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Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(Issued by the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority(SEIAA),
ASSAM)



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To,

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Subject: Grant of EC under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding.

Sir/Madam,

This is in reference to your application for Grant of EC under the provision of the EIA Notification 2006-regarding in respect of project Environment Clearance for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling at one Location (Loc. OWMB) in OALP-I Block: AA-ONHP-2017/12 in Tinsukia District in the state of Assam. submitted to Ministry vide proposal number SIA/AS/IND2/547010/2025 dated 04/09/2025.

2. The particulars of the proposal are as below:

(i) EC Identification No.	EC25C0302AS5358415N
(ii) File No.	SEAC/SEIAA.4255/2025
(iii) Clearance Type	EC
(iv) Category	B2
(v) Project/Activity Included Schedule No.	1(b) Off-shore and onshore oil and gas exploration, development and production
(vii) Name of Project	Environment Clearance for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling at one Location (Loc. OWMB) in OALP-I Block: AA-ONHP-2017/12 in Tinsukia District in the state of Assam.
(viii) Name of Company/Organization	OIL INDIA LTD
(ix) Location of Project (District, State)	TINSUKIA, ASSAM
(x) Issuing Authority	SEIAA
(xi) Applicability of General Conditions	no
(xii) Applicability of Specific Conditions	no

In view of the particulars given in the Para 1 above, the project proposal interalia including Form-1(Part A, and B)Reports

were submitted to the State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC), Assam under the provision of EIA notification 2006 and its subsequent amendments.

The above-mentioned proposal has been considered by State Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) in the meeting held on 24/12/2025. The minutes of the meeting and all the Application and documents submitted (viz. Form-1 Part A, and B) are available on PARIVESH portal which can be accessed by scanning the QR Code above.

The brief about configuration of plant/equipment, products and by products and salient features of the project along with environment settings, as submitted by the Project proponent in Form-1 (Part A, and B)/EIA & EMP Reports/presented during SEAC are annexed to this EC as Annexure (1).

The SEIAA, in its meeting held on 09/01/2026, based on information & clarifications provided by the project proponent and after detailed deliberations recommended the proposal for grant of amendment in Environment Clearance under the provision of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

The SEAC has examined the proposal in accordance with the Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) Notification, 2006 & further amendments thereto and after recommendations of the State Environment Impact Assessment Authority (SEIAA) hereby decided to grant EC for instant proposal of **Oil India Limited** under the provisions of EIA Notification, 2006 and as amended thereof.

The SEIAA reserves the right to stipulate additional conditions, if found necessary.

This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

EC is approved for the location "OWMB" for Onshore Oil & Gas Exploratory Drilling at Loc. OWMB in OALP-I Block AA-ONHP-2017/12 (Area : West Mechaki) in Tinsukia District of Assam.

Location of the Project OWMB is a non forest area, falling in the Revenue land.

GPS location of the Well is 27°33'17.2444"N, 95°39'20.3415"E.

Total land requirement for the project is 3.44 ha.

PEL for 8 (Eight) years vide Mines & Minerals Deptt letter dated 03.07.2019 is uploaded. Distance of the project area OWMB from the boundary of the Dibru-Saikhowa National Park is 21 Km (approx.).

Estimated Project cost is Rs 19.64 Crore.

All other terms & conditions mentioned by SEAC, Assam remain unchanged.

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1. The Joint Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India, MOEF&CC, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jorbagh Rd, New Delhi-110003.
2. The Secretary to the Govt. of Assam, Environment & Forest Department, Dispur, Guwahati-6 Cum Member Secretary, SEIAA, Assam for favour of kind information.
3. The Divisional Forest Officer, Tinsukia Wildlife Division, Tinsukia, Assam for favour of kind information and necessary action.
4. The Member Secretary, PCB Assam for favour of kind information.
5. The Integrated Regional Office, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change, 4th Floor, Housefed Building, G.S. Road, Rukminigaon, Guwahati-22 for kind information.
6. Office Copy.

