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Annexure-XI

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

M/s Rungta Mines Ltd has been declared as preferred bidder for grant of Mining Lease of Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block. The Letter of Intent (LOI) has also been issued by Government of Odisha, Steel & Mines Department vide No. 8716/SM, Bhubaneswar, dated 28.10.2021. As per the data provided by Directorate of Mines, Steel & Mines Department, Government of Odisha, the total mining lease DGPS surveyed area is 158.509 Ha. out of which 147.803 Ha. is in Sundargarh district and 10.706 Ha. is in Keonjhar district. The total forest land included is 156.978 Ha. out of which 147.803 Ha. is PRF in Sundargarh district and 9.175 Ha. is Revenue Forest in Keonjhar district. Remaining 1.531 Ha. is non-forest Govt. land in Keonjhar district.

As per the Geological report provided by the Directorate of Mines, Steel & Mines Department, Government of Odisha, the net insitu iron ore resources of Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block is 140.277 million tonnes (Fe content >55% and Fe content between 55% and 45%). This ore body needs to be judiciously exploited in view of systematic mining with optimum exploitation of ore to meet the growing demand of raw materials for indigenous steel plant, sponge iron plant, pellet plants etc. for ultimate production of Steel and also for export to earn foreign exchange for development of our country. The mining plan has been approved by Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar vide letter No. MP/A/18-ORI/BHU/2021-22 dated 24.11.2021.

For grant of mining lease of Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block and use of 156.978 Ha. of forest land for the mining and ancillary purpose, the User Agency has applied through online for diversion of the forest land under section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for approval of the Central Government (Proposal No.: FP/OR/ MIN / 150048 /2021, State serial No.: OR-098/2021 dated 22.12.2021).

Terms of Reference (ToR) has been issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Impact Assessment Division vide No: IA-J-11015/2/2022-IA-II (NCM) dated 18.02.2022 with peak production capacity of 3.35 Million TPA iron ore with a total excavation of 3.98 MTPA.

Hence, diversion of 156.978 Ha. Forest land (147.803 Ha PRF in Bonai division + 9.175 Ha Revenue forest in Keonjhar division) under section-2(ii) of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is very much essential for grant of Mining lease of Jumka Pathiriposhi Pahar Iron Ore Block in Sundargarh & Keonjhar district, Odisha and for systematic and scientific mining as well as optimum exploitation of iron ore in the project area.

For Rungta Mines Limited

Director