

THE NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES (REVIEW COMMITTEES FOR MANAGEMENT OF OIL AND GAS RESOURCES IN NOMINATION FIELDS) ORDER, 2017

Date - 25th May, 2017

Sub:- Constitution of Review Committees for Management of Oil & Gas Resources of Nomination Fields of National Oil Companies (NOCs) -reg.

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F.No.NOC/Review_committee_1/2017-DGH. --. In exercise of the powers conferred upon it under the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) Notification No.S.O.1391(E) dated 1st September, 2006 [issued in exercise of powers under section 8 of the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 (53 of 1948) read with rule 32 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959], read with the Guidelines under paragraph 2 of the said Notification approved and conveyed by the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) vide its communications dated 4th September, 2009 and 25th November, 2016, and in order to effectively discharge its functions under the Oilfields (Regulation and Development) Act, 1948 (53 of 1948) and the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959 and under the aforesaid notification of the Central Government dated 1st September, 2006, the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (DGH) hereby makes the following order to provide for the constitution of two Review Committees, for the purpose of management of oil and gas resources of Nomination Fields of National Oil Companies (NOCs), namely:-

1. Short Title and Commencement.-(1) This Order may be called the National Oil Companies (Review Committees for Management of Oil and Gas Resources in Nomination Fields) Order, 2017.

(2) It shall come into force with immediate effect.

2. Establishment of Review Committees.-On and from the commencement of this Order, there shall be established, for the purpose of management of oil and gas resources of Nomination Fields of the National Oil Companies, namely, the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as ONGC) and the Oil India Limited (hereinafter referred to as OIL), two separate Review Committees (i.e. one each for ONGC and OIL).

3. Composition of Review Committees.-(1) The composition of the Review Committees shall be as under:

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| (a) Director General, DGH | - | Chairperson |
| (b) Dy DG, DGH | - | Member/Alternative Chairperson |
| (c) One representative of ONGC or OIL, as the case may be, not below the rank of Director, to be nominated by the respective NOC | - | Member |
| (d) Head of Division in charge of NOCs-Monitoring in the DGH | - | Member Secretary |
| (e) One representative of ONGC or OIL, as the case may be, not below the rank of Asset/Basin Manager (Executive Director), in charge of the respective field(s) being reviewed | - | Co-opted member |

(2) ONGC/ OIL shall communicate to DGH the name of its representative under para 3(1)(c) above, within a period of 15 days from the date of issuance of this Order.

(3) ONGC/OIL may nominate alternate members with full authority to act in the absence and on behalf of the members nominated by it under para 3(2) and may, at any time, nominate another member or alternate member to replace any member nominated earlier by giving written notice to DGH.

4. Powers and functions of the Review Committees. - (1)The following matters shall be submitted to the respective Review Committee for its review and advice, regarding nomination Areas of ONGC & OIL namely:-

- a) Annual Work Programmes and Budgets in respect of Exploration Operations and any modifications and revisions thereto;
- b) Annual Work Programmes and Budgets in respect of Development and Production Operations and any modifications and revisions thereto (PMLwise);
- c) proposals for surrender or relinquishment of any part of the Area included in the Nomination Field;
- d) proposals for an Appraisal Programme or revisions or additions thereto;
- e) declaration of a Discovery as a Commercial Discovery along with proposed Development Area/ ML Area;

- f) Performance of Non-producing/sub-optimally producing PMLs
- g) Reservoir and Production Performance of Producing Fields;
- h) Field Development Plans(FDPs)/Feasibility Reports (FRs) of Commercial Discoveries in Nomination Fields and any modifications and revisions thereto;
- i) Monitoring of Development activities for early monetisation;
- j) Proposals for “field surveillance” by DGH for better reservoir management;
- k) collaboration with licensees or contractors of other areas;
- l) any other matter, which the NOC concerned/DGH would like to place before the Review Committee and seek its advice.

(2) The advice/decision of the Review Committee under para 4(1) above shall be implemented forthwith by the NOC concerned and the progress of implementation shall be reported to the Review Committee through DGH at its next meeting.

5. Meetings of the Review Committee.– (1)The Review Committee shall meet at least once once every three (3) months or more frequently at the request of any member.

(2) The Member Secretary, with the approval of the Chairperson, shall convene each meeting by notifying the members twenty eight (28) days prior to such a meeting (or a shorter period of notice if the members unanimously so agree), of the time and place of such meeting and the purpose thereof and shall include in such notice a provisional agenda for such meeting. The Chairperson shall approve the final agenda for such meeting and the agenda shall include all items of business requested by the NOC to be included, provided such requests are received by the Member Secretary at least ten (10) days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. The Member Secretary shall forward the agenda to the members at least seven (7) Business Days prior to the date fixed for the meeting. Matters not included in the agenda may be taken up at the meeting by any member with the consent of the Chairperson.

(3) The Member Secretary to the Review Committee shall be responsible, inter alia, for preparation of the minutes of every meeting in the English language and for circulation of a copy of the minutes approved by the Chairperson within seven (7) Business Days of the meeting.

6. Formation of sub-committees. - There shall be a Technical Sub-Committee consisting of the following members, to provide technical assistance to the Review Committee,:

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| (a) HOD (Reservoir), DGH | - Chairperson of the Sub-Committee |
| (b) HOD (G&G), DGH | - Member |
| (c) HOD (Production), DGH | - Member |

- (d) Not more than three technical representatives from ONGC/OIL, as the case may be, not below the rank of General Manager - Members
- (e) Head of Division in charge of NOCs-Monitoring in the DGH - Convenor

(2) The Review Committee, if it considers necessary, may also nominate legal or financial sub-committees consisting of such representatives as may be agreed by the Review Committee to consider any matter requiring decision of the Review Committee and to make appropriate recommendations for consideration of the Review Committee.

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(DG, DGH)