## Site Inspection Report

I have inspected the proposed site Construction of 33/11 KV sub-station at Rajarampura - Sampaje Village in Sampaje Reserve forest in sullia taluk, Dakshina kannada district on 07-9-2017.

The area of 0.80 ha. that is proposed for diversion is located in Rajarampura-Sampaje village survey number 125/P of Sampaje reserve forest. This area is leased to KCDC. The site consists of mixed species like, *Acacia auriculiformis* (2 in numbers), *Tectona grandis* (2 in numbers), *Fagara budrungia* (1 in number) and Hevea *braziliensis* (88 in numbers). So the proposed site requires felling of 93 trees for this project. During my visit, no violation of forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 has been noticed. The area does not contain any protected archeological / heritage site and it is not marked area for defence establishment. Further, the area does not form national park, wildlife sanctuary, biosphere reserve, and tiger reserve or elephant corridor and there is no perceived threat to wildlife due to the project. Later, visited the area proposed for compensatory afforestation also. The proposed area of 0.80 ha (2 acre) is in sy. No. 102/1P2P1 and 102/1P2P2 of Ajjavara Village adjacent to Mandekolu reserve forest. The proposed compensatory afforestation area is degraded forest having a canopy density of less than 0.25 and is found suitable for NTFP Plantation.

The proposed site area required for diversion is only 0.80 ha. Which is bare minimum requirement for the project. Hence, in my opinion the proposal may be considered for clearance under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

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