Proposal for Permission to use Restored Private Forest Land i.e. Prior to 1980 for Non Forest Purpose of Survey Nos.69/2 A, 69/2 B, 69/3pt., 69/4, 69/5 A, 69/5 B, 69/6, 70/2 & 70/3 Area 10.685 ha. of Village Walshet, Tal. Shahapur, Dist. Thane

## **JUSTIFICATION**

Shahapur Taluka is the biggest Taluka in Thane District. The geographical formation throughout the Taluka belongs to ranges of Sahyadri. Shahapur is also known as "Supplier of water" as the major Dams constructed to supply of water to Mumbai Metropolitan city & other allied cities like Thane & Kalyan. Many of the Industrial Zone like Atgaon, Asangaon have also lying in this Taluka. The proposed land situated at Village Walshet, Taluka Shahapur, Dist. Thane bearing Survey Nos. 69/2 A, 69/2 B, 69/3pt., 69/4, 69/5 A, 69/5 B, 69/6, 70/2 & 70/3 admeasuring total 10.685 ha. belongs to us and in possession of our self.

The Collector, Thane started proceedings under Maharashtra Private Forests (Acquisition) Act, 1975, in respect of the said lands. Further, the Sub Divisional Officer, Bhiwandi Division, Bhiwandi had conducted an enquiry and proceedings and accordingly passed an order therein to the effect that the total lands 10.685 ha. of Survey No. 69/2/A, 69/2B, 69/3, 69/4, 69/5A, 69/5B, 69/6, 70/2 & 70/3 at village Walshet, Tal. Shahapur restored to our self. The proposed area which has been restored back to us is prior to 1980 i.e. before enactment of Forest Conservation Act, 1980.

Actually, we were unaware that the land being Restored Private Forest Land, as there was any record of forest-land not found in the Revenue Record. Also earlier the 7/12 extracts of the said property does not shows the Right of Forest Department but later on Revenue officials had recorded the Right of Forest Department in our 7/12 extracts as per the directive of Government of Maharashtra.

Now, with the intention of development of these lands, I am the signatory authority on behalf other land owners of the project area hereby submitting a proposal U/s. 2 of Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for getting Permission to use Restored Private Forest land for Non Forest purpose i.e. construction of Residential Project.

Being the question of providing alternative equaled Non Forest land and paying NPV against the Restored Private Forest land is not binding upon us. However, We, the Project Agency agrees to bear the cost of equaled Compensatory Afforestation on degraded Forest land elsewhere. Further, Project Authority undertakes / agreed to provide alternate Non Forest land and defray the cost of NPV if directed by GOI.

Therefore, it is humbly request to consider our proposal sympathically, positively and necessary co operation may also kindly be given for obtaining such permission from GOI.

Place: Shahapur

Date: / /2018

Project Authority

(Sumeet R. Bhalotia)