Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Manipur for the project "Diversion of 0.99 Ha forest land at Nongmaiching Hill for construction of a 50 bedded integrated AYUSH Hospital and Homeopathy Medical Collage at Keirao Awaching.

The proposed diversion of 0.99 ha forest area was inspected by the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division on 6th May 2019 and found that the proposed site is situated at the Nongmaiching Hills which had set aside as a private property during the time of notification of the Nongmaiching Reserved Forest.

Density is about 5% and Forest Type is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-Class 1 in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court passed in WP (C) No. 202/1995. *Quercus serrata* , *Schima wallichii* (Usoi), *Pinus khasiana* (Uchan) etc are main species found in the adjoining forest area.

The site does not form any part of Protected Area Network I,e National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve or Community Reserve. Barking deer is commonly reported to have been found in the area. As the proposed diversion site is located at the periphery/boundary of the RF, the diversion is not likely to affect animals' movement in the RF.

As the proposed area for diversion is small in size and is situated in the lower reaches of the hill, the proposed diversion is not likely to cause imminent soil erosion if the surface area is plugged properly with vegetative soil conservation techniques such as growing right species of grasses and other plants in the hospital premises.

The User Agency has violated rule No. 33 of the Manipur Forest Rules and Section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act, 1980 by extracting hill earth from the area and initiating constructions. The Range Forest Officer, Nongmaiching had initiated action and halted the construction.

Imphal, the 6th May 2019

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