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**Justification for Locating the Project in the Forest Area**

Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide vesting order under clause (b) of sub-rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 and vesting order no NA-104/2/2019-NA, dated February 10, 2020 allotted Brahampuri Coal Mine in favour of Birla Corporation Limited for mining of coal for captive use to meet the requirement of coal to End Use Plants at Chanderia, Rajasthan and Satna, Madhya Pradesh.

The Brahampuri Coal Mine (Latitude 22<sup>0</sup>12'26"N to 22<sup>0</sup>13'46"N & Longitude 78<sup>0</sup>51'18"E to 78<sup>0</sup>52'41"E) in Pench - Kanhan Coalfield is a coal bearing zone having good quality coal reserve as established through detail exploration done by MECL (a Govt. of India undertaking) by 36 numbers of boreholes with 10001.2 meterage. The total geological reserve of the block is 55.00 MT. The total area of the block is 360 Ha. About 41.69 % area of the coal block is covered under forest land. Being site specific, without forest land mining activity cannot be taken up in this coal block. The coal to be produced from this block would help in Cement Plant and for generation of power at Chanderia, Rajasthan and Satna, Madhya Pradesh which ultimately shall promote the growth of industries. This will help in economic development of and more income to the state besides generating additional avenues for employment. Further, mining operation in this area shall improve the infrastructure facilities and enhance the socio-economic condition of the local people.

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