<u>Justification for locating the project in forest area to be submitted by User</u> <u>Agency and countersigned by DCF.</u>

Government of Gujarat has to plan to Develop Northern Area of Kutch as The Renewable Energy Power Hub. Number's of Private Bodies are starting their work for developing of Solar Park in Rann of Kachchh and surrounded area. And In This Area Large Number of Industries unit also worked. This is mainly related to Salt and Bromine Production. This Area produce India's highest amount of Bromine. Due to the increasing demand of the electricity to the surrounding area and for the Future aspect to handle large amount of power which will be generate due to the Renewable Energy sources, it is necessary to Established Substation in this region for Power Strengthening. Gujarat Energy Transmission Corporation Limited has to survey all the land nearby to this region and after the observing all the Technical Aspect GETCO has selected this land for establishment of the 66 KV substation.

During site selection all possible efforts are made to avoid the forest area involvement completely or to keep it to the barest minimum. The site should be near the load center keeping in view the future load growth. After the Consideration of all the Technical points GETCO has selected land of Village: Bhirandiyara, Which is showed in Annexure: 32 for the Our Proposed Substation and and Construction of Overhead Transmission line. All the area of Banni is declared as the forest, proposed forest area 2.6 Ha (0.487 Ha for Proposed main premises of substation, 0.0725 Ha Proposed Approachroad for the substation and 2.013 Ha for the Construction of Overhead Transmission line.) is unavoidable and barest minimum.

Authorized Signatory

Executive Engineer (Const)