
27	W-44	23°17'2.95"N	72°30'36.22"E
28	W-45	23°17'48.56"N	72°31'34.29"E
29	W-46	23°17'36.38"N	72°30'34.04"E
30	W-47	23°17'1.96"N	72°28'44.81"E
31	W-48	23°17'58.67"N	72°30'0.13"E
32	W-49	23°16'16.83"N	72°29'1.10"E
33	W-51	23° 7'57.08"N	72°34'44.62"E
34	W-52	23° 8'48.99"N	72°34'25.76"E
35	W-53	23°18'41.21"N	72°25'26.96"E
36	W-54	23°19'20.69"N	72°25'43.94"E
37	W-55	23°19'32.13"N	72°26'13.77"E
38	W-56	23°23'38.77"N	72°29'32.13"E
39	W-57	23°23'22.25"N	72°30'13.25"E
40	W-58	23°22'26.48"N	72°29'57.23"E
41	W-59	23°21'47.33"N	72°30'25.38"E
42	W-60	23°22'25.31"N	72°33'0.83"E
43	W-61	23°21'39.13"N	72°32'57.37"E
44	W-62	23°20'43.86"N	72°32'47.40"E
45	W-63	23°19'49.72"N	72°32'9.21"E
46	W-64	23°19'26.40"N	72°30'56.54"E
47	W-65	23°18'56.73"N	72°31'21.02"E
48	W-66	23°18'56.01"N	72°33'36.99"E
49	W-67	23°17'35.20"N	72°34'7.22"E

50	W-68	23°17'12.09"N	72°33'1.84"E
51	W-69	23°17'46.66"N	72°35'39.58"E
52	W-70	23°16'6.55"N	72°34'41.60"E
53	W-71	23°15'7.65"N	72°35'7.07"E
54	W-72	23°15'43.71"N	72°36'12.23"E
55	W-73	23°17'5.80"N	72°37'0.14"E
56	W-74	23°17'48.09"N	72°37'49.16"E
57	W-75	23°14'53.85"N	72°36'43.85"E
58	W-76	23°16'16.66"N	72°37'46.98"E
59	W-77	23°16'26.31"N	72°23'49.76"E

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60	W-78	23°14'59.90"N	72°23'45.23"E
61	W-79	23°17'41.73"N	72°39'33.59"E
62	W-80	23°18'29.26"N	72°40'35.88"E
63	W-81	23°19'49.13"N	72°40'11.64"E
64	W-82	23°20'35.86"N	72°38'56.01"E
65	W-83	23°21'29.99"N	72°38'54.24"E
66	W-84	23°14'16.43"N	72°36'51.28"E
67	W-85	23°13'44.03"N	72°37'31.05"E
68	W-86	23°10'17.46"N	72°35'6.63"E
69	W-87	23°10'25.79"N	72°34'14.77"E
70	W-88	23° 9'44.44"N	72°37'20.66"E
71	W-89	23° 9'39.89"N	72°36'1.78"E
72	W-90	23° 9'10.61"N	72°35'50.95"E
73	W-91	23°10'28.00"N	72°36'5.22"E
74	W-92	23° 9'25.54"N	72°38'0.84"E
75	W-94	23°11'51.67"N	72°34'4.30"E
76	W-95	23°11'56.54"N	72°34'38.29"E
77	W-96	23°11'33.89"N	72°35'15.42"E
78	W-97	23°10'51.58"N	72°35'57.89"E
79	W-98	23°10'14.60"N	72°35'36.13"E
80	W-99	23°10'25.15"N	72°36'53.40"E
81	W-100	23° 8'35.63"N	72°32'49.95"E
82	W-101	23° 8'14.28"N	72°37'21.76"E
83	W-102	23° 7'28.60"N	72°37'1.48"E
84	W-103	23° 6'52.71"N	72°37'0.05"E
85	W-104	23° 7'3.41"N	72°38'14.00"E
86	W-105	23° 6'23.31"N	72°39'1.56"E

