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To, ✓  
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**Subject : Handling of Additional Crude Oil (21 MMTPA to 25 MMTPA) through existing Single Point Mooring (SPM) System at Vadinar, Gujarat by M/s India Oil Corporation Limited. - reg.**

**Ref. : Your letter no. PL/PJ-Moni/Ind SPM/8.2 dated 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2010 & 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2010 and 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2011.**

Sir,

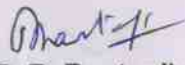
Kindly refer above mentioned letters wherein you have requested for environmental clearance for handling of additional Crude Oil (21 MMTPA to 25 MMTPA) through existing Single Point Mooring (SPM) System at Vadinar, Gujarat. You have also informed to the Ministry that:

- i. Presently, you are handling Crude Oil (21 MMTPA) through existing Single Point Mooring (SPM) system at Vadinar, Gujarat and there is urgent need for 25 MMTPA capacity, followed by 35 MMTPA and finally total capacity as 50 MMTPA on long term basis.
  - ii. No new project/facilities or expansion would be required in the offshore including CRZ area, Marine National Park and Marine Sanctuary.
  - iii. The operational methodology at each of the SPM would remain unaltered, i.e. at any given point of time and only one tanker each would be discharging at the SPMs as is the practice at present.
2. The proposal was considered and discussed in the 16<sup>th</sup> Expert Appraisal Committee (Industry-2) held during 18<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. The matter was further examined in the Ministry and have **agreed for enhancement in the capacity from 21 MMTPA to 25 MMTPA only.**
3. You are requested to carry out following studies for consideration of the proposal for final 50 MMTPA capacity:
- i. Study on the impact of movement of total tankers / VLCCs in the area by an independent Organization.
  - ii. Comprehensive risk assessment due to increased quantity of crude oil handling.
  - iii. Commitment that number of tankers from crude oil shall not increase. ✓

4. **The proposal for handling of Crude Oil (25 MMTPA to 50 MMTPA) is deferred** and will be considered for environmental clearance as and when desired study (additional TORs) as mentioned above is carried out and included in the final EIA/EMP.


5. This letter should be kept with the original environmental clearance letters accorded by the Ministry.

6. This letter has been issued with prior approval from the Competent Authority in the Ministry.

  
**(Dr. P. B. Rastogi)**  
Director

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1. The Principal Secretary, Forests & Environment Department, Government of Gujarat, Sachivalaya, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor, Gandhi Nagar - 382 010, Gujarat.
2. The Chief Conservator of Forests (Western Zone), Ministry of Environment & Forests, Regional Office, E-5, Arera Colony, Link Road -3, Bhopal -462 016, M.P.
3. The Chairman, Central Pollution Control Board Parivesh Bhavan, CBD-cum-Office Complex, East Arjun Nagar, New Delhi - 110 032.
4. The Chairman, Gujarat State Pollution Control Board, Paryavaran Bhawan, Sector 10 A, Gandhi Nagar-382 043, Gujarat.
5. Monitoring Cell, Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
6. Adviser, IA II(I), Ministry of Environment and Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, CGO Complex, New Delhi.
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**(Dr. P. B. Rastogi)**  
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