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JUSTIFICATION FOR PROJECT DIVERTING FOREST LAND

Name of the Project: Reconstruction of two lane with paved shoulders from Ds.Ch.442+180 (Ex.Km 448.00) to Ds. Ch.485+240 (Ex. Km 494.00) of Huliyar to KB Cross section and from Km Ds. 532+100 (Ex.Km 533.150) to Ds.Ch.539+100 (Ex.Km 540.175) from KB Cross to Nelligere section of NH-150A in the state of Karnataka on EPC Mode.

The above project is sanctioned and funded by Ministry of road transport & Highways, (MORTH) Government of India. As such MORTH is the USER AGENCY. The state PWD, NH wing is the Agency responsible for implementing the above project on behalf of MORTH, Government of India.

In this a circular dated 18-8-2020 issued by MOEF, Government of India is enclosed herewith, which grants exemption from CA over degrade forest land if the user agency is MORTH.

Therefore in view of the above, the undertaking as required in PARIVESH portal is being submitted by NH Division, PWD, Government of Karnataka as the agency for implementation and the USER AGENCY is MORTH, Government of India.

Justification: The alignment follows the existing road to maximum extent and practices the IRC standard The alignment within forest area suits the topography and forest land diversion is the minimum required. Any other alternative chosen for the project shall involve acquisition of more private, government lands causing more environmental impacts.

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