

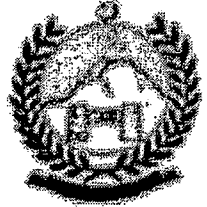
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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GOVERNMENT OF KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



EPA/EIA/MOL/Sarozai-1 Well/Hangu/26/

27/11/2016

Date: 28/11/2016

To

Mr. Zsolt Adam Laszlo
Chief Executive Officer,
MOL Pakistan Oil & Gas Company B. V.,
Floor No: 17, Islamabad Stock Exchange (ISE) Towers,
55-B, Jinnah Avenue, Islamabad 44000, Pakistan.
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Subject: **DECISION ON ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA)
REPORT FOR DRILLING OF SAROZAI-1 EXPLORATORY WELL
AND ASSOCIATED WELLHEAD ACTIVITIES, TAL BLOCK
DISTRICT HANGU, KP.**

I am directed to refer to the subject noted above and to enclose herewith the Decision Note (Schedule-VII) on EIA Report of the subject project for your information and further implementation.

Moreover, Schedule-X (sample copy enclosed) must be submitted to this Agency within a month on Stamp Paper as an undertaking for the compliance of terms and conditions as mentioned in the Environmental Approval as well as mitigation measures proposed in the EIA Report, please.

Deputy Director (CC)

Copy for information and necessary action to the:

- PA to Director General, EPA, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- ✓ AD-IT, EPA, HQ, Peshawar.

Handwritten signatures and dates:
27/11/2016
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1. Name and address of Proponent: Mr. Zsolt Adam Laszlo, Chief Executive Officer,
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2. Description of Project:

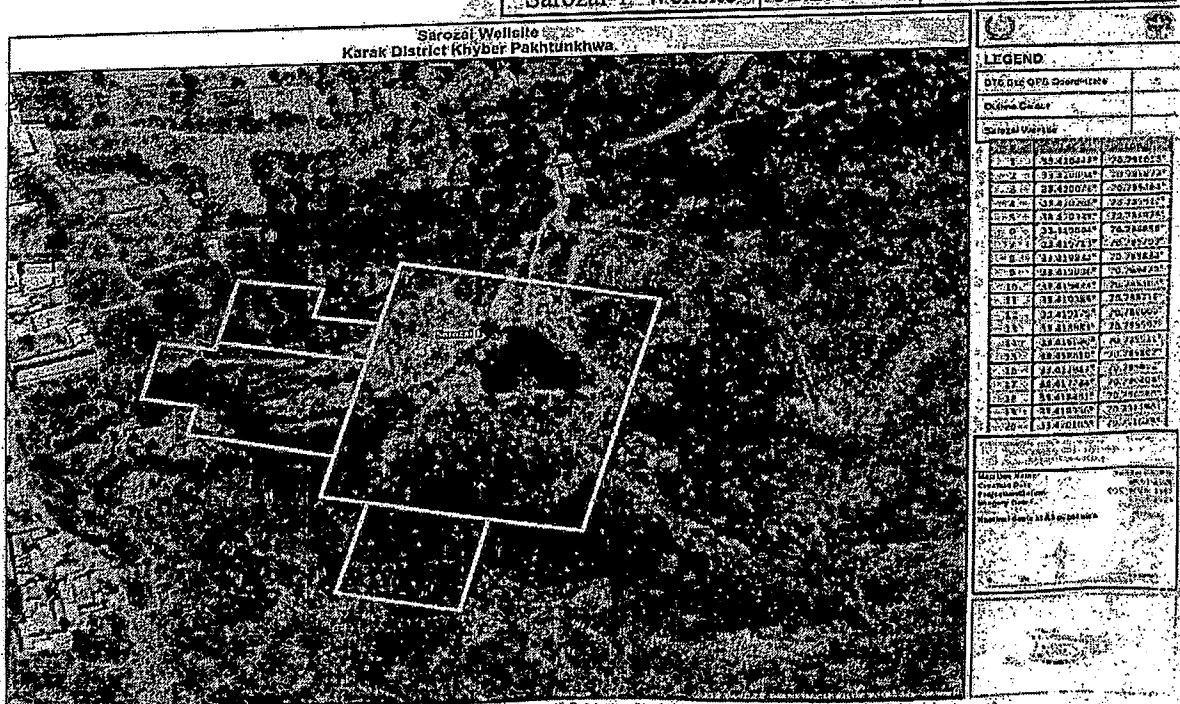
The proposed project includes drilling of Sarozai-1 well followed by wellhead activities. The drilling phase includes construction of well site, camp site and access track, drilling of well and subsequent testing. In case of successful discovery, this will be followed by the wellhead development activities. The project site is located near Sarozai, Tehsil Thal, District Hangu. The site is a mix of hilly and flat terrain with patchy vegetation. The project site is surrounded by residential area of Sarozai village with scattered houses, and agricultural land. Total land uptake will be around 200 Kanal for the project. Land will be leased for well drilling, campsites, and ancillary activities. Drilling operations will be carried out using Top Drive Rig system which are way more efficient and environmentally friendly than convention Kelley based systems. For drilling, both Water and Oil based Mud will be used depending upon the geological formations and requirement of drilling at a given time.

