Justification for locating the project in forest area.

The propose waterpipeline lies exact in between ourconstructed company area and forest land Gut No.944, 945 & 946. Before 25 years ago when we purchased the Gut No. 740 we did not came to know that the adjoining Gut No 694, 945 & 946 is under controlled or ownership of forest department and forest department was also not aware. Weobserved no remark on the 7/12 extracts reflecting control of forest department on Gut No. 944, 945 & 946, the 7/12 extractswere shows the ownership of Revenue Forest. Hence we constructed underground water pipeline. After some year the forest department comes to know that the Gut No 694, 945 & 946 is forest, and then forest department took possession in the year 1999. Now the forest departments instruct us to remove our water pipeline. At this stage there is no any option to remove the permanent structureof constructed laying underground water pipeline because the factory are manufacturing different type products. If, due to problem of water supply our plant may be closed. Moreover employees of our plant whose livelihood depends on it they will face the problem of unemployment & starvation. Hence remove water pipeline is not feasibleat the same time laying down new pipeline cost is also very high.Project components i.e. water pipeline already completed & utilized by our company, hence it is needed to be regularized. So the project authority has decided to take necessary permission under the provision of the forest (conservation) Act.1980.

We have examined all other possible alternatives, but it is not possible to avoid the forest land. The demanded area is open forest. The constructed & required forest area of this purpose is only 0.1305 ha. The required land is Reserve Forest land. However, the prior permission of the Government of India, under the provision of the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980, is necessary & essential for carrying any non-forestry work in such forest land. The demanded area is barest minimum and no trees are required to be felled.

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