

### **Justification for locating the project in forest land**

Iron ore being a natural resource normally occurs in hilly forest land. Applied Khandbandh iron ore mining lease area over 178.908 hectares consists of more than 98% (176.007 hectares) forest land and less than 2% (2.901 hectares) non-forest land.

Since occurrence of ore is site specific and the project is located almost in forest land for mining / production of iron ore to meet the captive use in the integrated Steel Plant of Applicant, M/s SMC Power Generation Ltd. Therefore, diversion of 178.908 hectares forest land (including safety zone) is necessarily required for mining and allied activities within applied M.L area.



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