

No. RK/FCA/764-765
Forest Department, Himachal Pradesh

Dated J/Nagar, the/ 4-5-2026

From: DFO Joginder Nagar

To: (1) CCF Mandi
(2) The Nodal Officer (FCA),
O/o Pr.CCF, Talland, Shimla-02.

Subject: Diversion of 4.9069 ha. of forest land in favour of M/s Cliff Finvest Private Limited 1-41 DFL Industrial area Phase-I Faridabad, Haryana 121003, for the construction 5.00 MW of **Thaltukhod state-I, SHEP** within the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division, Distt. Mandi H.P.
Online Proposal No. : FP/HP/HYD/25572/2017

Memo;

Kindly refer to the observations/EDS raised by the Dy. Inspector General of Forests (Central) vide letter dated 21.02.2026. The point-wise reply/compliance to the said observations is furnished below for kind consideration:-


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1.	In reference to Observation No.4 , it is noted that, as per DSS, The DGPS map of the KML needs to be revised. The DGPS map uploaded by the State Government does not indicate the latitude and longitude of the proposed components. In this regard, the State Government is requested to upload the revised DGPS map and ensure that the latitude and longitude of all proposed components are clearly marked in accordance with the corresponding KML file.	The Project Proponent has submitted the revised DGPS map along with the updated KML files. The latitude and longitude of all proposed components have been clearly marked in accordance with the corresponding KML files. The revised documents have been duly uploaded on the portal for verification.
2.	In reference to Observation No.5 , As per the DSS analysis following clarification needs to be submitted as below: I. out of total area of 10 ha, approximately 1 ha falls under the Very Dense Forest (VDF) category and about 5 ha falls under the moderately Dense Forest (MDF) category.	The reply to the observations raised vide corresponding points is furnished as under:- 1. As submitted earlier with regard to this observation, it is reiterated that, as a corrective measure, the earlier selected Compensatory Afforestation (CA) site has been changed/replaced with an area of comparatively least vegetation density within the same extent/area. It is further submitted that the earlier site contains abundant barberry shrubs and bushes, due to which, in DSS analysis, portions of the area appear under Very Dense Forest (VDF) and

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	<p>II. Further, it has been observed that the DGPS map uploaded at S.No. 13 (iii) in Part-II pertains to the proposed project site instead of the revised CA site. Accordingly, the State Government may be requested to upload the revised DGPS map of the CA site.</p>	<p>Moderately Dense Forest (MDF) categories. Accordingly, the site has been revised to avoid such concerns.</p> <p>II. DGPS map of actual CA site has been uploaded at S.No. 13 (iii) in Part-II.</p>
<p>3.</p>	<p>Further, clarification is required from the State Government in light of the Nodal Officer's letter and the site suitability Certificate, as the following discrepancies/shortcomings have been observed:-</p> <p>I. The State Government may clarify whether the revised CA site pertains to UPF Bharahatu or DPF Bharahatu.</p> <p>II. As per the Site Suitability Certificate, justification has been provided for UPF Bharahatu; however, it is also stated that DPF Bharahatu is suitable for CA as it contains scattered trees. This requires clear and unambiguous clarification.</p> <p>III. The revenue records submitted pertain to DPF Bharahatu.</p> <p>IV. However, as per the CA scheme and the details furnished at S. No. 13(i), pertains to of UPF Bharahatu.</p>	<p>1. It is submitted that proposed CA site situated at UPF Barahtu.</p> <p>II. It is submitted that the CA site is situated in UPF Barahtu and it has been metioned as DPF Barahtu inadvertently. The CA site is suitable for carrying out plantation. Site Suitability Certificate amended accordingly and re-uploaded.</p> <p>III. As per approved working plan the latest selected CA site situated in UPF Barahtu only, the discrepancy in particulars with respect to revenue records appears to have arisen due to an inadvertent oversight, possibly on account of reference having been made to revenue papers pertaining to the previously identified CA site, which may have led to such discrepancy.</p> <p>IV. As submitted above, the CA site is located in UPF Barahtu. As such the name of CA site is correct in CA Scheme.</p>