Annexure 1

Specific EC Conditions for (Off-shore And Onshore Oil And Gas Exploration, Development And Production)

1. Specific Conditions By Seac

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1.1	<p>I) The PP shall support Climate Change mitigation measures and for the purpose support logistically with 2 (two) vehicles for use in the Dibru Saikhowa National Park and Biosphere Reserve under the jurisdiction of the DFO, Tinsukia Wildlife Division, Tinsukia.</p> <p>II) The PP shall apply for the CTE/CTO in terms of the OM dated 18.12.2025 to the APCB.</p> <p>III) 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.</p> <p>CER (Corporate Environment Responsibility):</p> <p>Green Belt:</p> <p>I) The proponent shall develop Green Belt around the Wells comprising 20% 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 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.</p> <p>II) The recommended species of plants in the area could be of species like Nahor (<i>Mesua ferrea</i>), Siris (<i>Albizia procera</i>), Hollock (<i>Terminalia myriocarpa</i>), Amlokhi (<i>Phyllanthusemblica</i>), Hilikha (<i>Terminalia chebula</i>), Jamun (<i>Syzygiumcumini</i>), Cham (<i>Artocarpus chaplasha</i>), Dimaru (<i>Ficus spp</i>), Ow Tenga (<i>Dillenia indica</i>), Thekera (<i>Garcinia spp</i>), Bhomora (<i>Terminalia bellirica</i>) etc etc. Density of plantations shall be 1,250 plants per Hectare and the Proponent is required to raise plantations covering an area measuring 20% of the project area against the Well as prescribed.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>V) 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 further activity shall be permitted by the DFO without HCR.</p> <p>Compliance of the same shall duly be uploaded by the Proponent in the PARIVESH portal</p>

Standard EC Conditions for (Off-shore and onshore oil and gas exploration, development and production)

1. Specific Conditions

S. No	EC Conditions
1.1	The company shall 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, and risk mitigation measures relating to the project shall be implemented.
1.2	No pipelines or its part shall be laid in the Forest land/Protected Area without prior permission/approval from the Competent Authority.
1.3	Total fresh water requirement shall not exceed 39 m3/day will be met from groundwater. Prior permission shall be obtained from the concerned regulatory authority.

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1.4	The project proponent will treat and reuse the treated water within the factory and no waste or treated water shall be discharged outside the premises. Mobile ETP coupled with RO shall be installed to reuse the treated water in drilling system. Size of the waste shall be equal to the hole volume+ volume of drill cutting and volume of discarded mud if any. Two feet free board may be left to accommodate rain water. There shall be separate storm water channel and rain water shall not be allowed to mix with waste water. Alternatively, if possible pit less drilling be practiced instead of above.
1.5	During production, storage and handling, the fugitive emission of methane, if any, shall be monitored using Infra-red camera/ appropriate technology.
1.6	The project proponent also to ensure trapping/storing of the CO ₂ generated, if any, during the process and handling.
1.7	Approach road shall be made pucca to minimize generation of suspended dust.
1.8	The project proponent shall make all arrangements for control of noise from the drilling activity. Acoustic enclosure shall be provided for the DG sets along with the adequate stack height as per CPCB guidelines.
1.9	The company shall construct the garland drain 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.
1.10	Drill cuttings separated from drilling fluid shall be adequately washed and disposed in HDPE lined pit. Waste mud shall be tested for hazardous contaminants and disposed according to HWMH Rules, 2016. No effluent/drilling mud shall be discharged/disposed off into nearby surface water bodies. The company shall comply with the guidelines for disposal of solid waste, drill cutting and drilling fluids for onshore drilling operation notified vide GSR.546(E) dated 30th August, 2005.
1.11	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.
1.12	The project proponent shall take necessary measures to prevent fire hazards, containing oil spill and soil remediation as needed. At fixed installations or plants use of 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.
1.13	The project proponent shall develop a contingency plan for H ₂ S release including all necessary aspects from evacuation to resumption of normal operations. The workers shall be provided with personal H ₂ S detectors in locations of high risk of exposure along with self-containing breathing apparatus.
1.14	Blow Out Preventer system shall be installed to prevent well blowouts during drilling operations.
1.15	On completion of the project, necessary measures shall be taken for safe plugging of wells with secured enclosures to restore the drilling site to the original condition. The same shall be confirmed by the concerned regulatory authority from environment safety angle. In case of hydrocarbon not found economically viable, a full abandonment plan shall be implemented for the drilling site in

