

**Proposal for the diversion of 0.18 ha. Protected Forest Land for Construction of Access/Approach Road to proposed Logistics Park along with Warehouses Project, underground water pipeline, Electricity cable and other ancillary works under old Survey No.98/1, new Gut No.239/4 of Village Kharivali tarf Paulbar,Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar, Maharashtra in favour of Shri. Nehalkumar Hasmukhrai Gandhi & Harsh N. Gandhi**

#### JUSTIFICATION

By the Project Authority

The proposed Logistics Park along with Warehouses Project is situated in Village Kharivali Tarf Paulbar, Tal.Wada District-Palghar. Wada Taluka is the most Industrialized Taluka in Palghar District. It is located 59 Kms. from Thane and towards North side of Mumbai-Surat Highway (NH-48). The location of proposed Project area is surrounded by Industrial areas. AS per Gol and GoM's policies, a logistic Hub will be established in the couple of years.

The areas, we owned are agricultural lands with cleared title and had purchased with an intension to develop these lands for Warehouse Project. The proposed Project is surrounded by agricultural land and adjacent to Protected Forest land. There is no access/ approach to the said Project area. And also as there no other suitable land available for approach to our property except from Forest land.

Therefore, we are submitting the proposal for obtaining the approval of MOEF & CC, Govt, of India for Diversion of 0.2805 Ha. Forest Land from Gut No. 239 Survey No.98/1 of Village Kharivali tarf Paulbar, Taluka Wada, Dist. Palghar for Construction of Access /Approach Road to the our property which is proposed for Warehousing Project including underground water pipeline, underground Electricity cable, & other ancillary activities.

We personally examine all possible alternatives for this purpose but there is no possible alternative non forest land available. Hence it is not possible to avoid the forest land, It is unavoidable.

To avoid Forest land or to use minimum of it if unavoidable, three different alignments were examined as under.

**Alignment No.1-** Firstly, we explore the alternative possibility from Private land also, It requires ha. (765.96 Mtr. X 30 Mtr.) of Private land. The proposed road will pass through Gut no 5, 40, 65, 39, 46 of Mauje Vasuri Ta. Wada and through gut No 243, and 247 of village Kharivali tarf Polbar . We reached to the owners of Mauje Vasuri, but they didn't agree to give their land for this purpose. Also they refuse to give their say in this regard. Also approximately 100 meters of this route is passing under the 440 KV high tension power line of Maharashtra Electricity Department. As the applicant will be transporting chemicals by 10 to 20 wheeler trailer trucks, there may be a major accident in future due to attraction between chemical trucks and high voltage electric current . also there is a possibility to road accident at the junction point of Gut no 65 and our property because of steep slop. Also, about 50 to 60 trees will have to be cut for this road. Another important thing is that for this road large filling will have to be done to build this road, resulting about 4 to 5 hectares of land belonging to the tribals of Kharivli village will be under water and will not be suitable for agriculture. So this alignment is not to be considered.

**Alignment No.2-** It requires 0.18ha.(93.5Mtr.x19 Mtr.)Protected Forest land & 1.62ha. ( 540.78Mtr. X 30Mtr.) Private land. and it is barren land with no trees. The design of access road is primarily based on IRC guidelines with respect to design speed radius of curves various site distance super elevation road safety, etc. its required minimum Forest land and also unavoidable. Hence this alignment is selected.

**Alignment No.3-** It requires 0.65ha. (343.6Mtr.X19 Mtr.)Protected Forest land & 0.69ha. (230.5Mtr.X30Mtr.) Private land. It required maximum Forest land. This alignment divides the forest in two parts. This area covered by number of trees. So, there is maximum damage of forest. Also this area is under possetion of number of ST families to whom this area is allotted under Forest Right Act. The road coming to this road first passes through Kharivli village. Presently the said road is with very short width and therefore the width of the road in the village will have to be increased resulting many tribal families will have to be displaced. Hence this alignment is not to be considered.



The alignment 1 and 3 are not feasible for the reasons mentioned above only alignment 2 is feasible because it requires minimum forest.

The proposal is being submitted to seek prior approval of the central Government under section 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for the Non Forest Use of 0.2805 ha. Of Protected Forest Land from Gut No.239/4 Survey No. 98/1 Village Kharivali, Tal. Wada, Dist. Palghar for the purpose of Access/Approach Road. So kindly request to sanction the proposal.

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Authorised signatory

Date: 30 / 09 /2022

Place: -Matunga, Mumbai.