SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KANGPOKPI FOREST DIVISION, KANGPOKPI ON THE PROPOSAL FOR DIVERSION OF 20.565 HA OF FOREST LAND FOR IMPROVEMENT (CONSTRUCTION) & UP-GRADATION OF EXISTING TO 4-LANE WITH PAVED SHOULDERS OF IMPHAL- KOHIMA SECTION OF NH-39(NEW NH-02) FROM KURAOPOKPI TO NILKHUTHI IN THE STATE OF MANIPUR BY NHIDCL

The site inspection for the diversion of 20.565 ha of forest land for improvement (Construction) & Up- gradation of existing to 4- Lane with paved shoulders of Imphal-Kohima Section of NH- 39 (New NH- 02) from Kuraopokpi to Nilkhuthi in Kangpokpi District was conducted on 12/02/2021 by the Forest Officials of Kangpokpi Forest Division. During the inspection, the proposed area for diversion of the project is 20.565 Ha.of unclassed forests under the Division and the mentioned area is outside Reserved Forest.

It passes through the Unclassed Forests under Motbung Range and is moderately gentle to steep slopes. The soil is red loamy to clayey. The forest type of the proposed area falls under 8B/C1 East Himalayan Subtropical Wet Hill Forests. The main species found in the area are Bischofia javanica, Quercus serreta, Castanopsis hytrix, Schimma wallichii, Alnus nepalenis, Bauhinia purpurea, Albizia stipulate, Litsea Polyantha, Ficus auriculata, Pinus kesia, Melia composite, Bambusa natans, Melocanna bambusoides.

Compensatory Afforestation for the project would be undertaken at P. Moulding Centre (42 Ha) at Compartment No 2 of Kangchup Block under Motbung Range. The site is suitable for the said afforestation.

There is no presence or record of any rare/ endangered /unique species of flora and fauna found in the area. Further, there is no protected archaeological/ heritage site/ defence establishment or any other monument located in the area.

The requirement of forest land as proposed by the User Agency is unavoidable and barest minimum for the project.

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Place: Kangpokpi, Manipur.

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