Site Inspection Report of the Divisional Forest Officer, Central Forest Division, Manipur for the project "Diversion of 0.27 Ha forest land at Chingkheiching Reserved Forests for construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station associated with 33 KV Line at Chingkheiching" by the Manipur State Power Company Ltd.

I, along with the RFO, Sawombung Range inspected the proposed site of 0.27 Ha for construction of 33/11 KV Sub-Station associated with 33 KV Line at Chingkheiching" by the Manipur State Power Company Ltd on the 29th December, 2016.

2. The proposed site is at the foothill of Chingkheiching Reserved Forest at the eastern boundary of the RF and bounded by Tinseed Road at the East and Chingkheiching RF at the South, West and North. It is located in Compartment No.4 of Lamlong Forest Block of Chingkheiching Reserved Forest under the Sawombung Range. The land is required for construction of towers, control room etc.

3. The proposed site has no vegetation except few saplings scattered here and there probably due to heavy biotic pressure. Density is about 5% and Forest type of the adjacent forest area is Tropical Moist Deciduous Forests which is classified as Eco-Class 1 in the order dated 28/3/2008 of the Hon'ble Supreme passed in WP(C) No.202/1995. Main species found in the adjoining forest area are Castanopsis hystrix (Sahi), Schima wallichii (Ushoi), Emblica officinalis (Heikru), Albizzia procera (Khok) etc.

4. The site does not form any part of Protected Area i.e. National Park, Wildlife Sanctuary, Conservation Reserve and Community Reserve. Pangolin, Barking deer etc are reported from the Reserved Forests. As the proposed site is located at the eastern corner of the Chingkheiching Reserved Forests, movement of the animals will be not be restricted by the project.

5. The area is not prone to erosion as the proposed area is more or less flat land at the foothill of Chingkheiching RF. As on date, no act for violation of Acts has been done by the User Agency.

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