## JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The Bavdhan, a part of Pune City has developed at fast pace since last decade. In order to manage ever increasing volume of traffic, to ensure discipline and public safety in crowded Bavdhan Area, the existing DP Road from Pashan to NDA, is required to be widened & restructured considering present & future requirement of the traffic volume, according to standards prescribed by Indian Road Congress.

The Pune Municipal Corporation has accorded necessary permissions/approvals for widening of the existing road Pashan to NDA.

Since, the proposed road traverse through a patch of Forest Land, the project attracts provisions of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The project requires Forest Clearance i. e. prior approval under Section 2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 from the Central Government. The part of Forest Land admeasuring 0.45 Ha. is required to be diverted to enable widening of the entire stretch of the existing road and put it to its optimal use.

The project involves widening of the existing road which is passing through the Forest land. Hence, no alternative can be substituted for the existing alignment. The project is, therefore, the site specific. The Forest Land proposed for diversion is, thus, unavoidable. The barest minimum Forest Land, to the extent of **0.45** Ha., is required/proposed for the project.

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