## **JUSTIFICATION**

The proposal for seeking Forest Clearance for Dholpani RF Mahal (5.00 Ha. Mine area and 1.9 Ha Approach Road) within Chirang RF under Ultapani Range, Haltugaon Forest Division, Kokrajhar will facilitate meeting the huge demand of stone materials in the area. The demand of stone materials for government infrastructure projects in the area is too huge to meet from other quarry as Dholpani RF Mahal is one of the few stone and boulder mahals.

In view of this, the site is selected in Chirang RF for the proposed Stone Quarry to extract quality stone and boulders for use in the developmental activities of Government and Semi Government infrastructure projects and also private requirement of the area. It is river stone quarrying project and the guidelines given in the Environmental Clearance certificate will be adhered to, for protection of environment.

In view of the above, it is justified for locating the project in the aforesaid forest area.