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10th September 2015

To,
The Divisional Forest Officer,
Darjeeling Forest Division,
Darjeeling.

Sub: Diversion of 0.883 ha of Forest land in favour of Damodar Darjeeling Himalayan Rides Pvt. Ltd. for construction of Passenger Ropeway from Rock Garden to Batasia under Darjeeling Forest Division,

Dear Sir,

With reference to the letter no. 5-WBB086/2015-BHU Dated 30th June 2015 after the visit of the Addl. PCCF (Central), MoEF&CC the Clarification of selecting the present alignment with reason as desired by him is being with you.

We have attached one map showing there 3(three) nos. alignment for the proposed project. The alignments are numbered as 1, 2 & 3.

We have selected the alignment no. 2 as suitable in all aspects. Firstly there is no residence under it. Secondly our motto is to connect the villagers surrounding the Lower Terminal Station to the National Highway nearer to the T.B. Hospital. There is no High Tension line under this alignment and this is the shortest length causing least requirement of Forest land to convert.

For the other two alignments, the alignment no. 1 has been discarded due to the reason that the Upper Terminal Station has to be made in a densely populated area which would be a great problem to the local residents. Again we have to put no. of Towers in between the Stations. But there are buildings, Hotels and High Tension Line of Electricity under this alignment. This project is for making an alternative way of travel for the residents of the villages near to the Lower Terminal Station to the National Highway. So we don't want to make any disturbance to others.

Again for alignment no. 3 we found three/four very crucial problems there. Firstly the area for the Upper Station as selected is under sinking zone. Secondly we were very much interested to make the Upper Station in between Batasia Loop to T.B. Hospital. Thirdly due to the Tourists coming to see Batasia Loop usually park the vehicles by the side of the road. If our Upper Station would be at that Place congestion would be more. Again for this alignment more Forest Land would be required to convert for non-forest purpose. Hence we discarded the Alignment no. 3.

Hope our selection of alignment would be justified to the MoEF&CC.

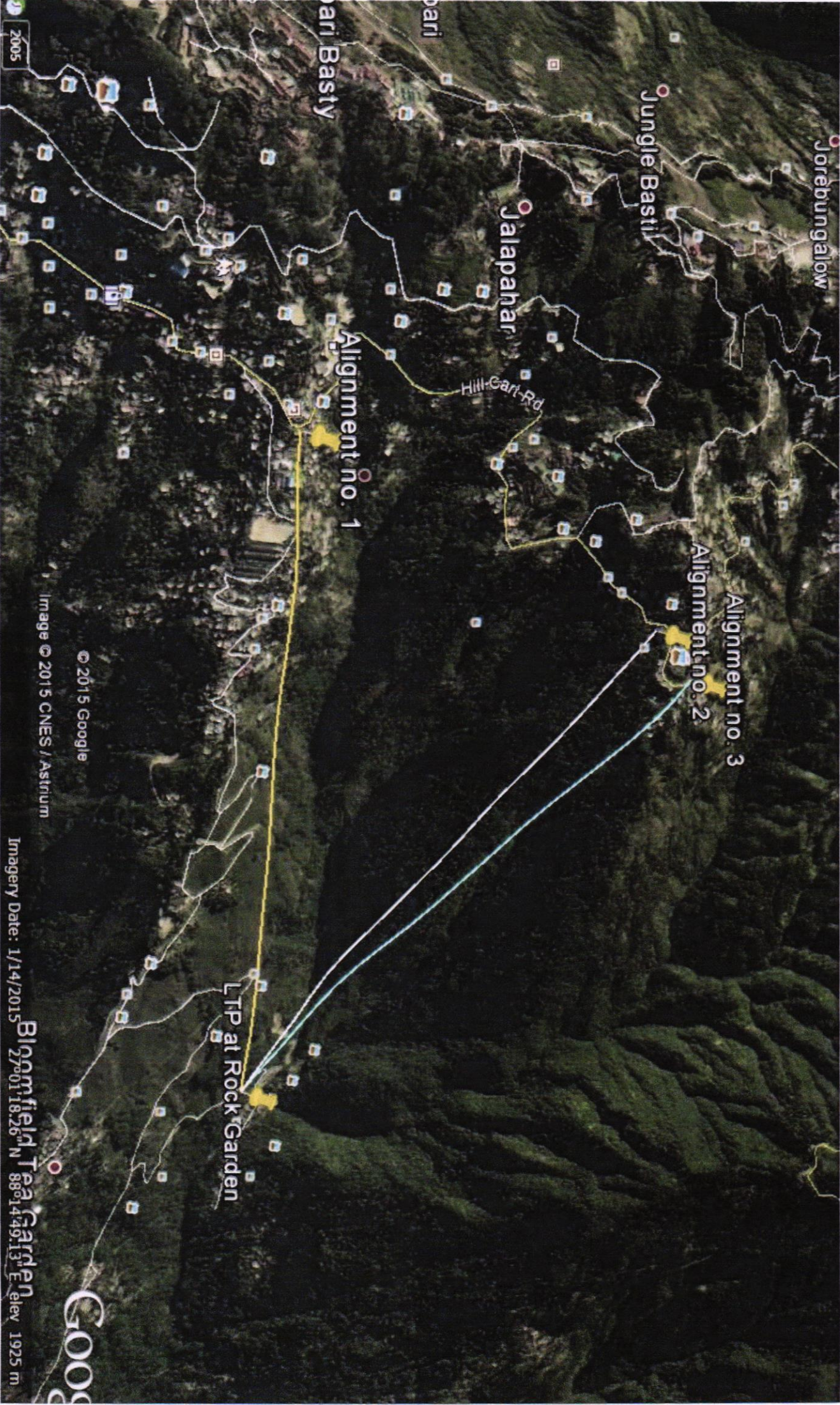
Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

For **Damodar Darjeeling Himalayan Rides Pvt. Ltd.**


(K.P. Banerjee.)

Director



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Bloomfield Tea Garden
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