3. Location of project and

Sarozai, Tehsil Thal and District Hangu.

4. GPS Coordinates/GIS map:

Name	Lat	Long
Sarozai-1 Well site	32.251126°	70.472485°



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5. Date of filing of EIA: 30/04/2025 (Ref: EPA Diary No. 1891)
5. After careful review of the EIA report and all the comments and responses thereon, the Environmental Protection Agency, Govt. of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has decided to accord approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment report for **"DRILLING OF SAROZAI-1 EXPLORATORY WELL AND ASSOCIATED WELLHEAD ACTIVITIES, TAL BLOCK DISTRICT HANGU, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA"** in line with Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Environmental Protection Act, 2014, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, subject to the following terms & conditions:
- a) This approval is accorded under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act 2014.
 - b) This Approval is accorded in light of the decision taken under Agenda Item No. 06 in the 2nd Environmental Protection Council (EPC) meeting held dated 11/09/2024 and Administrative Department Notification No. SO(Env)/CCFEWD/4-2/2023/EPC/V-III dated 22/01/2025.
 - c) This approval does not absolve the proponent from obtaining any other mandatory No-Objection Certificates (NOCs), permits, or clearances required under any other federal or provincial law before commencing any project activity. The proponent shall have to obtain NOCs, permits, or clearances required from other departments under the prevailing laws/rules of the Government before the start of the project.
 - d) All mitigation measures proposed in the approved EIA report and subsequent commitments made to the Agency shall be implemented in letter and spirit. The proponent shall also address any unanticipated environmental impacts arising during construction and operation phases.
 - e) The proponent is solely liable for the accuracy and validity of all information submitted by the environmental consultant.
 - f) Drill cuttings, Water-Based Mud (WBM), Oil-Based Mud (OBM), and other drilling fluids shall be managed as per the approved Waste Management Plan. Final disposal shall be through authorized facilities only, with monthly submission of waste tracking manifests and disposal certificates to the Agency.
 - g) The proponent shall implement Water Conservation and Harvesting measures which includes constructing rainwater harvesting structures with a minimum capacity of 500,000 liters. Daily records of water consumption/abstraction and a quarterly water management report shall be maintained and submitted.
 - h) The proponent shall conduct and submit quarterly environmental monitoring reports for ambient air (PM₁₀, PM_{2.5}, SO₂, NO_x, H₂S) and groundwater (full parameters as per NEQS, including heavy metals and hydrocarbons) from three designated locations. Sampling and analysis must be performed by an EPA-certified laboratory.
 - i) A buffer zone shall be maintained from noise sensitive receptors, with continuous noise monitoring at site boundaries. Regular water sprinkling shall be employed for dust suppression on access roads and work areas.
 - j) Prior to mobilization, the proponent shall adopt detailed Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan and an Oil Spill Contingency Plan. Quarterly spill response drills shall be conducted and reported.
 - k) No physical activity shall be conducted during the bird nesting/hatching season.
 - l) Upon project completion or abandonment, the site shall be restored as per the Site Restoration and Decommissioning Plan.
 - m) A comprehensive Project HSE Plan conforming to international standards shall be implemented. This includes 24/7 emergency response, provision of all necessary Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), mandatory staff training, and installation of safety signage and equipment (fire extinguishers, first-aid).