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4.	<p>It has been examined that under Part-II, S. No. 13, four documents pertaining to tree enumeration have been uploaded, as detailed below:</p> <p>I, S. No. 13 (8), Part-II: List of trees proposed to be felled - 136 trees</p> <p>II. S. No. 13 (9), Part-II: List of trees not to be felled - 82 trees</p> <p>III. S. No. 13 (10), Part-II: Trees located in the muck duming site - 23 trees</p> <p>However, as per the total enumeration list uploaded at S.No. 13(11) and S. No. 4 (i), Part-II, the total number of trees proposed for felling is indicated as 241 trees, which does not align with the above details. In this regards, State Govt. needs to mention the exact number of trees proposed for felling within the Diversion Area (DA), and updated the S. No. 4 (i), Part-II, accordingly.</p>	<p>I. It is correct that total 136 trees proposed to be felled. Accordingly necessary correction have been made in Part-II.</p> <p>II. It is correct that total 82 trees NOT to be felled.</p> <p>III. It is submitted that total 23 trees located in the muck dumping site NOT to be felled.</p> <p>It is submitted that the total number of trees proposed to be felled is 136 only. The remaining 82 trees within the diversion area and 23 trees falling in the muck dumping site are NOT proposed to be felled. The figure of 241 trees reflected in Part-II appears to have been indicated due to an inadvertent oversight, as the said figure represents the total enumerated trees and not the actual trees proposed for felling. Necessary correction in respect of trees to be felled have been made in Part-II.</p>
5.	<p>The State Government needs to submit an undertaking to the effect that no green standing trees shall be felled at the identified dumping sites. It is also ensure that adequate protection measures and scientifically sound conservation practices are adopted to safeguard and preserve the existing tree cover at such site.</p>	<p>As per the undertaking submitted by the project proponent, no green standing trees shall be felled at the identified dumping sites. The project proponent will ensure the implementation of adequate safeguard measures and scientifically sound conservation practices to protect and preserve the existing tree cover at these sites. Copy of under taking uploaded at Additional Information section of Part-II.</p>

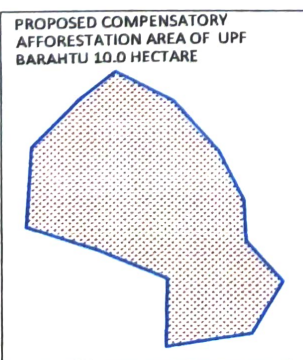
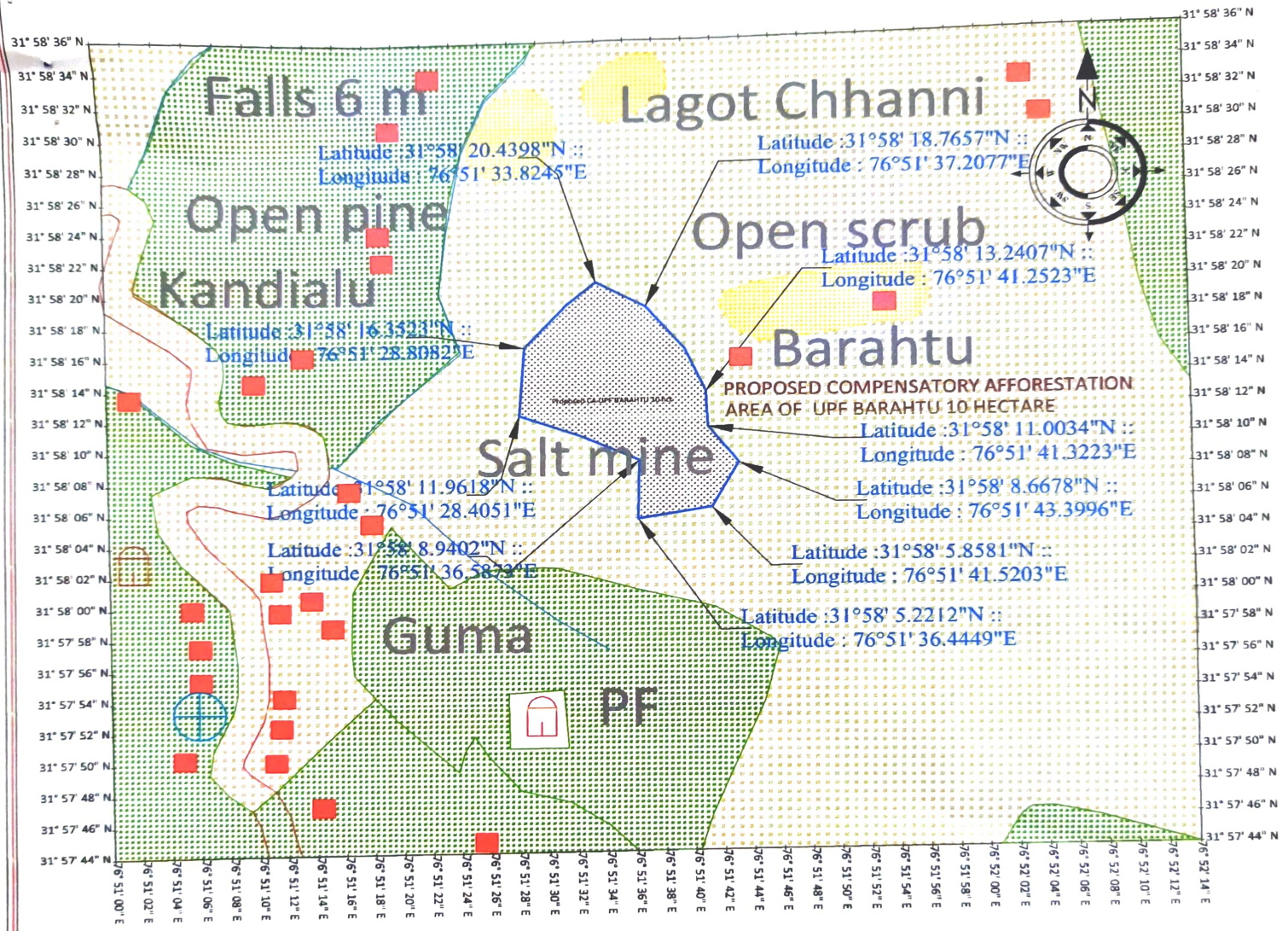
It is, therefore, requested that necessary Stage-I approval for diversion of the above forest land may kindly be obtained from the competent authority.

