## Justification for locating the project in the Forest Area

It is certified that the 0.138 Hact. Forest land proposed to be diverted is in escapable and other alternatives for the proposed project have been explored and the forest land proposed to be diverted is barest minimum.

It is further certified that no suitable non-forest land is available for the diversion/ construction of Vellakayam Micro Hydro Power plant in Idukki District.

During the course of finalization of project land to be diverted, two alternatives were examined and there is no scope of availing private land in any alternative in the jurisdiction of forest division Kothamangalam.

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