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**F. No. IA- J-11011/233/2012-IA II(I)**

Government of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change

Impact Assessment Division

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Dated: 26th February, 2021

To,

**Head - HSE,**

M/s Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd,  
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**Sub: Drilling of one infill development well in offshore block cauvery basin by M/s Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd located at offshore Block PY-1, Cauvery Basin, Off the Coast of Tamil Nadu - Extension in Environment Clearance reg.**

Sir,

This refers to your online proposal No. IA/TN/IND2/190126/2020 dated 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 for extension in the environmental clearance to the above project.

2. The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has considered the above proposal for extension in the Environmental Clearance granted by the Ministry vide letter J-11011/233/2012- IA II (I) dated 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 for the project Drilling of One Infill Development Well located at in Offshore Block PY-1, Cauvery Basin, Off the Coast of Tamil Nadu in favour of M/s Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd. As per notification issued by MoEFCC vide S.O 221(E). dated 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2021, period from 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March, 2021 shall not be considered for the purpose of calculation of the period of validity of EC granted.

3. The project proponent has requested for extension in the EC with the details as under:

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S.no	Para of EC issued by MoEF&CC	Details as per the EC	To be revised/ read as	Justification / reasons
1	Environmental Clearance issued earlier via F. No. J-11011/233/2012-IA II (I) ; dated 07th June 2013	Drilling of One Infill Development Well located at in Offshore Block PY-1, Cauvery Basin, Off the Coast of Tamil Nadu	Request for extension of the validity of the EC	<p>Due to decline in production from existing three wells on account of natural depletion; it is proposed to drill one additional infill producer well from the existing offshore platform. This drilling program shall offset the loss of gas production.</p> <p>However, it had taken considerable time period to assess the hydrocarbon reservoir potential in the seabed and to estimate the commercial viability.</p> <p>Lower gas market price prevailed in the economy had accounted for delaying the project.</p> <p>The company has also waited to improve its financial stability for funding the project.</p>

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4. The proposal was considered by the EAC in its 28<sup>th</sup> meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 in the Ministry. The EAC, after detailed deliberations recommended for the extension in EC and validity of existing EC will be extended for 3 years i.e. till 06<sup>th</sup> June, 2023, with all other terms and conditions remain unchanged.

5. Based on recommendations of the EAC, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change hereby accords approval to the proposed extension in the granted by the Ministry vide letter J-11011/233/2012- IA II (I) dated 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 for the project Drilling of One Infill Development Well located at in Offshore Block PY-1, Cauvery Basin, Off the Coast of Tamil Nadu in favour of M/s Hindustan Oil Exploration Company Ltd.

6. All other terms and conditions stipulated in the environmental clearance granted by the ministry vide letter J-11011/233/2012- IA II (I) dated 07<sup>th</sup> June, 2013 shall remain unchanged.

7. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

*31/02/2021*

**(Ashok Kumar Pateshwary)**

**Director**

**Copy to: -**

1. The Principal Secretary, Department of Environment, Ground Floor, Panagal Buildings 1, Jeenias Road, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.
2. The Dy. Director General of Forest, MoEF&CC, Regional Office (SEZ), 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Handloom Export Promotion Council, 34, Cathedral Garden Road, Nungambakkam, **Chennai-34**
3. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, **Delhi** - 32
4. Member Secretary, Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board, 76, Anna Salai, Guindy Industrial Estate, Race View Colony, Guindy, **Chennai** - 32 (Tamil Nadu)
5. Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh Road, **New Delhi**
6. District Collector, Cuddalore, Tamil Nadu
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