<u>Justification for the locating the Project in the forest area.</u>

The approach road from Darjeeling City to the areas at Rock Garden is very narrow having much gradient. In addition there are many bends in that stretch of the road. Moreover, we have avoided the alignment over the densely populated area where we cannot put up Ropeway towers. In this Forest area there is no such construction of local people. Hence, there is no need of displacement of people for the project. The alignment we have considered is the shortest length effecting less no. of trees. This Infrastructural Development Project will greatly benefit the people of this area, resulting the increase in Tourist inflow and it will help in economic development of the area. The people of Rock Garden area, Rishihat area and that of surrounding areas always suffer from insufficiency of transport. This project will help them to come up to Hill Cart Road at ease with a nominal ticket fare.