

11 Site inspection report of the DCF (to be enclosed specially highlighting facts asked in column 7 (xi, xii), 8 & 9 above. The site has been inspected by the undersigned on- 24/12/2008, 25/12/2008 & 03/06/2009 along with Range Forest Officer, Gua and representatives of User Agency. During the inspection it was noted that the forest that is proposed for diversion is Tropical Moist deciduous Peninsular Sal forest having about 30-35% of Sal. The proposed area is having undulating terrain with steep slopes at some points. During the inspection it was noticed that part of the area had been earlier subjected to surface mining mostly of manual nature which was evident from the small benches that are found over there. From the records it is also found that in the past part of the proposed area was leased out to KLT group which had worked the area for about 20 years till 1976. But it is clear that for over 30 years the mining has not been taken up in that area as a result at many places area is covered with fresh regeneration of pole sized trees and other undergrowth. In other portions of compartment G-13, G-14 and G-17 other user agencies viz., Rungta group and OMM have working mining leases.

The mechanized pipe conveyor route is involving minimum and unavoidable forest area. No human settlements are expected to be displaced due to laying of this conveyor.

The evidences of presence of wild boar, wild bear, barking deer were found during inspection. The habitat is very much suitable for elephant. During the interaction with the local villagers it was noted that the elephant sometime visits their crop fields which are about 1 to 1.5 km from the lease boundary. The proposed site do not comprise of any human habitation which clarifies non-displacement of human population. There are no historical monuments that are found in this area.

The river Karo is about 1.5 km from the lease boundary. There are few seasonal streams exist in the proposed area which form watershed for the river Karo. No human habitation found in the proposed area of mining and hence no rehabilitation is required.

The sample plot marked for tree enumeration has been demarcated temporarily through painting the trees on the boundary &