

THE CORE REPOSITORIES OF NATIONAL OIL COMPANIES (MANAGEMENT, ACCESS & USE OF CORES) ORDER, 2017

21st September, 2017

ORDER

Subject: Management, access and use of Cores in the Core Repositories of National Oil Companies – reg.

F. No. DG/DGH/01/NCR/2017.- 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), the Act hereinafter, read with rule 32 of the Petroleum and Natural Gas Rules, 1959, the Rules hereinafter], 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 pursuance of Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) letter No. Expl-11023(12)/108/2017-EXPL-I-PNG (FTS-48895) dated 8th August, 2017, conveying in-principle approval, *inter alia*, -

- (a) to set up the National Core Repository (hereinafter referred to as “NCR”) at Gandhinagar, Gujarat;
- (b) to declare the main Core Repositories/Core Laboratories of National Oil Companies (hereinafter referred to as “NOCs”), as per list enclosed to the said letter, as National Asset and direct them to functionally report to the Directorate General of Hydrocarbons (hereinafter referred to as “DGH”), pending set up of the NCR,-

and in order to effectively discharge its functions under the Act and the Rules and under the aforesaid notification of the Central Government dated 1st September, 2006, the DGH hereby makes the following Order to provide for the management, access and use of the Core Repositories/Core Labs of NOCs as National Assets, namely:-

1. Short Title and Commencement.-(1) This Order may be called the Core Repositories of National Oil Companies (Management, Access and Use of Cores) Order, 2017;

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

2. Access and use of cores to be decided by DGH.- The Core Houses/ Core Laboratories of the NOCs, namely, Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (hereinafter referred to as “ONGC”) and Oil India Limited (hereinafter referred to as “OIL”), as specified in the lists enclosed to the Government of India (Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas) letter No. Expl-11023(12)/108/2017-EXPL-I-PNG (FTS-48895) dated 8th August, 2017, shall, on and from the commencement of this Order and till such time as specified in the said letter of the Government of India, shall be known as National Repositories. Access and use of cores at these National Repositories shall be decided by DGH.

3. Management, access and use of cores.-(1) On and from the commencement of this order and till such time as specified in the said letter of the Government of India as referred to in para 2 above, -

- (a) the maintenance of all cores (including core/drill cuttings and reservoir fluid samples) shall be done by the respective NOCs in accordance with Good International Petroleum Industry Practice (“GIPIP”);
- (b) the NOCs shall maintain a Register of Cores available with them (with age, formation, depth interval and other details relating to the cores, cuttings and reservoir fluids), in such format as may specified by DGH;
- (c) permits for accessing the cores available in any of the National Repositories shall be issued by DGH to stakeholders, approving the type of use (of the core) which is permitted therein;
- (d) NOCs shall also report to DGH the use of the cores by its own authorised personnel.

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