

# NARAINA S. QUIRTONIM

MINE OWNER

## Brief note on the proposal and project/scheme for which the forestland is required

### **Name of the Project:**

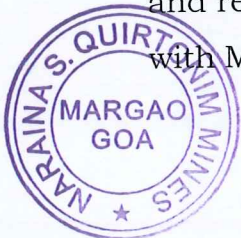
Zamblidadga Dongor Iron & Manganese Ore Mine (M.L. No. 3/FeMn/79)

Zamblidadga Dongor Iron and Manganese Ore Mine Mining Lease, bearing ML. No. 3/FeMn/79, over an area of 70.20Ha. and approach road (existing) to Mining Lease area admeasuring 1.88 Ha. is required for the project. Total forest land proposed for diversion for the project is 72.08 Ha., is situated at Village Caurem, Taluka Quepem, District South Goa, State of Goa.

### **Background**

The Mining Lease bearing No. ML. No. 3/FeMn/79 was originally granted to Shri. Naraina Sinai Quirtonim for the period of 20 years from the date of execution of lease deed i.e. 13/12/1979 for Iron and Manganese Ore situated in Caurem village of Taluka Quepem, District South Goa, State of Goa for an area of 70.28Ha.

The Original Lessee i.e. Shri. Naraina Sinai Quirtonim expired on 22.4.1998 and his leasehold rights in respect of the aforesaid mine devolved upon his successors-in-title, viz: (a) his widow and moiety-holder, viz. Mrs. Kala Naraina Kirtani alias Kala Naraina Quirtonim; (b) daughter, viz. Mrs. Priya Prasad Navelkar married to Mr. Prasad P. Navelkar and (c) daughter, viz. Mrs. Pradnya Zoivant Poi Cano married to Mr. Zoivant M. Poi Cano. The aforesaid succession is duly certified by a Deed of Succession dated 13.7.1998 drawn up before the Sub-Registrar of Salcete Taluka at Margao, Goa on 21.7.1998 and recorded in his Deeds Book No. 1396 at Folio 26 (overleaf) onwards, read with Mrs. Priya's and Pradnya's marriage certificates. The successors-in-title



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The MMDR Act 1957 was amended with effect from 12-01-2015, firstly by way of an Ordinance and, later, by the Amendment Act which was passed on 26-03-2015 (however with retrospective effect from 12-01-2015). By the 2015 Amendment, inter-alia, Section 8A was inserted in the MMDR Act, 1957 governing the period of grant of Mining Lease for minerals other than Coal, Lignite and Atomic minerals.

In terms of the newly inserted provisions of Section 8A, Government of India vide letter no. CI 5 MMM 2015 dated 09-02-2015, issued directions for giving effect to the provisions of Section 8A by issuing a letter of intimation to the lease holders.

Vide Order no. 96/51/99-Mines/1840 dated 04-01-2022 passed under Section 8A(3), MMRD Act, 1957, (read with Section 8A(6), MMDR Act, 1957), the State Government granted extension of Mining Lease for a period from 13-12-1979 to 12-12-2029, i.e. for a term of 50 years.

The said Mining Lease bearing No. ML. No. 3/FeMn/79 did not form a part of the 88 leases which were the subject matter of the judgment dated 7/2/2018 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Goa Foundation v. Sesa Sterlite Ltd. & Ors., (2018) 4 SCC 218 ("Sesa Sterlite Judgment") and the Judgement dated 30.1.2020 passed in Chowgule and Company Private Limited vs Goa Foundation., Civil Appeal No. 839 of 2020.

**Location**



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The said mining lease falls in Toposheet 48 I/4 and is located within Latitude 15° 07' 45.289" to 15° 08' 14.725" and Longitude 74° 03' 53.092" to 74° 04' 37.508". As per duly certified DGPS plan of the Mining Lease by the Directorate of Mines and Geology, Government of Goa, area of Mining Lease is 70.20 Ha. The entire Mining Lease admeasuring an area of 70.20 Ha. falls in forest land. Additionally, there exists an approach road to the Mining Lease which is connected to the District Road. The forest land covered under the approach road is 1.88 Ha.

### **Geology & Mining**

The total Mineral Reserves and Resources of Iron ore in the Mining Lease is about 4.336 Million Metric Tonnes and that of Manganese ore is 0.032 million metric tonnes as on 01/01/2022. Presently the total broken up area is 3.045 Ha. During the plan period (2022-2027) about 28.18 Ha. will be used for mining and allied activities and subsequently during the remaining lease period, the balance area will be utilized as per the Mining Plan.

The proposed production and dispatch capacity of this mine is 0.5 Million Tonnes Per Annum (MTPA) of Iron Ore. Hence to exploit the Resources of 4.336 Million Tonnes of Iron Ore, the entire lease area will be utilized. As the mining project is site specific and no other alternative site can be selected, the forest land area of 70.20Ha is needed to win the Mineral Resources in the lease area plus an area of 1.88 Ha of forest land is needed for approach road (existing) for the proposed project.

### **Sustainable Mining & Socio-economic benefit**

Sustainable Mining will be carried out within the Framework of Sustainable Development (SDF) based on parameters such as - carrying out scientific mining, engagement of local community and through welfare programs, steps towards progressive and final mine closure as per Approved Mining Plan.



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The project envisages direct employment for about 52 people and about 200 people will be indirectly employment. Total beneficiaries will be around 1000 people in and around the project. There are about 27 villages and a town in the 10Km radius buffer zone of the proposed project.

The proposed project will contribute -

- a) An estimated amount of 131.73Cr as statutory payments to the State & Central Government exchequer.
- b) In addition to the statutory payments, the local community will be benefited by means of deploying tipper and transportation activities and hence their socio-economic status will be uplifted.

Presently this application is being filed under section 2 of the Forest Conservation Act (FCA), 1980 to obtain approval for the diversion of forest land admeasuring 72.08 Ha. (70.20 of Mining Lease area Plus 1.88 Ha. for existing approach road) for non-forest purposes. The details of this application needs to be provided during onward filing of application to obtain Environmental Clearance for the subject project.

Date: 04/03/2022

Place: Margao, Goa



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For Self and on behalf of all other heirs of Late Shri. Naraina Sinai Quirtonim as their duly Constituted Attorney