## JUSTIFICATION

The proposal for seeking operation of stone quarry of 5.0 Ha. area namely "Bhairab Hill Stone Quarry within Bhairab Hill P.R.F. under Aie Valley Forest Division will enable to meet the huge demand of stone materials. There is no area outside the RF/ PRF in the District suitable for production of boulders/stone. Hence, the site is selected in Bhairab Hill P.R.F for the proposed Stone Quarry to extract quality boulders/stone for use/supply in the developmental activities of Govt./Semi Govt. and also private requirement of Bongaigaon District.

The proposed diversion of forest land is suitable for quarrying of stone only for which it is not useable for forestry purposes. The area is completely degraded, barren and having no endangered flora and fauna, so it will not have any impact on further deterioration of environment. There is no inhabitation of Scheduled Tribe or other Traditional Forest Dwellers in the proposed area.

Further, it is stated that although the project will affect the forest land, but it is quite unavoidable since no area outside the forest land is available in the Bongaigaon District. It is also to be stated that the area proposed for diversion is most suitable as it involved the minimum forest area.

In view of the above, it is justified for locating the project in the aforesaid forest area.

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