


Inspection Note

The proposed site has been inspected by the undersigned on 01.09.2018 alongwith Divisional Forest Officer, Saranda Forest Division, and the representatives of User Agency. This project involves 14.50 ha of RF, PF and Jungle- Jhari as per detail given in the proposal. The proposed diversion area is situated in compartment No. Ghatkuri-32&33 (G-32, G-33), Karampada-36 (KP-36) RF and Tatiba PF which comes within Mining Zone -1 of Management Plan for Sustainable Mining (MPSM) of Saranda and Chaibasa. The User Agency has already got forest clearance of 23.233 ha of forest land broken prior to 1980. The proposed area is part of the total lease area of 258.9896 ha. At present, mining is restricted to broken forest area of 23.233 ha comprising of scattered mining pits. This project proposes to take up mining in remaining portion of unexplored part of the broken area. The proposed mining is site specific and the user agency has proposed to merge already existing 25 scattered smaller pits (out of total 38 scattered existing pits) into 4 (four) larger pits, which requires diversion of forest area. The proposed area is having undulating hilly terrain with moderate to steep slope covered completely with trees and ground vegetation having average density of 0.7. The opening of canopy will make the area prone to soil erosion .

The entire forest of Saranda Forest Division including the proposed area for diversion has been notified as Core Area of Singhbhum Elephant Reserve. The Saranda Forest is considered as one of the finest habitat for Elephant & is rich in floral & faunal diversity. The diversion of proposed forest area will definitely have an adverse impact on wildlife in general & Elephant in particular as it will lead to degradation of their habitat.

During inspection it was found that the lease area and broken area under diversion are separately demarcated with R.C.C. pillars and barbed wire so that wild animal don't enter the mining lease area. Extraction of Iron ore from this area is expected to boost the economic status of the local people by way of their employment.


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