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From : Smt. Sunrita Hazra WBCS(Exe),
Addl. Secretary to the Government of West Bengal

To : The General Manager (G), HBMG,
Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Limited,
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Sub: **Grant of PEL to ONGC Ltd. for the Block BP-ONHP-2018/1 measuring a total area of 2468 Sq.Kms. in the State of West Bengal.**

Sir,

I am directed to refer to your letters no. Letter No. BM(MBA)/21(1)/PEL Application/BP/ONHP-2018-1/2019, dtd. : 06/08/2018 (sic) read with BMG(MBA)/Govt. of W.B./OALP Blocks/BP-ONHP-2018/1/STD, dated 19.09.2019 on the subject cited above and to say that the State Government hereby grant Petroleum Exploration License to Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited for the following block :-

Name of the Block	Area in Sq. Kms.	Under District(s) of W.B.	Tehsil/Sub-Division/Other
BP-ONHP-2018/1	2468	24-Parganas(North), 24-Parganas (South)	Bongaon, Gaighata, Rajarhat, Sandeshkhali-I, Minakhan, Barasat-II, Basirhat-I, Hasnabad, Barasat-I, Basirhat-II, Habra-I, Bagda, Magrahat-I, Mandirbazar, Baruipur, Jaynagar-II, Bishnupur-I, Sonarpur, Bhangar-I & II, Thakurpukur Mahestola, Baduria, Swarupnagar, Deganga, Haora, Canning-II, Budge-I (sic), Magrahat-II, Jaynagar-I, Canning-I, Sandeshkhali-II

for 8(Eight) years w.e.f. the date of execution of lease deed agreement in accordance with Petroleum & Natural Gas Rules, 1959 as amended from time to time subject to the execution of formal deed containing the terms and conditions of the license and subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions :-

- a) ONGC should adhere to the provisions of the Oil Fields (Regulation & Development) Act, 1948 and the P&NG Rules, 1959 amended from time to time. Provisions of all other Indian, Central and State Acts and Rules having a bearing on operation of this PEL shall be complied with, by the licensee. The ONGC shall also abide by Central Government's Policy framework on exploration of Petroleum and Natural Gas as amended from time to time.

- b) Date of application from when PEL fees have been paid by the ONGC shall be the date of commencement of PEL. The License shall be valid initially for a period of 8(eight) years with effect from the date of commencement of lease deed execution. Further extensions, if any, shall be granted by competent authority based on request of the Company and on merits of the case.
- c) The grant of PEL to ONGC is with reference to work programme submitted by them with the application. Status of progress against the work programme finalized by the company, in consultation with DGH, shall be reviewed periodically and if the performance of Company is not found satisfactory, appropriate action may be taken against the company as per provisions of P&NG rules and in accordance with Government Policy at work at the material point of time.
- d) The ONGC may plan their exploration schedule accordingly and furnish a comprehensive report on exploration done, money spent, physical progress achieved to the Central Government while surrendering the PEL area or applying for conversion of PEL into PML partly or fully. Complete set of geological data generated during exploration shall be handed over to the Central Government/and the State Government or its nominee, as indicated from time to time.
- e) Upon determination or relinquishment of any area covered by this license, ONGC shall furnish to the DGH and the Central Government/and the State Government, the complete records of data as specified in Rule 19 (c) of the P&NG Rules, 1959 and such other details as may be sought.
- f) If any Reserve Forest area is included in the PEL area, necessary approval from the competent authority should be obtained.
- g) The ONGC shall immediately on demand submit to the Central Government/and the State Government confidentially a full report of the Geological data of all the minerals found during the exploration of Oil & Natural Gas and shall submit without fail every six months the result of all operations, boring and exploration to the Central Government.
- h) ONGC Ltd. will submit to this Department the consent letters from Landowners and other appropriate authorities before undertaking prospecting Exploration work. ONGC will also submit to this department detailed map pinpointing sites of drillings.
- i) ONGC Ltd. will submit to this Department 'No Objection Certificate' from the Pollution Control Board in the Department of Environment, West Bengal.
- j) All related fees will have to be paid timely.

k) ONGC is also advised to crosscheck the grid plan with those of adjoining area of PEL/NL Blocks so that there is no discrepancy or overlapping of the blocks.

This order complies with the Govt. of India's approval for the grant of PEL vide their letter no.O-12027(11)/30/2018-ONG/II dated 11.07.2019.

Yours faithfully,



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to the Govt. of West Bengal

TERMS AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING THE GRANT OF PEL

- I. In case, the task is entrusted to a foreign firm or foreigners are to be employed for the task, the Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. Should seek prior clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Defence with the full particulars of the foreigners under intimation to this Ministry.
- II. In case the task is assigned to private companies, their full particulars should be provided to the Ministry of Home Affairs for pre-security vetting.
- III. The exploration operations should not interfere with the safety/security of any civil VA/VP covered in this area.
- IV. No ground/aerial survey of the Defence VAs/VPs is permitted. Aerial survey, if any, would be governed by the provisions of Ministry of Defence letter No.18(8)/82-D(GS.III) dated January 31, 1989.
- V. AF areas falling within the zones earmarked for exploration of Petroleum should be avoided.
- VI. For works in close vicinity of IAF units/installations and visit to these installations, if any specific permission of Air Hqrs. will be obtained.
- VII. All grids must be made in the North South direction and roads/tracks constructed for exploration must be made after obtaining clearance from concerned Command Headquarters.
- VIII. If international companies or foreigners are entrusted for the task, ONGC may get security-vetting through the Cabinet Secretariat (Research & Analysis Wing).
- IX. The exploration work within the Inner Line should be carried out with the specific approval of Ministry of Defence and assigned to Indian companies only.
- X. Strict scrutiny of the personnel proposed to be employed on these projects by the companies concerned shall have to be ensured. For this purpose, the company shall provide a complete list of persons proposed to be employed. This should be made a condition in the contract itself.
- XI. Identity cards shall be issued to each of the employees. The system of checking identity cards of personnel moving to the project and returning to the mainland will have to be strictly enforced.
- XII. Security to its employees both at the project site and enroute in insurgency affected areas will be the responsibility of the company itself.
- XIII. The company shall allow Government authorities to enter and inspect the area for security check up, if necessary.

- XIV. Companies shall not employ any foreign nationals surreptitiously in the area along the border.
- XV. In case, the block falls between an existing BOP and Border, i.e. it is not only the homeside of the BOP, the cost of shifting the BOP shall be borne by the company, if the security forces feel that the BOP should be shifted towards the border to facilitate surveillance.
- XVI. ONGC shall seek fresh security clearance for the company and its employees in respect of each block before commencement of exploration and development work.
- XVII. Erecting a mast higher than 80 feet and use of explosives for blasting activities are to be carried out in consultation with Chief of officer of AF Station, Baroda.
- XVIII. Any work within 500 m of the perimeter of AF station to be intimated to AF authority atleast 10 days before commencement.
- XIX. No obstruction is to be created higher than 15 mtrs within 5kms. radius of Air Force Airfields.
- XX. Planned use of explosives on or before the surface to be intimated to AF authority atleast 48 hrs in advance.
- XXI. Construction of high mast/towers are to be carried out in consultation with AF Units/base.


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