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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA TO BE SUBMITTED BY USER AGENCY

The project road is passing through Junagadh district of Gujarat state. The project road SH-109 starts point Km 07/500 end point km 33/550 section of Junagadh-Bhesan road & Km 00/200 to km 07/000 of section of Bhesan-Parab vavdi Road. The project road development will aim at widening and strengthening the Bridge & Road and journey speed and reducing congestion and accident on the highway. The option of both side widening considered for improvement project so as to utilize the existing right of way *(ROW) as far as possible. In both side almost care was taken to minimize the impact on the natural environment including forest.

Sr. No.	Features	Details
1.	Existing Chainage from Km 07/500 end point km 33/550 section of Junagadh-Bhesan road & Km 00/200 to km 07/000 of section of Bhesan- Parab vavdi Road	The project road development will aim at widening and strengthening the Bridge & Road and journey speed and reducing congestion and accident on the highway
2	Improvement	widening and strengthening of Road
3	District	Junagadh
4	Taluka	Junagadh & Bhesan

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ANNEXURE - 10

CERTIFICATE FOR MINIMUM USE OF FOREST LAND AND JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT ON FOREST LAND

Certificate for Minimum Use of Forest Land

It is certified that the Protected/Reserved forest area to be diverted for non forestry purpose in this case is minimum and unavoidable due to need of Widening & Strengthening of Various Bridge on SH-109 (Junagadh-Bhesan & Bhesan-Parab vavdi Road) in Junagadh & Bhesan taluka. Forest area felling under Social Forestry Division-Gir Somnath forest division are 17.24525 Ha. of Protected forest land.

Justification for Area Selection

Road and Building Department, Government of Gujarat has decided to take up the development of Bridge on various SH stretches/corridors in the state where the intensity of traffic increases significantly and there is requirement of augmentation of capacity for safe and efficient movement of traffic.

The proposed project of widening and strengthening of Road of SH-109 road is essentially a highway widening project. Both side widening of existing Bridge & Road within existing right of way (ROW) of R & B Department are notified protected forest from existing Km 07/500 end point km 33/550 section of Junagadh-Bhesan road & Km 00/200 to km 07/000 of section of Bhesan-Parab vavdi Road by Gujarat Government. Protected forest area diversion is proposed to meet the minimum requirement of geometric design, parameters and safety aspects of highway. Therefore, area of protected forest land is proposed for the clearance.

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