Encl. As above.

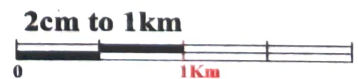

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**LAND USE MAP FOR PROPOSED COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION AREA OF UPF BARAHTU 10 HECTARE FOR THALTUKHOD STAGE-I HEP (5.00 MW)
Village -Thaltukhod, Tehil-Padhar Distt.-Mandi (Himachal Pradesh)**

PROMOTER:- M/S CLIFF FINVEST PRIVATE LIMITED



- Forest Land
- Grass, Scrub
- Waste Land
- Private Land
- Footpath/ Road
- Khad
- Building/House



SOI Toposheet Scale 1:50,000
Sheet No.53 A/13

For Cliff Finvest Pvt. Ltd.
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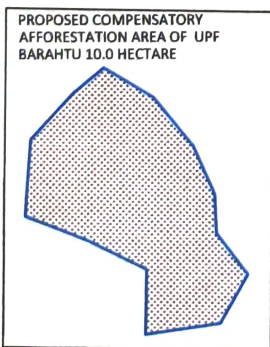
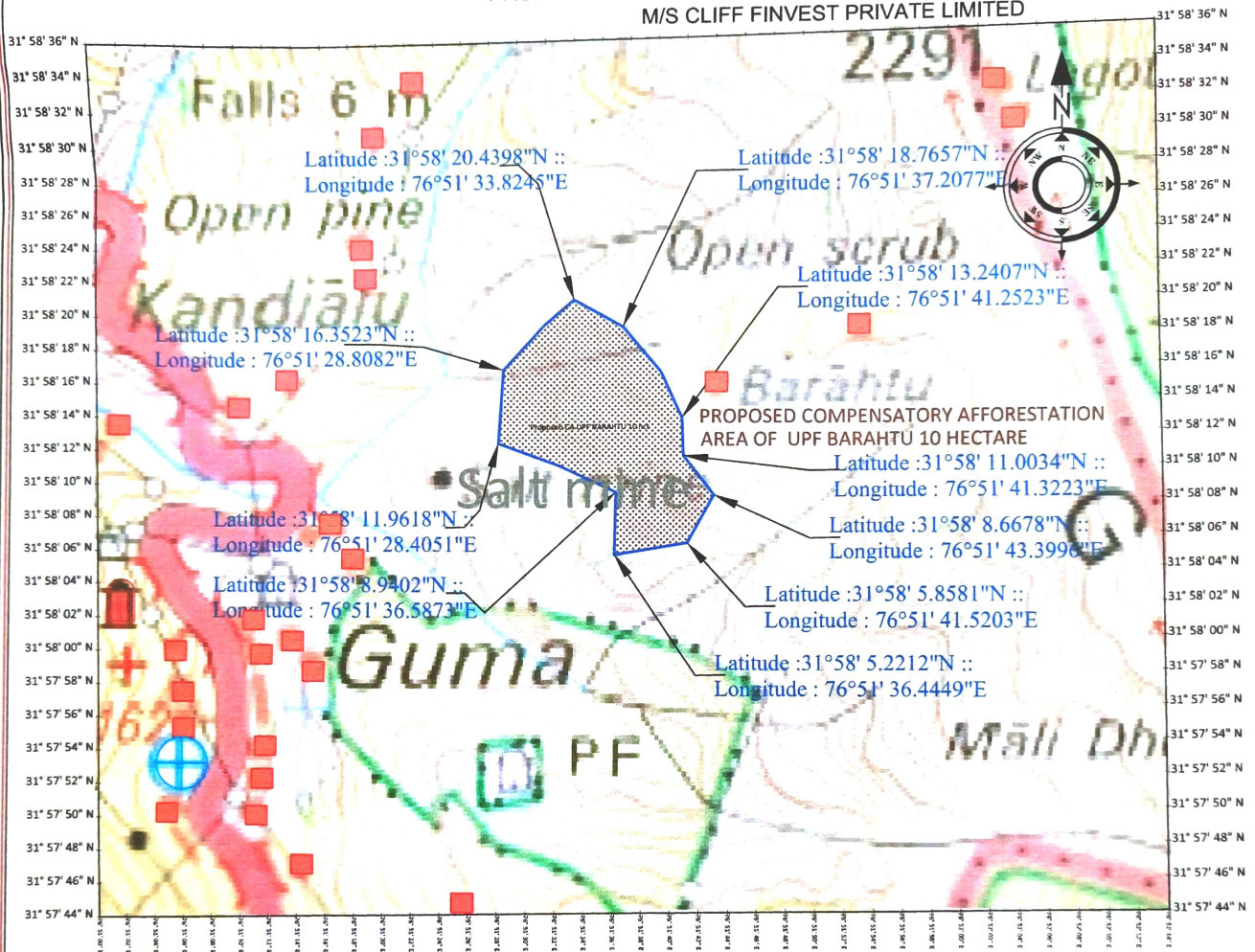
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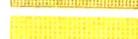
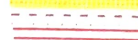



