

AV-29017/51/2020-SDIT-MOCA
Government of India
Ministry of Civil Aviation

Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
22 Apr 2021

ORDER

SUBJECT: Conditional exemption from Unmanned Aircraft System (UAS) Rules, 2021 to Vedanta Ltd. (Cairn Oil and Gas) for inspection of assets and enhance safety of personnel using drones

1. Whereas, Vedanta Ltd. (the 'Applicant') had, vide email dated 29 Jan 2021 sought an exemption from UAS Rules, 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose.
2. Whereas, based on the undertaking provided by the Applicant, DGCA, vide letter no. DGCA-31017/22/2021-Drone-Dte dated 09 Apr 2021, accorded approval of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the afore-mentioned purpose.
3. Now, therefore, the Central Government, in exercise of the powers conferred under Rule 70 of the UAS Rules, 2021, grants conditional exemption to the Applicant for a period as stated in the above-mentioned letter from DGCA or until further orders, whichever is earlier, from the UAS Rules, 2021 for the afore-mentioned purpose. This shall be subject to complete adherence to the conditions as mentioned in the DGCA letter (copy enclosed).



(Amber Dubey)

Joint Secretary to the Government of India

To:

1. All Ministries/ Departments of the Government of India
2. Chief Secretaries/ Administrators of all States/ Union Territories
3. DGPs/ Heads of Police of all States/ Union Territories
4. Joint Secretary (Internal Security), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), New Delhi
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8. DG, Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA), New Delhi
9. DG, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS), New Delhi
10. Chairman, Airports Authority of India (AAI), New Delhi
11. PS to HMoSCA (IC), Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
12. Sr. PPS to Secretary, Ministry of Civil Aviation, New Delhi
13. National Informatics Centre (NIC) team, Rajiv Gandhi Bhavan, New Delhi
14. Digital Sky Platform



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Subject:- Approval of SOP-Standard Operating Procedure of M/s Cairn oil & gas, Vedanta Limited for Data Acquisition for Asset Inspection and Mapping using Drone Technology.

Sir,

Reference may please be made to your application on the above mentioned subject. Director General of Civil Aviation, hereby grants approval of SOP-Standard Operating Procedure to M/s Cairn Vedanta Limited for Data Acquisition for Asset Inspection and Mapping using Drone Technology.

Sl. No.	Validity		Scope of approval
	From	To	
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1	09/04/2021	08/04/2022	Data Acquisition for Asset Inspection and Mapping using Drone technology.

Conditions:

1. Exemption from Ministry of Civil Aviation must be obtained from UAS 2021 before operation.
2. Operating restrictions must be adhered to as stipulated in extant Govt. regulations.
3. Compliance of conditions on the permissions or exemptions from various agencies such as MOCA/DGCA/MOD/MHA/AAI/State/District/Civic Authorities. Third Party Insurance shall be in place before operations.
4. Adherence to SOP, however these may change, for any unavoidable conditions if arises which may be recorded in writing.
5. M/s Cairn oil & gas, Vedanta Limited and M/s Detect Technologies Private Limited, shall be responsible for safe operation and legal issue if any on account of any damage occurred to any person or property.
6. DGCA & MOCA shall not be liable for any direct, indirect, incidental or consequential loss or damage to any life/property arising from or related to this activity.
7. This SOP shall be valid exclusively for M/s Cairn Vedanta Limited & Detect Technologies for Data Acquisition for Asset Inspection and Mapping using Drone technology.
8. The above approval is without prejudice to the compliance of the provisions of extant Rules, Applicable Civil Aviation Requirements (CAR) and various Circulars issued by DGCA from time to time. Further if at any time during the aforesaid validity of this approval any violations found then this approval may be altered, suspended or cancelled without giving any reasons thereof..

This issues with the approval of Competent Authority.

Yours Sincerely,

(R.P.Kashyap)

Director Operations -Drone Directorate
For Director General of Civil Aviation

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- 1.) PS to Director General of Civil Aviation
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