

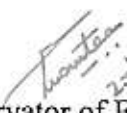
**RECOMMENDATION OF THE CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS,**  
**TERRITORIAL CIRCLE, JAMSHEDPUR**

The proposed project of 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 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. There is no National Park/Tiger Reserve/Biodiversity Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary within 10 km radius of the project. However the Project area forms part of the 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.

Hence, the proposal is recommended.

  
23/03/2023  
Conservator of Forests,  
Territorial Circle, Jamshedpur