DIGITAL/ SOI TOPOSHEET MAP FOR PROPOSED COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION AREA OF UPF BARAHTU 10 HECTARE FOR THALTUKHOD STAGE-I HEP (5.00 MW)

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2cm to 1km



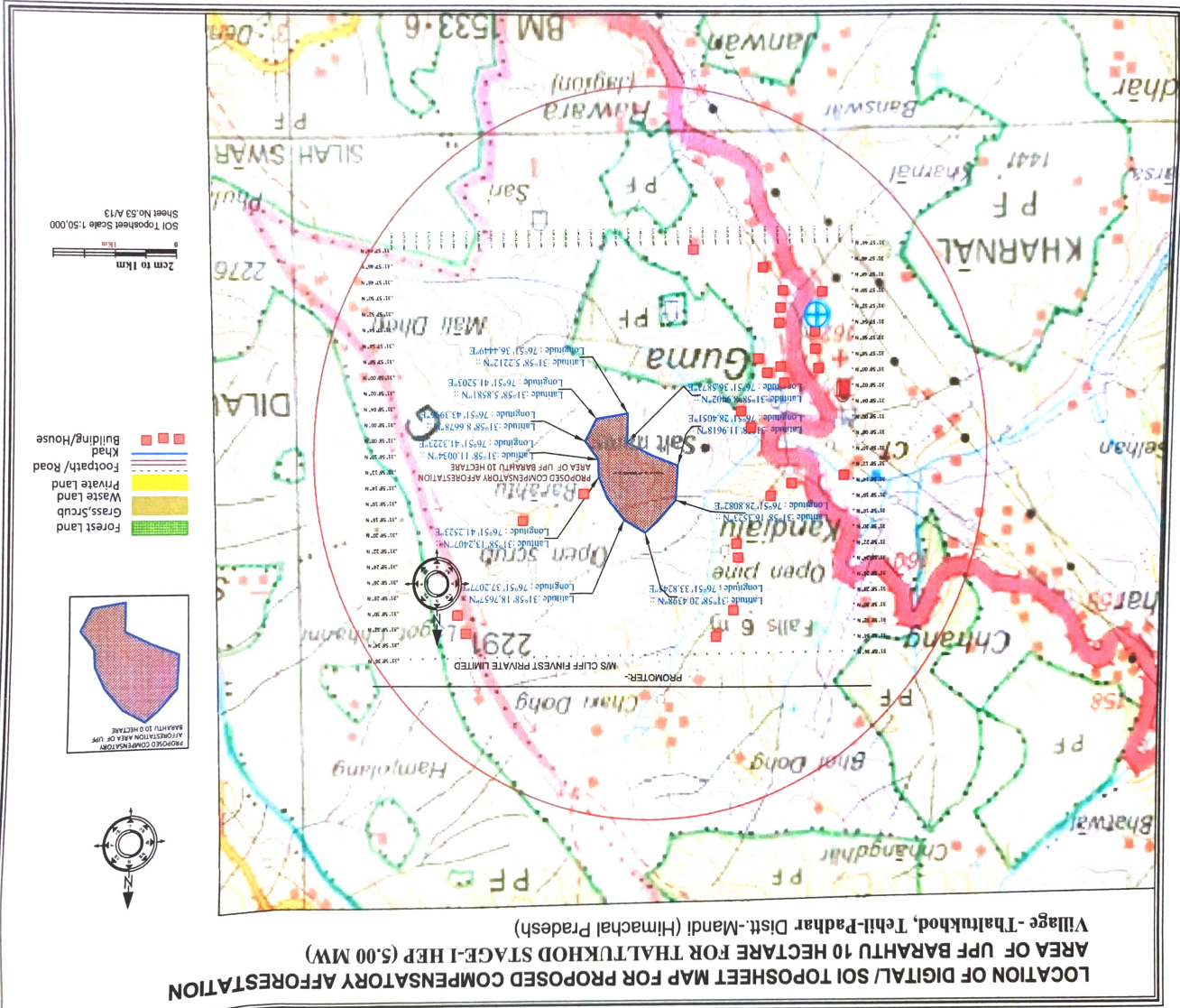
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LOCATION OF DIGITAL/ SOI TOPOSHEET MAP FOR PROPOSED AFFORESTATION AREA OF UPF BARAHTU 10 HECTARE FOR THALTUKHOD STAGE-I HEP (5.00 MW) Village - Thaltukhod, Tehsil-Padhar Dist.-Mandi (Himachal Pradesh)



