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TO WHOMSOEVER IT MAY CONCERN

A new Broad-gauge Railway line between Solapur-Osmanabad has been sanctioned. **Central Railway (CR), Bhusawal Division(Construction)** is the implementing agency for this Project. Railway has nominated M/s RITES Ltd., Vashi as a Principal consultant for this Project. Solapur-Osmanabad (84.439 Km) Railway line is a greenfield Railway alignment proposed between Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad passing through Solapur and Osmanabad districts in the State of Maharashtra. At present, the rail connectivity from Solapur to Osmanabad is via Kurduwadi which is 153 km long. The new line having length of 84.439 Km will significantly shorten this distance, thereby effectively connecting the Marathwada region with Western region along with easy access to South India.

A portion of the proposed alignment passes through forest area and therefore involves diversion of this forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for non-forestry purpose. In compliance to the provisions of the above Act, an application seeking diversion of forest land in "Part- I of Form - A" is hereby initiated as prescribed under procedure. Further, I hereby nominate **Shri Rajesh Nagrale, Deputy Chief Engineer (C)/II Bhusawal**, as a Nodal Officer for pursuing Forest Clearance for the above-mentioned Project Corridor and authorize him to sign all the relevant documents as may be required to fulfill the pre-requisites of the Forest Clearance Proposal. The details of the Officer are given as under:

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