SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, CENTRAL FOREST CIRCLE, MANIPUR ON THE PROPOSAL "DIVERSION OF 0.1318 HA FOREST AREA FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A RCC TUNNEL FOR CONVEYANCE OF WATER ALONG THE RIGHT MAIN CANAL OF DOLAITHABI PROJECT, MANIPUR" TO BE TAKEN UP BY THE IRRIGATION & FLOOD CONTROL DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT, MANIPUR MADE ON 12<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2015

The place where construction of the RCC tunnel for conveyance of water along the right main canal of Dolaithabi Project proposed to be taken up by the IFCD, Manipur was inspected by me along with the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Manipur , Range Forest Officer, Nongmaiching and his staff at 7.30 AM of 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 The proposed site is found to be located in the compartment No 7 of Sambei Block in Sambeipuram Reserved Forest under the Nongmaiching Range of Central Forest

Division. The compartment falls under the Plantation Working Circle, Fuel & Fodder Working Circlein the approved Working Plan of the Central Forest Division .

During the inspection, it was noticed that the area proposed for diversion is an open forest having an average vegetation density of 20%. The area is observed to be moderately prone to erosion as the terrain has gentle slope. The forest type of the area belongs to - Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests The main species of the area are - Oak(Quercus serrata), and Toon (Cedrela toona) with an average canopy density of 20%. The ground vegetation comprises of grasses ,ageratum ,eupatorium etc. There are no rare/endangered species of flora & fauna. in the area proposed for diversion except for the report of occurrence of Barking deer, Indian Rock Python, Pangolin etc. 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/defence establishment exist in the area. 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.

No act of violation of the FCA by the User Agency has been detected so far.

12<sup>th</sup> June, 2015 Place: Imphal

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