## <u>CERTIFICATE REGARDING SUITABILITY OF AREA IDENTIFIED FOR COMPENSATORY</u> <u>AFFORESTATION (CA) AND FROM MANAGEMENT POINT OF VIEW</u>

This is to certify that an area double of 2.57 ha (2 x 2.57 = 5.14 ha) of degraded forest lands identified (enclosed in Annex. II) are suitable for raising of Compensatory Afforestation (CA) of trees species (enclosed in Annex. IV) in connection with the Construction of 122m span Steel Superstructure Bridge at km 189.80 over River Makru on Imphal – Jiribam road section on NH-37 under EPC mode) under Jiribam Forest Division, Jiribam of Manipur State. Part of the forest area falls under Sub-Tropical Moist Mixed Deciduous Forest. The crown density is about 20%.

No suitable alternative non-forest land other than the proposed site could be found available for the purpose. Also, the identified CA patch can be managed effectively with due advantage of short distance from the villages which will be the main source of labour for the Compensatory Afforestation activities. Hence, the area identified is best suited to take up Compensatory Afforestation.

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