Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site for the diversion of 1.329ha. for laying of Jio digital fiber underground OFC cable in the forest area along the right of way of NH-66, SH27 and PWD road side which passes through wildlife area viz. Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Kudremukh National Park in madamakki — Nadusala, Mudradi — Varanga and Keravase — Kalasa of Kudremukha Division in Chikkamangaluru district and Udupi district by DGM SEO, No.51, RMZ Icon, Palace Cross Road, Vasanth Nagar, Bangalore on 05-08-2022.

The proposed forest land for laying of underground OFC is in dense evergreen forest area with a canopy density of 1.00 and falls in the Eco class-1. The area falls in villages which are mentioned in Kasthuri Rangan committee report on ecological sensitive areas of Western Ghats.

The required linear project area applied under forest (Conservation) Act runs in three patches all along the road as mentioned in the Site inspection report of the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Kudremukha Wildlife Division, Karkala.

As per User Agency report No trees will be cut and also the alignment is close to the existing limit of the roads. The area does not contain any protected archaeological / heritage site and it is not marked area for defense establishment. Further, the area does not harm national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve and tiger reserve and there is no perceived threat to wildlife due to the project.

Hence, the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act 1980 with recommendation of the diversion of **1.329ha**. for laying of Jio digital fiber underground OFC cable in the forest area along the right of way of NH-66, SH-27 and PWD road side which passes through wildlife area viz. Someshwara Wildlife Sanctuary and Kudremukh National Park. The User Agency shall ensure due care is given to keep all possible impact or disturbance during the installation phase as minimal as possible and also UA need to follow the conditions mentioned in the similar Proposal No:FP/KA/OFC/149526/2021 in view to protect the forest area and wildlife during and after the execution of the project.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Mangaluru Circle, Mangaluru.

Date: 06.08.2022 Place: Mangalore