

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR BOLANI PROJECT

Bolani Ores Mines under Raw Materials Division of M/s SAIL a Govt. of India undertaking is an on-going mining project. Bolani Ores Mines was a single mining complex comprising of two mining leases, however infrastructural facilities were created under both the leases based on the convenience and suitability of land. The tract on Bonai Hill Range, measuring 5.1 sq. mile was taken for iron ore and the area in the valley stretching from Barbil in the east right upto the foothills of Bonai Range in the west was taken originally for Manganese as 6.9 sq. mile lease.

Under the 6.9 Sq mile lease of Bolani, there is 600 Tonne per hour crushing & screening plant, loading plant for processing and despatch of iron ore produced from the adjoining 5.1 Sq. mile lease, other mining allied infrastructure such as tailing dam, tailing disposal system, stock pile, loading plant, housing colony required for operation of the 5.1 Sq. mile lease. Other than the roads originating from the D Area of Bolani 5.1 Sq. mile and tailing pond (located in few plots of Khasra Forest), all the activities are located on the non-forest land of 6.9 Sq. mile lease i.e. either Govt. Waste Land or acquired Private Land. These infrastructures are necessary for sustenance of operation of Bolani Ore Mines from adjoining 5.1 sq. mile lease. The 6.9 Sq. mile M.L. area occurs in the village of Bolani, Balagoda, Limtur, Kolha-Barpada, Matkambeda, Sundra, Serenda & Santhabahal and Uliburu & Karo R.F. The tenure of 6.9 sq. miles M.L was for 20 years from 14.11.1962 to 13.11.1982. The Bolani Ores Mines applied for 1st Renewal on 11.11.1981 and the lease was granted for a period of 20 years with effect from 14.11.1982 to 13.11.2002 proceedings no.-6040/SM dated 29.05.84. The 1st R.M.L could not be executed due to non-availability of Forest Clearance. The 2nd Renewal application was filed by the Bolani Ores Mines on 26.03.2002, which was duly acknowledged by Collector, Keonjhar vide his letter (Form - D) No 806 dated 26.03.2002. The 2nd Renewal application was filed by for 1586.36 ha which is under consideration with State Govt. of Odisha.

The instant proposal is being submitted for seeking necessary approval for diversion of non-forest land recorded as forest as on /after 25.10.1980 under Forest Conservation Act, 1980.


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