## FULL JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA (UN-AVOIDANCE OF THE FOREST AREA FOR THE PURPOSE)

The existing road between Rayachoty to Kadapa is a narrow BT road and has been declared as National Highway and the road is not upto the National Highway standards and cannot handle the increased highway traffic. To upgrade the existing road to National Highways standards ,except widening of the existing road ,there is no alternative. Widening and improvement of the road from Km.108/850 to 160/200 of NH 18, would improve connectivity in terms of achieving smooth and safe traffic flow and improve level of service. In addition to above, substantial economic gain in terms of reduced Vehicle Operating Cost (VOC) and reduced travel time will be achieved. Therefore proposal for diversion of 1.81 Ha of forest land is proposed.

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