## RECOMMENDATION

The proposal for involves 192.36 ha forest land for coal excavation from the forest areas of Masilong, Develgada, Kundi and Saradhu villages. The study and research paper included in the proposal reveals that these areas are having coal deposits, still the main energy source of our country. The Coal excavated and obtained from these mines shall cater the need of many thermal power plants run by the coal, the feeding material. The coal shall also reach to many wholesale vendors who intern will further supply the materials to brick kilns and other demanders to meet local needs and requirements. Out of 192.36 ha forest land applied 99% of the areas are meant for quarrying safety zone and green zone only. The user agency has an another ongoing mining project of 96.72 hac in the forest areas of Saradhu, Kundi and Devalgada villages. The ongoing project is likely to exhaust earlier than its stipulated lease period of 20 (twenty) years ranging from 2010-2030. The implementation of the wildlife management plan as envisaged in the approval conditions of 96.72 hectare leased forest land is pending since neither wildlife management plan was prepared by the user agency under the guidance of forest department nor any fund was deposited by the user agency to implement it. However, seeing the coal need of the nation and people and the site specificness of these materials this proposal is recommended under the provision of forest (Conservation) Act 1980 on the condition that the user agency shall without delay and before the grant of stage Ii, shall invariably prepare the pending wildlife management plan under the guidance of forest department and will also deposit the approved fund in CAMPA Account for its implementation in respect of 96.72 hectare already diverted forest land also.

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