## SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS, VELLORE CIRCLE, VELLORE FOR THE DIVERSION OF 5.42 HA OF FOREST LAND IN MAHIMANDALAM RF IN VELLORE DIVISION

I have inspected the area proposed for diversion of 5.42 ha of forest land in Mahimandalam RF of Arcot Range in Vellore Division for forming of road of 4 lane from Bangalore to Chennai express way by National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) along with the District Forest Officer, Vellore and field staff concerned on 09.06.2016. The proposed area is lies in Mahimandalam RF. There are 1892 no.of spontaneous growth of indigenous species and 114 No.of Redsanders trees under plantation. The canopy density is less than 0.5. The general vegetation of the forest can be classified as Dry deciduous thorn forest (5A / DS1 of forest type as per Champion & Seth). The area is undulating and slope forming part of a hillock.

There are 1892 trees of spontaneous growth of various species as per the list furnished by District Forest Officer and 114 of Redsanders trees which has to be clear felled for the project. No wildlife was noticed during the inspection.

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