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Joginder Nagar Forest Division
Joginder Nagar (H.P.)

Full Title of the project : Diversion of 4.9069 Forest Land in favour of Cliff Finvest Pvt. Ltd. for the construction of Thaltukhod Stage-1 HEP (5.00 MW) with in the jurisdiction of Joginder Nagar Forest Division Distt. Mandi, HP.

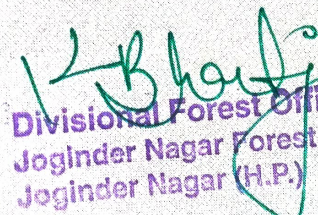
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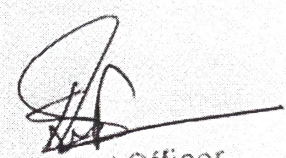
"LAND SUITABILITY CERTIFICATE BY THE DFO CONCERNED"

This is to certify that 10.00 ha. land bearing Survey No. 53 A/13, UPF Bharahatu, Forest Beat Silhswar, Forest Block Urla, Forest Range Urla, Tehsil Padhar, District Mandi HP is identified for Compensatory Afforestation is suitable for undertaking plantation from management point of view and is free from all sorts of encumbrances and encroachments.

Place : Urla

Date : 30/07/2024


Divisional Forest Officer
Joginder Nagar Forest Division
Joginder Nagar (H.P.)


Range Forest Officer
Forest Range Urla
Official Seal
Urla, Distt. Mandi (H.P.)

Full Title of the Project : Thatukhod Stage-I Hydro Electric Project 5.00 MW
File No. : SW/79579/2018
Date of Proposal : 20.09.2018

CERTIFICATE REGARDING DENSITY OF COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION

This is to certify that Compensatory Afforestation area to the extent of 10 Ha. falls in UPF Bharahatu, Urla Block, Urla Range re-inspected by filed functionary i.e. RFO Urla along with User Agency on 04.10.2024 in compliance to observation made by Nodal Officer viz. *"As per DSS analysis, out of the 10 ha. proposed CA area, 1.54 falls in Very Dense forest and 4.1 ha. falls under MDF, same may be reviewed and rectified/replaced with the other CA area with density less than 0.4."* whereas it is found that there exists Barberries shrubs and bushes abundantly in the selected CA site due to which in DSS analysis it appears very dense & MDF in some parts. However, the selected CA land in UPF Bharahatu have scattered trees and degraded forest land, which is suitable and fit for plantation.

Date: 04.10.2014

Place: Urla

User Agency

Range Forest Officer
Forest Range Urla


C/S by DFO


Divisional Forest Officer
Joginder Nagar Forest Division
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UNDERTAKING

We Cliff Finvest Pvt. Ltd. solemnly undertake that no green standing trees shall be felled at the identified dumping sites and have ensured that adequate safeguards and scientifically sound conservation practices will be adopted to protect and preserve the existing tree cover at such sites.

For Cliff Finvest Pvt. Ltd.

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