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Annexure- \//

Justification for locating the project in forest land

M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. has been declared as preferred bidder for grant of Mining Lease of Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block. There is no source of power available in and around the Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Limited. The nearby source of power is only available in Jaldihi village and so it is proposed to tap the power connection from 11 KV junction point at Jaldihi village through overhead transmission line upto Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block.

The proposed construction of a dedicated separate 11 KV overhead transmission line from Jaldihi Village to Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Limited in Bonai Forest Division of Sundargarh district over a distance of 4.434 Km is required for the activities related to illumination of mine site, operation of plants, weigh bridges, office, pump house and other associated mining activities. The width of the RoW will be 7.00 mt. Topo map showing the layout of the proposed 11 KV overhead transmission line is enclosed as **Plate No.-I.**

Total 78 numbers of single poles and 33 numbers of double poles will be erected for construction of proposed 11 KV overhead transmission line.

Total 3.104 Ha. forest land (2.315 Ha. PRF + 0.734 Ha. DLC Forest + 0.055 Ha. Revenue forest) will be used for construction of 11 KV overhead Transmission line.

Details of total area involved (village wise) in the project is as below:

SI. No.	Village Name	Rev. Forest Area in Ha.	DLC Forest in Ha.	PRF in Ha.	Total Forest Area in Ha.	Total Non- Forest Area in Ha.	Total Area in Ha.
1	Jaldihi	0.055	0.000	1.558	1.613	0.000	1.613
2	Tantigram	0.000	0.734	0.050	0.784	0.000	0.784
3	Kensara	0.000	0.000	0.707	0.707	0.000	0.707
	Total	0.055	0.734	2.315	3.104	0.000	3.104

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Length of transmission line within the different category of forest is as follows:

Tahasil	Forest category									Total Forest		
	PRF			DLC Forest			Revenue Forest		Total Foliati			
	Length in mtr.	Width in mtr.	Area in Ha.	Length in mtr.	Width in mtr.	Area in Ha.	Length in mtr.	Width in mtr.	Area in Ha.	Length in mtr.	Width in mtr.	Area in Ha.
Koira	2297.143	7.00	1.608	1048.571	7.00	0.734	78.571	7.00	0.055	3424.285	7.00	2.397
Lahunipada	1010	7.00	0.707	0.000	7.00	0.000	0.000	7.00	0.000	1010	7.00	0.707
Total	3307.143	7.00	2.315	1048.571	7.00	0.734	78.571	7.00	0.055	4434.285	7.00	3.104

The project would generate employment opportunities for 8 nos. of direct and 30 nos. of indirect persons through contractors during the construction phase. The proposed project cost will be Rs 90 Lakhs (Approx.).

It is imperative to mention here that the said alignment of the forest land does not form part of National park/Wild life sanctuary or habitat of any endangered or threatened species of flora and fauna.

M/s Rungta Mines Ltd. has surveyed all possible routes for construction of 11 KV overhead transmission line from Jaldihi Village to Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block. Out of the three possible routes, the **Route No.-1** is found to be the most suitable route in terms of involvement of less forest land, avoiding human habitation and aquatic bodies as well as minimum land degradation. Topomap showing the alternative routes for transportation of Iron ore is enclosed as **Plate No.-II**.

Details of alternative routes are as follows:

ROUTE-1	ROUTE-2	ROUTE-3 Length-3.809 km			
Length-4.434 km	Length- 4.86 km				
Forest land involved for diversion is 3.104 Ha.	Forest land involved for diversion is 4.757 Ha.	Forest land involved for diversion is 3.148 Ha.			
The transmission line will not pass through any habitation or existing leases.	The transmission line will pass through the Khajuridihi RF and through village habitations.	The road will pass through the incoming auction block lease and through village habitations.			
Number of trees to be felled will be minimum	Number of trees to be felled will be more with respect to the trees in route-1.	Number of trees to be felled will be more with respect to the trees in route-1.			

Hence, the diversion of 3.104 Ha forest land under section-2 (ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is essential for construction of 11 KV overhead transmission line from Jaldihi Village to Jumka-Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block of M/s Rungta Mines Limited to commence mining activities in the auctioned block within the stipulated time.

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