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- n) A functional Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM) shall be established, operationalized, and communicated to stakeholders before mobilization. A quarterly log of grievances and resolutions shall be submitted to the Agency.
 - o) The CSR Plan, including provision of potable water to local communities and a dedicated budget for environmental initiatives, shall be implemented.
 - p) Preference shall be given to qualified local individuals for non-technical and, where possible, technical jobs.
 - q) Certified copies of the land lease/access agreements and documented proof of crop compensation disbursement to affected landowners shall be submitted to the Agency within one month of this approval, prior to any ground disturbance.
 - r) A quarterly Environmental Compliance Report addressing all conditions of this approval shall be submitted to the Agency by each subsequent quarter, commencing from project mobilization.
 - s) The Agency reserves the right to modify these conditions, order additional mitigation measures, or conduct inspections at any time. The proponent shall incorporate any such directive promptly.
 - t) Any material change in project design, location, or process requires the prior written approval of the Agency.
 - u) This approval is strictly for the Construction (Drilling) Phase. A separate environmental approval under Section 13 of the Act is mandatory for any subsequent Operational (Production) Phase.
 - v) This approval is valid for commencement of construction for a period of two years from its date of issue. Requests for extension in validity period must be submitted at least 60 days prior to expiry.
 - w) The sub-contractors engaged for any facility or activity for the subject project falling under any Schedule of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021 shall obtain separate environmental approval from the Environmental Protection Agency, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, as applicable, prior to commencement of such facility or activity.
 - x) Before transitioning to any operational phase, the proponent must obtain a written Confirmation of Compliance from the Agency as per Rule 15 of the 2021 Rules.
 - y) Non-compliance with any condition may result in enforcement actions including Environmental Protection Orders, administrative penalties, cancellation of this approval, and/or legal prosecution under the Act.
6. The proponent shall strictly comply with Rules 14, 15, 18, 19, & 20 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021, regarding conditions of approval, confirmation of compliance, entry, inspection, and monitoring.
7. After issuance of approval by the Agency, the proponent shall submit a report to the Agency on the completion of construction of the project.
8. This approval is accorded only for the Construction Phase of the project, separate approval shall be obtained for operational phase of the project as per provisions of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rules, 2021.
9. The proponent shall, before commencing operation of the project, obtain from the Agency written confirmation that the conditions of approval, and the requirements in the EIA relating to design and construction, adoption of mitigation and other relevant measures, have been duly complied with.
10. Any change in the approved project shall be communicated to EPA Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and shall be commenced after obtaining due approval.
11. This approval shall be treated as null and void if any or all of the conditions mentioned above is/are not complied with.
12. There shall be no legal case pending in the courts against the project.
13. The approval accorded by the Agency under section 13 of the Act, shall be valid, for commencement of construction for a period of two years from the date of issuance.

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14. The proponent shall, before commencing construction of the project, acknowledge acceptance of the stipulated conditions by executing an undertaking on stamp paper in the form specified in Schedule-X of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Assessment Rule, 2021.
15. In exercise of the power under Section 13 of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Environmental Protection Act, 2014, the undersigned is pleased to approve the EIA Report for construction phase of **"DRILLING OF SAROZAI-1 EXPLORATORY WELL AND ASSOCIATED WELLHEAD ACTIVITIES, TAL BLOCK DISTRICT HANGU, KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA"** with the above-mentioned terms and conditions.

Dated: Peshawar, 28 P/ /2026

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