SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CENTRAL FOREST CIRCLE, MANIPUR OF THE PROJECT AREA WHERE THE TOURISM DEPARTMENT, MANIPUR PLANS TO TAKE UP "DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATED MEGA TOURISM CIRCUIT FOR MARJING POLO-KAINA-KHEBACHING IN MANIPUR" (CONSTRUCTION OF WAR MEMORIAL AT KHEBACHING (KHONGJOM) }MADE ON 26<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2015

The Khongjom War Memorial Complex,Khebaching, where the Tourism Department,Manipur plans to develop the area as a part of the "Development of Integrated Mega Tourist Circuit for Marjing Polo-Kaina-Khebaching in Manipur" was inspected by me on 26<sup>TH</sup> May, 2015 at around 8.00 am along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Thoubal Forest Division, Manipur and his subordinate staffs.

The proposed site is located in Compartment It was observed during the field visit that the area proposed by the User Agency is the barest minimum required for the project considering all the technical aspects The forest area to be affected by the project is found to belong to unclass forest with an average vegetation density of 30% and covers an area of 0.98 Ha and located inside the Compt. No.34,35,36 &37 of Yairipok Forest Block under Thoubal Range. The area is observed to be moderately prone to erosion. The main species of the area are viz, Delonix regia, ,Acacia auriculiformes, Pinus kesya, Lagerstroemia speciciosa, Eucalyptus hybrid. There are no rare/endangered species of fauna in the area proposed for diversion Further, the area does not form part of any archeological/ heritage site. The forest land proposed for the project is found to be the barest minimum required for the present project and no other suitable site is available in the surrounding area of the project. The site does not form any part of the National Park/ Wildlife Sanctuary, Biosphere Reserve or part of any protected area. No protected archeological/ heritage site/defense establishment is located in the area.

No record of violations of the provisions of the FCA, 1980 committed by the User Agency is observed during the visit.

Imphal, the 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

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