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CCF's SITE INSPECTION REPORT DATED 05/12/20 ON PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF FOREST LAND FOR MARIPUZHA HYDRO ELECTRIC PROJECT SUBMITTED BY KSEBL

The site for diversion of forest land for Maripuzha hydroelectric project was inspected by me on 05/12/2020 along with DFO Kozhikode and staffs from forest department and KSEBL. The site required is in 3 bits along the Iruvazhanji River. Details of the bits are as below:

Bit 1: The area of this bit is 1.6163 Ha. The bit has riparian forests (semi evergreen) along the stream boundaries. The density of vegetation is of dense category. The Forest land is part of Vested Forests VFC item No. 28 and part of survey No. 163/9 of Nellipoil village. The site is unavoidable for the project.

Bit 2: The area of this bit is 0.0483 Ha. The forest patch (semi evergreen) is of moderate dense category. The Forest land is part of Vested Forests VFC item No. 28 and part of survey No. 163/9 of Nellipoil village. The site is unavoidable for the project.

Bit 3: The area of this bit is 0.3154 Ha. The forest patch (evergreen) is of very dense category. The Forest land is part of Vested Forests VFC item No. 28 and part of survey No. 163/9 of Nellipoil village. The site is unavoidable for the project.

Total area required for diversion is 1.98 Ha and is bare minimum for the project and is unavoidable. Compensatory Afforestation over equal extent of degraded forest land will be undertaken at the cost of User Agency and equal extent of non-forest land will be transferred and mutated in favour of Forest Department for declaration as Reserve Forest. This will suffice the compensation principle of "land for land" and "tree for tree".

The forest patches are in close vicinity of settlements and at a distance of 10 Km from Edathara Section Forest Office. Hence, a patrolling vehicle is required by the office for ensuring protection which may be provided by the User Agency at project cost.

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