F. No. J-11011/351/2009-IA-II(I) Government of India Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (IA- II Section)

Indira Paryavaran Bhawan Jorbagh Road, New Delhi -3

Dated: 6th November, 2017

To

M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited Essar House

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Sub: Pilot-cum-Production Wells at Raniganj East Coal Bed Methane Block in Durgapur (West Bengal) - Transfer of Environmental Clearance from M/s Essar Oil Limited to M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited - reg.

Sir,

This has reference to your letters dated 23rd March, 2017 and 11th September, 2017 regarding transfer of the environmental clearance for the above said project from M/s Essar Oil Limited to M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited (EOGEPL).

- 2. The Ministry had earlier issued environmental clearance for Pilot-cum-Production Wells at Raniganj East Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Block RG (E)-CBM-2001/1 in Durgapur (West Bengal) in favour of M/s Essar Oil Limited (E&P Division) vide letter dated 23rd September, 2011, followed by amendment therein vide letter dated 18th June, 2012.
- **3.** M/s Essar Oil Limited has demerged its Exploration and Production (E&P) Division, which has now been transferred to a newly created wholly owned subsidiary namely M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Ltd, and thus necessitating transfer of all requisite approvals in the name of new company.
- **4.** M/s Essar Oil Limited has given No Objection Certificate for transfer of environmental clearance granted vide letter dated 23rd September, 2011 and the amendment dated 18th June, 2012 in the name of M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited.
- **5.** M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited has submitted an affidavit to abide by the terms and conditions stipulated in the environment clearance dated 23rd September, 2011 and the amendment dated 18th June, 2012 issued in the name of M/s Essar Oil Limited.
- 6. As per the relevant provisions of the EIA Notification, 2006, the environmental clearance to the project 'Pilot-cum-Production Wells' at Raniganj East Coal Bed Methane (CBM) Block RG (E)-CBM-2001/1 in

Durgapur (WB) granted by the Ministry vide letter No. J-11011/351/2009-IA-II(I) dated 23rd September, 2011 read with amendment dated 18th June, 2012 is hereby transferred from M/s Essar Oil Limited (E&P Division) to M/s Essar Oil and Gas Exploration and Production Limited, on the same terms and conditions under which prior environmental clearance was initially granted and for the same validity period.

7. This issues with approval of the competent authority.

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- 2. The Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (C), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Regional Office (EZ), A/3, Chandersekharpur, Bhubaneswar 23 (Odisha)
- 3. The Member Secretary, Central Pollution Control Board, Parivesh Bhawan, CBD-cum-Office Complex East Arjun Nagar, Delhi 32
- 4. The Member Secretary, West Bengal Pollution Control Board, Paribesh Bhavan, 10A, Block-L.A., Sector 3, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 98 (West Bengal)
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