

## एन एम डी सी लिमिटेड N M D C Limited (भारत सरकार का उद्यम / A Govt. of India Enterprise) दोणिमलै लौह अयस्क खान / Donimalai Iron Ore Mine

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## Justification for locating the project in forest area

The Kumaraswamy Iron Ore Mine (KIOM) (M.L.No.1111) of NMDC Ltd., is located in Swamimalai Forest of Sandur South Range, Ballari division, Karnataka State. The total mine lease area is 639.80Ha comprising of 324.70Ha in forest land, 152.79Ha in revenue land and remaining 162.31Ha is un-diverted land falling within mine lease.

Earlier, the area applied for diversion was 159.01Ha. Later, the same has been reduced to 101.52Ha as per directions from the Karnataka Forest Department. As per the MoEF&CC guidelines dated 01.04.2015 & 31.03.2016, it is to inform that NMDC Ltd., paid an amount of Rs.12.77 Crores towards NPV to retain the said area (159.01Ha) under section 2(iii) of the FC Act, 1980 in the year 2016.

Presently, the KIOM is having valid Environment Clearance of 10 MTPA granted by MoEF&CC, New Delhi vide dated 10.07.2023. Presently, the Maximum Permissible Annual Production (MPAP) of the mine is 8.628MTPA granted by the Monitoring Committee.

NMDC Ltd. is having strategic focus on achieving a production capacity of 100 million tons per annum by 2030 from all the project. Hence, KIOM is also in the process of expansion of production capacity. The mine management is in process with the Monitoring Committee for enhancement of MPAP from 8.628MTPA to 10 MTPA.

This un-diverted forest land of 101.52Ha is required for expansion of mining operations for achieving the production targets, accommodation of waste/overburden within the mine lease and building of infrastructures for higher production capacity. Since, the mine is fully mechanized mine, exploitation of mineral reserves and to establish ancillary infrastructures, the proposed diversion of 101.52Ha is required.

The remaining area of 57.49Ha (=159.01Ha - 101.52Ha) part of mine lease is not proposed for diversion. The area will be kept as Eco-Zone and forestry based activities will be taken after prior approval of Karnataka Forest Department.

<u>Socio-economic impact</u> – There would not any relocation, resettlement & rehabilitation of the people due to these facilities. Rather, these infrastructures are very good opportunities of employment for local people. Local people are engaged in these ancillary facilities which give them employment and help in uplifting their living standard and improving overall quality of life.

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