## JUSTIFICATION FOR SELECTING THE FINAL ROUTE OF OPTICAL FIBER

Of all the four route options (Annexure - xxxxx Map D (ii) a 3 nos alternate route), the final route for laying of optical fibre from Duliajan to Digboi is justified from the environmentally friendly perspective since the route falls within the right-of-way of the exiting road, there are no diversion of forest land, not a single tree will be felled, minimal above ground disturbance through trenchless minimal pit digging adopting horizontal directional drilling method. The pit size will be of 0.5m X 0.5m along the ROW. The depth of the pit will be 1.2 m. The project would bring greater telecom connectivity to the region.

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