## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The proposal of the project is to provide better road accessibility for IMAGE - CBWTF Plant (Common Biomedical Waste Treatment Facility) to cater the need of more than Three hundred of workers in our IMAGE Plant. In this proposal the road will be paved using pavement blocks (tiles) throughout the 1.1 Km distance; this will not affect any problems to the forest greenery. The entire Bio-Medical waste generated in the state of Kerala is managed by IMAGE (IMA goes Eco-friendly) initiative of IMA Kerala State Branch. The biomedical waste segregated at source is collected, transported and scientifically treated by IMAGE as per the rules and regulations stipulated by the biomedical waste Management rules 2016. On an average, about 40 tones of biomedical waste reaches the IMAGE plant daily, of which 20 tones are Incinerable waste (Collected in yellow bags), 14 tones are Autoclave waste (collected in red bags), 5 tones are glassware & metals, 1 ton is sharps. These 40 tons of biomedical waste is collected from all 14830 Health care centers across the state of Kerala within 24 hours of its generation. Currently the appr4oach road to IMAGE CBWTF is through 1.1 kilometer (Forest - area from Anakkal road to Image Plant) is in a very dilapidated condition with lots of potholes and big rubbles which made it impossible for transport our Collection vehicles reaching our plant everyday and also staff transporting vehicles, Ambulance are running through this road. Hence there is no other way to approach our plant from using the forest land. It is to certify that there is no alternative suitable non forest land is available for the construction of the approach road to the IMAGE Plant so the use of forest land for the project is unavoidable.

Date : 22/11/2019

Place : Kanjikode

Signature of the User Department

Authorised Signatory