

## Justification for locating the Project in Forest Land

M/s UltraTech Cement Limited, Jharsuguda Cement Works, a part of Aditya Birla Group was previously under L & T Group of Companies. Jharsuguda Cement Works, a grinding unit producing Portland Pozzolana Cement is under integrated plant Hirni Cement Works. It is situated near Dhutra Railway Station on the Mumbai-Howrah railway line, 9 KM away from the District headquarter, Jharsuguda, One of the developing industrialized district in the western part of Odisha. For establishing cement unit 165.25 acres of land (i.e. 158.92 acres of private land & 6.33 acres of Govt. Land) was procured through IDCO, Bhubaneswar. The extension project have been received the Single Window Clearance from IPICOL, Bhubneswar by Govt of Odisha.

Due to expansion of the project activities from time to time our existing own railway line inside plant for transportation of raw materials and finished product is not enough to carter placement of a complete rail with 42 wagons. During placement of rail inside plant we have to divide the rail in two separate part for easy placement which is a time taking factor and affecting our loading & unloading time. Accordingly we are good amount to Railways in the shape of Demurrage due to non-complete of rake loading on schedule time. The forest land is falling adjacent to our boundary wall.

The criteria for selection of the project in forest area is mentioned below,


- ✓ The patch of forest land is adjacent to the boundary of the company.
- ✓ Existing railway line stretches to the side where the forest land is located.
- ✓ The end point of existing line is close to the forest area.
- ✓ Insignificant forest area & minimum loss of forest cover,
- ✓ The land is free from forest encroachment.
- ✓ No valuable trees are found in the said area.
- ✓ The area is also free from minerals.
- ✓ Easy transportation of raw materials.

The project cost is Rs 300 crores.

The capacity will be increased from 2MPTA to 4 MPTA.

The proposal for diversion of 0.68 ha forest land under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 for construction of Railway Line for the project site of Jharsuguda Cement Works by UltraTech Cement Limited in Jharsuguda district (**State SL No.446/10, dt.16.12.2010**).

About 409 employees (regular & contract workmen) are directly employed in this organization and about 600 are employed through indirect employment. The 90 % of the wage board employees are of land oustee category & about 90 % of contract workmen belong to the locality only. In the proposed railway line extension project as there is no any displacement of any family the question of employment is not likely to be generated.

  
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