

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION & JUSTIFICATION OF PROJECT

The ore deposit in 5.1 Sq. mile lease of Bolani has been divided into A, B, C, D, E, F, G, J, K & Panposh blocks. Presently, open cast mechanized mining operations are confined to four sections such as F, G, D & Panposh (Part of B & C) areas. DRP for these areas has been approved for the entire forest area including the safety zone area. Stage-II FC has been accorded for entire forest land within the mining lease. After the grant of forest clearance, 87.09 ha ROR area was identified as Forest as on/after 25.10.1980.

In past, Bolani Ores Mines is an on-going Mining Project with all its ancillary activities operative since 1960 over 1321.45 ha (1225.77 ha Forest and 95.68 ha Non-forest land) as per HAL record. Out of the 95.68 ha Non-forest land, 87.09 ha ROR area was identified as Forest as on/after 25.10.1980. Out of the above 87.09 ha (DGPS area—86.43 Ha) identified as forest land, 48.42 ha was already broken up prior to 25.10.1980 for Plants & Machineries , storage of minerals and connecting Roads & Conveyors to loading points etc which were essential for despatch of mineral to Steel Plants . The above already broken up area is a part of 52.41 ha broken before 25.10.1980, inside non forest land as per HAL records on the strength of surface rights.

Part of adjoining installations, viz. Plants & Machineries, storage of minerals and connecting Roads & Conveyors to loading points etc which were proposed in the non-forest land (HAL) as per 2nd RML DRP, fall within 37.38 ha of above forest land . Supporting documents in favour of 52.41 ha area already broken before 25.10.1980, within non forest land, are to be submitted along with the submission of hard copy of the proposal.

Keeping in view of 52.41ha broken area before 25.10.1980, executed 2nd RML deed, conditions imposed by MOEF & CC, GoI and findings of Tahasildar Barbil, it is clear that there is no alteration in total land utilization. **However, the instant proposal is being submitted for seeking necessary approval for modification of Final Stage-II FC order to include additional 87.09 ha land (DGPS area of 86.43 ha) recorded as forest as on/after 25.10.1980) in the diversion under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 .**
