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Government of India
Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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Dated 10th July, 2025

To

The Director General,
Directorate General of Hydrocarbons,
OIDB Bhawan,
Noida- 201301.

Subject: Approval on certain recommendations of Joint Working Group (JWG).

Sir,

I am directed to refer to MoPNG Order dated 25.07.2024 vide which a Joint Working Group (JWG) was constituted to assess and address issues affecting the Ease of Doing Business (EoDB) in the upstream Oil and Gas sector. The final report was submitted by JWG on 15.04.2025.

2. In pursuance to the recommendations made by JWG, following has been approved by the competent Authority :-

Sr No	Issue	Recommendation of JWG	Approval
1	Approval for delivery point(s) within and outside the contract area	A policy guideline applicable for contract areas under various contractual regimes i.e., PSC, RSC, DSF and CBM may be issued to effect following: For delivery points within the contract area: Contractor may be allowed to establish new delivery point(s), shift existing delivery point(s), or establish multiple delivery point(s) (subject to a maximum of total three) within the contract area on a self-certification	In NELP PSCs: MC is fully empowered for approval of Delivery point both inside and outside contract area. In case of OALP, DSF RSCs: since there is no cost recovery; hence approval for delivery point is not relevant. This proposal is to be restricted to Pre-NELP PSCs only.

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		basis for all contractual regimes inter-alias PSC, RSC, DSF, and CBM. An intimation shall be provided to the Management Committee (MC) prior to setting up of the delivery points. For delivery points outside the contract area: Approval for new, shifted, or multiple delivery points outside the contract area under PSC, RSC, DSF and CBM regimes shall be granted as follows If the Investment Multiple (IM) slab remains unaffected (wherever applicable), MC may be empowered to grant the approval. If the IM slab is impacted (wherever applicable), approval shall be required from the Government of India The revenue to be considered for the purpose of calculating royalty and PP/PLP shall be determined on the prices obtained by the contractor at such delivery point(s). The above provisions in a) and b) shall be applicable to all contracts where the approval mechanism for delivery points is not specified in the respective contracts. The recommended provisions shall supersede any previously issued office orders.	
2	Transfer of Participating Interest (PI) among existing PI holders under a contract	A policy guideline applicable for contract areas under various contractual regimes i.e., PSC, RSC, DSF and CBM may be issued to effect following: The Management Committee (MC) may be empowered to approve Participating Interest (PI) transfer cases where contractor intends to transfer	Approved.

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		the PI within the existing parties of the contract, subject to no change in operatorship. • The proposed provision for amendment may continue to be signed by the representative from the Government of India. • PI holders should be required to comply with all the existing conditions of the contract.	
3	Field Handover process in DSF contracts	A policy guideline applicable for contract areas under DSF regime may be issued to effect following: a. For land owned by the transferor, i. The transferee may choose to purchase the land from the transferor, subject to the consent of the transferor and at the rates determined by the relevant government authority. ii. Alternatively, the transferee may choose to lease the land from the transferor at the rates agreed upon by the parties. b. For land leased from a third party, i. The transferor shall provide for the land maintenance, including rental payments, for upto a period of two years from the date of signing of the contract or till the field is handed over to the transferee, whichever is earlier. ii. The transferee shall assume responsibility for land maintenance, including rental payments, after the initial two-	Approved. Directorate General of Hydrocarbons, under Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas will formulate SOP in this regard within 90 days of this Order.

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		year period or the field handover, whichever is earlier. iii. The above provisions as stated in (b). i) and (b). ii) shall be available, provided the transferee signs an amendment to the principal contract, confirming the above provisions. c. The NOCs shall submit the inputs for SOP for field handover process to DGH within a period of one month. The DGH shall review and adopt the SOP accordingly.	
4	Open-Source National Data Repository (NDR)	A policy guideline may be issued to effect following: • Open sharing of NDR data at zero charge may be enabled to MSME, startups and academic institutions. • NDR data may be integrated with the repositories of the National Oil Companies (NOCs), such as ONGC and OIL, and other ministries such as Ministry of Mines, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Central Ground Water Board etc. ensuring seamless access to comprehensive datasets, including seismic, well, and other geological information. • The cost of data transfer and associated media shall be borne by the beneficiary. • Transfer of data should comply with the government guidelines,	Approved.

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		including restriction on sharing with entities or countries subject to government-imposed limitations.	
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3. In view of above, DGH is requested to take necessary action on the above mentioned approvals.

4. This issues with the approval of Minister, Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.

Yours faithfully,

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- 1) All E&P Operators for information;
- 2) Under Secretary (Admin), MoPNG, with a request to upload the aforesaid order on the website of this Ministry.