S. No.	Well No.	Latitude	Longitude
87	W-10	23°12'20.62"N	72°20'9.92"E
88	W-11	23°11'31.40"N	72°19'56.02"E
89	W-12	23°12'28.47"N	72°21'20.50"E
90	W-13	23°11'18.27"N	72°21'49.19"E
91	W-14	23°10'20.44"N	72°19'47.57"E
92	W-15	23°10'16.25"N	72°21'25.55"E
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96	W-19	23° 7'35.14"N	72°26'34.37"E
97	W-20	23° 7'17.96"N	72°27'18.94"E
98	W-21	23° 4'57.76"N	72°24'25.73"E
99	W-22	23° 4'22.48"N	72°24'4.96"E
100	W-23	23° 4'31.38"N	72°24'54.33"E
101	W-24	23° 4'34.95"N	72°26'7.27"E
102	W-25	23° 4'33.90"N	72°26'43.83"E
103	W-26	23° 3'47.70"N	72°25'57.45"E
104	W-106	23° 8'43.15"N	72°27'21.26"E

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105	W-107	23° 7'34.07"N	72°27'54.47"E
106	W-108	23° 6'53.50"N	72°28'5.19"E
107	W-50	23°12'41.86"N	72°24'29.74"E
108	W-93	23°12'57.28"N	72°28'9.89"E

3.0 Water based mud are used for drilling of well containing Barite, Bentonite, Caustic Soda, Soda ash, Xanthum gum etc. Fresh water requirement will be 27 m3/day per well, which will be sourced from through water supplied by tankers sourced from nearest ONGC installation. Waste water generated is disposed in specially designed HDPE lined pit at site and is solar dried. Domestic waste water shall be disposed through soak pit. The power required for driving the drilling rig, circulation system and for providing lighting shall be generated by DG sets attached with the drilling rig. and a stand by DG set of 125 KVA will be kept at site

Disposal of drill cuttings and drilling mud is as per Gazette notification dated 30.08.2005 , G.S.R. 546 (E) , Section C "Guidelines for Disposal of Solid Waste, Drill Cutting and Drilling Fluids for Offshore and Onshore Drilling Operation". It is excavated in specially designed pit with HDPE lining and is topped with native soil. Other hazardous waste like empty bags, cotton waste, gloves etc are transported to TSDF site. Whereas, POL/chemical containers and spent oil are recycled through authorized vendors.

4.0 Public Hearing has been conducted by the Gujarat Pollution Control Board on 23.01.2015 at Gandhinagar, on 29.01.2015 at Mehsana, Gujarat.

5.0 All the projects related to offshore and onshore Oil and Gas exploration, development and production are listed in para 1(b) of schedule of EIA Notification, 2006 covered under category 'A' and appraised at central level.

6.0 The proposal was considered by the Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry) in its 5th, 15th and 18th meetings held during 25th - 26th February, 2016, 10th November, 2016 and 23rd - 25th January, 2017 respectively. Project Proponent and the EIA Consultant namely M/s Kadam Environmental Consultants, have presented EIA/EMP report as per the TOR. EAC has found the EIA/EMP Report and additional information's satisfactory and in full consonance with the presented TORs. The Committee recommended the proposal for environmental clearance.

7.0 Based on the information submitted by the project proponent, the Ministry of Environment and Forests hereby accords environmental clearance to above project under the provisions of EIA Notification dated 14th September 2006, subject to the compliance of the following Specific and General Conditions:

A. SPECIFIC CONDITIONS:

- i) Ambient air quality shall be monitored at the nearest human settlements as per the National Ambient Air Quality Emission Standards issued by the Ministry vide G.S.R. No. 826(E) dated 16th November, 2009 for PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO_x, CO, CH₄, HC, Non-methane HC etc.
- ii) Mercury shall also be analyzed in air, water and drill cuttings twice during drilling period.
- iii) Approach road shall be made pucca to minimize generation of suspended dust.

