Note containing Justification for Locating the Project in Forest Land

(Construction of 33 kV S/C Transmission Line from Luni –I Small Hydro Power Project to HPSEBL 33 kV- Sub-Station)

It is submitted that 'Luni-I Project (4.5 MW) project situated at Village-Deol, Tehsil- Baijnath –Distt.-Kangra (H.P.) is a runoff river Small Hydro Power Project which will utilize water of Luni Khad (a tributary of river Beas). M/s Luni Power Company Private Limited , a SPVs of M/s SPML Infra Ltd. (Formerly Subhash Projects & Marketing Limited) is under taking its execution.Luni SHEP-I is in final stages of construction and is targeted to be commissioned during the year 2019. The project is expected to generate 4500 KW. The power generated from this project at 3.3 kV will be stepped up to 33 kV and shall be evacuated by approx. 5.5 Kms long, 33 kV Transmission Line at 33 kV HPSEBL Sub-Station Baijnath, The laying of line involves bare minimum Forest area for which diversion of forest land is applied for.

It is worth mentionable here that we examined different proposals to connect our 33 kV, Luni Switchyard with HPSEBL,33 kV Sub-Station at Baijnath from all angles and observed that for the construction of "Transmission Line", being a linear project with Km line length as per the final route, forest area is unavoidable. Also the final route has been selected involving bare minimum forest land. This aspect has also been clearly indicated in the "Joint Inspection " Report of conducted with H.P Forest and revenue Authorities of the area.

In view of above and as per the topography of the area, the line is bound to pass through the forest, Govt. and private land areas. Hence, the proposal for diversion of the forest land is being moved for seeking necessary approval of Forest Land to enable LPCPL undertake the Construction work of the said Transmission Line at the earliest possible.

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