

Certificate for minimum use of forest land to be submitted by User Agency, giving details of area and trees involved in the alternative examined and reasons for their rejection duly countersigned by DFO (in prescribed format).

This is to certify that the forest area involved in the proposal is unavoidable and barest minimum forest area i.e. **2.0234 Ha. (Jharsuguda Forest Division Area: 1.6578 Ha. & Sambalpur Forest Division: 0.3656 Ha.)** area is proposed for diversion in Jharsuguda & Sambalpur District of Odisha State.

The proposed pipeline will be crossing Revenue forest along (Uriapali, Muradipali, Paikpada, Parmanpur, Sreepura, Tumbkela, Badmal, Lahandabuda, Hansamura Katapali, Brajarajnagar town Unit No-2, Brajarajnagar town Unit No-3, Junanimunda, Amdarha, Chualiberna & Belpahar) of Laikera, Kolabira, Jharsuguda & Lakhanpur tahsils respectively of Jharsuguda district & 2 villages (Gumakarama & Khariapali) of Rengali tahsils of Sambalpur district in the state of Odisha to supply Natural Gas to Aditya Birla Plant & Tata Refractories Limited. As this is the most feasible route to connect both ABPL & TRL spur lines part of Jagdishpur-Haldia-Bokaro-Dhamra Gas Pipeline project, crossing of the forest area is unavoidable and this is the minimum forest requirement for the project.

The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 and Forest (Conservation) Rules, 2003 have been taken in to consideration during route finalization. And due care has been taken that minimal involvement of any type of forest exists.

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Countersigned

**Divisional Forest Officer (DFO),
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