


**SITE INSPECTION REPORT OF THE CONSERVATOR OF
FORESTS, TERRITORIAL CIRCLE, JAMSHEDPUR**

The site was inspected by the undersigned on 17.03.2023 along with the concerned Range Forest Officer and following observations are notable:-

Surda Mining Lease of M/S Hindustan Copper Limited is within an area of 388.68 ha, comprising of 149.03 ha of forest land. Out of 149.03 ha of forest land, already diverted forest land is 83.51 ha & a balance of 65.52 ha is under consideration for diversion.

The proposed project for diversion of 65.52 ha Forest Land for underground mining of Surda Copper Mines is in the villages of Surda, Sohada, Benashole, Pathargora and Forest block of East Singhbhum District. The proposal does not involve any felling of trees on forest land or a portion thereof, during any stage of mining operation. The G.P.S. reading of the proposed site have been verified and found correct. There is no National Park/Tiger Reserve/Biodiversity Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary in 10 km radius of forest land falling under this project. However the Project Area forms a part of Singhbhum Elephant Reserve.

As mining is a site specific activity, as such to continue Underground Mining operations, further diversion of balance 65.52 ha Forest Land within the Surda Mining Lease of 388.65 ha is essential.


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