

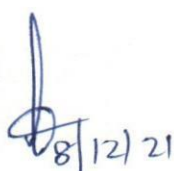
Justification for locating the Subhadra Opencast Project (25MT) in forest area

Mineral based projects are site specific and the proposed project area for mining by Subhadra Open Cast Project (25MT) is located in forest area under Angul Forest Division. The proposed area for the project has been approved having thick coal seam available at shallow depth for suitability to opencast mining. Subhadra OCP is a new project of MCL on the western side of the Hingula OCP, MCL.

The project gap between demand and availability by the end of year 2021-22 is likely to be projected as 25 MT for year 2022-23, 28 MT for the year 2023-24, 59 MT from MCL. Further new coal linkages have been given to MCL for which MCL has already issued LOA. The proposed project will meet the coal demand from MCL, especially to the new consumers and reduce the gap between demand and availability.

Coal demands and target production of MCL as projected is given below:

Sl No.	Particulars	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24
1	Demand projection (MT)	188	225	263
2	Production Target (MT)	163	197	204
3	Balance (MT)	-25	-28	-59


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