ANNEXURE-9

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The proposed OFC line will be laid from Godhra Telephone exchange to Lunavada Telephone exchange on RHS of the road SH-5. Such road side area is declared as the social forest of central government under the forest Conservation Act 1980.

Under this proposal, we would be using 43.500 km linear forest land (1.9575 hectors) area along Godhra-Lunavada road.

The area required for laying OFC is bare minimum which is a part of social forest land.

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