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To,

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Subject: Exploratory Drilling (24 additional wells) in On-shore PEL Block L-II of Cauvery Basin, District Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu by M/s Oil & Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGCL)- regarding Environmental Clearance.

Ref. : Your letter no. CB/CHSE/EC/KG-OSN/2013-14 dated 29th April, 2013.

Sir,

This has reference to your letter dated 29th April, 2013 alongwith Form-1, Prefeasibility Report, EIA/EMP report alongwith public hearing report regarding the above mentioned subject

2.0 The Ministry of Environment & Forests has examined your application. It is noted that proposal is for exploratory drilling (24 additional wells) in On-shore PEL Block L-II of Cauvery Basin, District Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu. Total L-II PEL Block area is 1545.02 sq. km. The block is geographically located under Nagapattinam, Pudukottai, Thiruvrur, Thajavur Districts of Tamil Nadu. Total cost of the project is Rs. 575.05 Crore. No forest land is involved. It was noted that no drilling will be carried out within 10 Km distance from National park/wild life sanctuary. Drilling depth of well will be ranging from 1750 m – 6500 m. Water based mud will be used for drilling. Location of 24 exploratory wells is given as below:

S.N.	Exploratory Locations Released / Under proposal	Coordinates/ Staked Location coordinates	Taluk	District
1	PMAF (TD:4200)	LAT:10°48'24.56"N LONG:79°40'41.28"N	Thiruvarur	Thiruvarur
2	ASAE (TD:4000)	LAT:10°53'11"69"N LONG:79°43'48.051"E	Thirumarugal	Nagapattina m
3	AYAC (TD:4500)	LAT: 10°56'49.58"N LONG: 79°34'06.67"E	Kodavasal	Thiruvarur
4	KPBC(ML) (TD:4500)	LAT: 10°46'33.67"N LONG: 79°35'54.28"E	Thiruvarur	Thiruvarur
5	VNAB (TD:3500)	LAT: 10°46'30.89"N LONG: 79°42'38.36"E		
6	PM5A(ML) (TD:3550m)	LAT: 10°45'53.82"N LONG: 79°40'45.82"E		
7	TVAU	LAT: 10°46'13.78"N	Kivelur	Nagapattina

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