



F. No. IA- J-11011/491/2011-IA-II(I)
Government of India
Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change
Impact Assessment Division

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Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110 003

Dated: 14th August, 2023

To,

M/s. Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd.,
Essar House - Durgapur, Village & Post – Molandighi, Block- Kanksa,
Dist.- Paschim Bardhaman Durgapur-713212, West Bengal

Sub: Development and Production Wells along with Surface Facilities Phase - III of CBM Block RG(East) – CBM- 2001/1, Raniganj CBM Block, West Bengal by M/s. Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd. - Consideration of Extension in validity of Environmental Clearance reg.

Sir,

This refers to your online proposal No. IA/WB/IND2/298747/2023 dated 20th March, 2023 seeking Extension in validity of Environmental Clearance to the above mentioned project.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the above proposal for amendment in the environmental clearance granted by the Ministry vides F. No. J-11011/491/2011-IA-II (I) dated 26th February, 2013 for the project titled "Development & Production Wells along with Surface Facilities, Phase- III of CBM Block RG (E)-CBM-2001/1 located at Raniganj CBM Block, Durgapur, West Bengal by M/s. Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd". The project was given extension vide letter dated F. No. J-11011/491/2011-IA-II (I) dated 9th May, 2019 for three years which was valid upto 26th February, 2023.

3. The project proponent requested to amendment for extension in the validity of EC with the details is as under.

S. No.	Para of EC issued by MoEF&CC	Details as per the EC	To be revised/read as	Justification/ reason
01.	Para- 4 of EC vide F. No.J-11011/491/2011-IA-II (I) dated 9 th May,	Based on the recommendation of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment,	Extension of validity of the Environment Clearance (EC) vide F. No.J-	Lagging Indicator: ➤ EOGEP L has drilled only 193 CBM

	<p>2019.</p>	<p>Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval to the proposed amendment in the environment clearance dated 26th February, 2013, and extension of its validity for a period of 3 years i.e. up to 26th February, 2023.</p>	<p>11011/491/2011-IA-II (I) dated 9th May, 2019 for a period of another 01 year i.e. up to 25th February, 2024, under the notification-S.O. 1807(E), dated 12th April 2022 of the Ministry.</p>	<p>wells out of the planned 630 CBM wells under Phase III development .</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Drilling campaign was temporarily stopped in 2017, due to delay in pipeline connectivity posing a significant constrain to evacuate the CBM gas produced. ▪ The pipeline commissioning timeliness further got extended due the pandemic situation created by COVID 19 Coronavirus and the nation-wide lockdown. ▪ Non availability of the evacuation pipeline and the pandemic has badly affected our operations and delayed the planned development activities. <p><u>Leading Indicator:</u></p>
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4. During deliberations, EAC discussed following issues:

- EAC noted that the extension has been already been given to the project vide letter dated F. No. J-11011/491/2011-IA-II (I) dated 9th May, 2019 which was valid upto 26th February, 2023.

5. After detailed deliberations EAC found the justification for amendment sought satisfactory and **recommended** for extension of EC till 25th February, 2024 as proposed by the project proponent with the following additional condition:

- i. 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.

6. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval to the proposed amendment for extension in the validity of environmental clearance dated 26th February, 2013 as stated above, for the project Development and Production Wells along with Surface Facilities Phase - III of CBM Block RG(East) – CBM- 2001/1, Raniganj CBM Block, West Bengal by M/s. Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd.

7. Upon examination in the Ministry, it is concluded that as per S.O. 1807(E), dated 12th April 2022, the validity of EC of instant project shall be 10 years and as per SO 221 (E) dated 18.01.2021 the period from the 1st April, 2020 to the 31st March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of EC granted under the provisions of this notification in view of outbreak of Corona Virus (COVID-19) and subsequent lockdowns. Hence the validity of EC is till 25th February, 2024. Further, as per S.O. 1807(E), dated 12th April 2022 the validity of EC can be extended for one more year. As per request for extension made by PP and recommendation of EAC, the validity of EC shall be till 25th February, 2025. However, all other terms and conditions mentioned in EC issued vide F. No. J-11011/491/2011-IA-II (I) dated 26th February, 2013 shall remain unchanged.

8. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

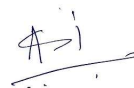


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