- iv) The company shall make the arrangement for control of noise from the drilling activity. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided to DG sets and proper stack height shall be provided as per CPCB guidelines.
- v) Total water requirement from tankers shall not exceed 27 m³/day/well and prior permission should be obtained from the Competent Authority.
- vi) The company shall construct the garland drain all around the drilling site to prevent runoff of any oil containing waste into the nearby water bodies. Separate drainage system shall be created for oil contaminated and non-oil contaminated. Effluent shall be properly treated and treated wastewater shall conform to CPCB standards.
- vii) Disposal of drill cuttings and drilling mud is as per Gazette notification dated 30.08.2005, G.S.R. 546 (E), Section C "Guidelines for Disposal of Solid Waste, Drill Cutting and Drilling Fluids for Offshore and Onshore Drilling Operation". It is excavated in specially designed pit with HDPE lining and is topped with native soil. Other hazardous waste like empty bags, cotton waste, gloves etc are transported to TSDF site. Whereas, POL/chemical containers and spent oil are recycled through authorized vendors.
- viii) No effluent/drilling mud/drill cutting shall be discharged/disposed off into nearby surface water bodies.
- ix) Waste water shall be disposed in specially designed HDPE lined pit at site and is solar dried. Domestic waste water shall be disposed through soak pit.
- x) Good sanitation facility shall be provided at the drilling site. Domestic sewage shall be disposed off through septic tank/soak pit.
- xi) Oil spillage prevention and mitigation scheme shall be prepared. In case of oil spillage/contamination, action plan shall be prepared to clean the site by adopting proven technology. The recyclable waste (oily sludge) and spent oil shall be disposed of to the authorized recyclers.
- xii) The Company shall take necessary measures to prevent fire hazards, containing oil spill and soil remediation as needed. Possibility of using ground flare shall be explored. At the place of ground flaring, the overhead flaring stack with knockout drums shall be installed to minimize gaseous emissions during operation.
- xiii) The company shall develop a contingency plan for H₂S release including all necessary aspects from evacuation to resumption of normal operations. The workers shall be provided with personal H₂S detectors in locations of high risk of exposure along with self containing breathing apparatus.
- xiv) Emergency Response Plan (ERP) shall be based on the guidelines prepared by OISD, DGMS and Govt. of India.
- xv) All the commitments made to the public during public hearing/public consultation meeting held on 23.01.2015 at Gandhinagar, on 29.01.2015 at Mehsana, Gujarat shall be satisfactorily implemented and adequate budget provision shall be made accordingly.
- xvi) At least 5 % of the total cost of the project shall be earmarked towards the Enterprise Social Commitment based on Public Hearing Issues, locals need and item-wise details along with time bound action plan shall be prepared and submitted to the Ministry's Regional Office. Implementation of such program shall be ensured accordingly in a time bound manner.

- xvii) Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be carried out as per the prevailing Acts and Rules.
- xviii) Restoration of the project site shall be carried out satisfactorily and report shall be sent to the Ministry's Regional Office.
- xix) Oil content in the drill cuttings shall be monitored by some Authorized agency and report shall be sent to the Ministry's Regional Office.
- xx) Company shall have own Environment Management Cell having qualified persons with proper background.
- xxi) Company shall prepare operating manual in respect of all activities. It shall cover all safety & environment related issues and system. Measures to be taken for protection. One set of environmental manual shall be made available at the drilling site/ project site. Awareness shall be created at each level of the management. All the schedules and results of environmental monitoring shall be available at the project site office. Remote monitoring of site should be done.
- xxii) On completion of drilling, the company has to plug the drilled wells safely and obtain certificate from environment safety angle from the concerned authority.

B. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

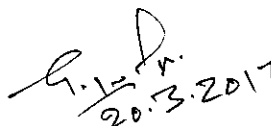
- i. The project authorities must strictly adhere to the stipulations made by the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB), State Government and any other statutory authority.
- ii. No further expansion or modifications in the plant shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment and Forests. In case of deviations or alterations in the project proposal from those submitted to this Ministry for clearance, a fresh reference shall be made to the Ministry to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
- iii. The locations of ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be decided in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (SPCB) and it shall be ensured that at least one stations is installed in the upwind and downwind direction as well as where maximum ground level concentrations are anticipated.
- iv. The National Ambient Air Quality Emission Standards issued by the Ministry vide G.S.R. No. 826(E) dated 16th November, 2009 shall be followed.
- v. The overall noise levels in and around the plant area shall be kept well within the standards by providing noise control measures including acoustic hoods, silencers, enclosures etc. on all sources of noise generation. The ambient noise levels shall conform to the standards prescribed under Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).
- vi. The Company shall harvest rainwater from the roof tops of the buildings and storm water drains to recharge the ground water and use the same water for the process activities of the project to conserve fresh water.
- vii. Training shall be imparted to all employees on safety and health aspects of chemicals handling. Pre-employment and routine periodical medical

- examinations for all employees shall be undertaken on regular basis. Training to all employees on handling of chemicals shall be imparted.
- viii. The company shall also comply with all the environmental protection measures and safeguards proposed in the documents submitted to the Ministry. All the recommendations made in the EIA/EMP in respect of environmental management, risk mitigation measures and public hearing relating to the project shall be implemented.
 - ix. The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area. CSR activities shall be undertaken by involving local villages and administration.
 - x. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.
 - xi. A separate Environmental Management Cell equipped with full fledged laboratory facilities shall be set up to carry out the Environmental Management and Monitoring functions.
 - xii. The company shall earmark sufficient funds towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment and Forests as well as the State Government along with the implementation schedule for all the conditions stipulated herein. The funds so earmarked for environment management/ pollution control measures shall not be diverted for any other purpose.
 - xiii. A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, ZilaParisad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.
 - xiv. The project proponent shall also submit six monthly reports on the status of compliance of the stipulated Environmental Clearance conditions including results of monitored data (both in hard copies as well as by e-mail) to the respective Regional Office of MoEF, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and concerned SPCB. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
 - xv. The environmental statement for each financial year ending 31st March in Form-V as is mandated shall be submitted to the concerned State Pollution Control Board as prescribed under the Environment (Protection) Rules, 1986, as amended subsequently, shall also be put on the website of the company along with the status of compliance of environmental clearance conditions and shall also be sent to the respective Regional Offices of MoEF by e-mail.
 - xvi. The project proponent shall inform the public that the project has been accorded environmental clearance by the Ministry and copies of the clearance letter are available with the SPCB/Committee and may also be seen at Website of the Ministry at <http://moef.nic.in>. This shall be advertised within seven days from the date of issue of the clearance letter, at least in two local newspapers that are widely circulated in the region of which one shall be in the vernacular language of the locality concerned and a copy of the same shall be forwarded to the concerned Regional Office of the Ministry.
 - xvii. The project authorities shall inform the Regional Office as well as the Ministry, the date of financial closure and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of the project.

8.0 The Ministry may revoke or suspend the clearance, if implementation of any of the above conditions is not satisfactory.

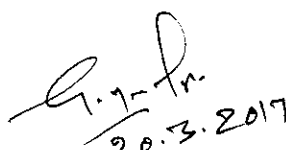
9.0 The Ministry reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary. The company in a time bound manner will implement these conditions.

10.0 The above conditions will be enforced, inter-alia under the provisions of the Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974, Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1981, the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, Hazardous Waste (Management, Handling and Trans-boundary Movement) Rules, 2008 and the Public Liability Insurance Act, 1991 along with their amendments and rules.


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3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032.
4. The Chairman, Gujarat State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, Sector 10 A, Gandhi Nagar - 382 043, Gujarat.
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