JUSTIFICATION

OF

LOCATING THE PROJECT THOUGH THE FOREST LAND

Indore- Budni new railway line is approx. 200 KMs railway line which is

proposed to connect Indore to Jabalpur. Construction of this track will

not only reduce the distance of rail travel by 80 KMs but will also connect

Kannod, Khategaon and Salkanpur area with rail head.

This area being rich in agricultural produce, will get immensely

benefitted due to rail connectivity. This will also pave way for opening

up of agro based industries and movement of POL by rail reducing

pressure on highway.

Please refer to the enclosed map on which proposed railway line has

been superimposed on Forest map of the area. It can be seen that there

is no alternative but to pass through the forest land for implementation

of the project.

Three alignment designs were developed on design criteria of the project

and critical examination was done of its effect on Forests being crossed.

In designing the alignment, due care has been taken to minimise the

forest land this is evidently clear from the enclosed map. The alignment

passes through 10 KMs long underground tunnel in the area marked "P"

in the map, further reducing the requirement of diversion of the forest

land for this alignment.

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