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	accordance with the applicable DGH / Indian Petroleum Regulations.
1.16	As per the Ministry's OM dated 30.09.2020 superseding the OM dated 01.05.2018 regarding the Corporate Environmental Responsibility, and as per the action plan proposed by the project proponent to address the socio-economic and environmental issues in the study area, the project proponent, as committed, shall provide education funds in technical training centers/ support in nearby village's schools, support in health care facilities, drinking water supply and funds for miscellaneous activities like solar street lights, battery, solar panel etc., in the nearby villages. The action plan shall to be completed within time as proposed.
1.17	No lead acid batteries shall be utilized in the project/site.
1.18	Occupational health surveillance of the workers shall be carried out as per the prevailing Acts and Rules. All workers & employees shall be provided with required safety kits/mask for personal protection.
1.19	Oil content in the drill cuttings shall be monitored and report & shall sent to the Ministry's Regional Office.
1.20	The project proponent shall prepare operating manual in respect of all activities, which would cover all safety & environment related issues and 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.
1.21	PP shall sensitize and create awareness among the people working within the project area as well as its surrounding area on the ban of Single Use Plastic in order to ensure the compliance of Notification published by MOEFCC on 12th August, 2021. A report along with photographs on the measures taken shall also be included in the six-monthly compliance report being submitted to concerned authority.

2. General Conditions

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2.1	No further expansion or modifications in the plant, other than mentioned in the EIA Notification, 2006 and its amendments, shall be carried out without prior approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change/SEIAA, as applicable. 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/SEIAA, as applicable, to assess the adequacy of conditions imposed and to add additional environmental protection measures required, if any.
2.2	The energy source for lighting purpose shall be preferably LED based, or advanced having preference in energy conservation and environment betterment.
2.3	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 the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 Rules, 1989 viz. 75 dBA (day time) and 70 dBA (night time).

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2.4	The company shall undertake all relevant measures for improving the socio-economic conditions of the surrounding area. CER activities shall be undertaken by involving local villages and administration and shall be implemented. The company shall undertake eco-developmental measures including community welfare measures in the project area for the overall improvement of the environment.
2.5	The company shall earmark sufficient funds towards capital cost and recurring cost per annum to implement the conditions stipulated by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change 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.
2.6	A copy of the clearance letter shall be sent by the project proponent to concerned Panchayat, Zilla Parishad/Municipal Corporation, Urban local Body and the local NGO, if any, from whom suggestions/ representations, if any, were received while processing the proposal.
2.7	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&CC, the respective Zonal Office of CPCB and SPCB. A copy of Environmental Clearance and six monthly compliance status report shall be posted on the website of the company.
2.8	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&CC by e-mail.
2.9	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 and at https://parivesh.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.
2.10	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.
2.11	This Environmental clearance is granted subject to final outcome of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of Law, if any, as may be applicable to this project.

3. NbwI Conditions

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3.1	The environmental clearance is subject to obtaining prior clearance from the wildlife angle, including clearance from the Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife, as applicable,

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	as per the Ministry's OM dated 8th August, 2019. Grant of environmental clearance does not necessarily imply that Wildlife Clearance shall be granted to the project and that their proposal for Wildlife Clearance will be considered by the respective authorities on its merit and decision taken. PP shall also strictly follow the conditions mentioned in existing NBWL clearance.
3.2	The project proponent shall prepare a site specific conservation plan and wildlife management plan in case of the presence of Schedule-1 species in the study area, as applicable to the project, and submit to Chief Wildlife Warden for approval. The recommendations shall be implemented in consultation with the State Forest/Wildlife Department in a time bound manner.

