

### JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

- (a) The applicant seeks diversion of 37 Hects. forest land under section-2 of FCA 1980 for renewal of mining lease, for opencast semi mechanized mining in compartment No. 690 (Old) 776 (New) of Forest Block-Satri of Range & Division Satna, Madhya Pradesh. Besides forest land, 1.129 hecta of non forest land will also be involved for mining.
- (b) The proposed forest land was granted vide State Government order No. 599/7461/dated 13.01.1973 i.e. before promulgation of FCA 1980. The forest (Conservation) Act. 1980 came into force from 24.10.1980 with prospective effect. Therefore it did not required approval during its forest lease period. Hence there were no violations. The applicant was allowed to carry on mining operations in its first lease period. The mining was stopped and totally discontinued after lapse of first life of lease.
- (c) The lessee has applied for renewal of mining lease for 30 years period as per the provisions of MMRD Act. 1957 & MCR 1960.
- (d) The complete applied area is stony with outcrop of limestone having no vegetation. No fresh breaking or degradation of land is involved.
- (e) There is no tree/bushes/shrubs of any kind in the lease area and hence back filling and afforestation at the end will improve the environmental condition of the area.
- (f) It is proposed to fully reclaim and rehabilitate the proposed area under diversion by way of afforestation. It is very will possible due to undulating terrain of applied area and ample quantity of OB and waste available for doing so.
- (g) Mining of mineral is a site specified activity and the quality mineral is generally found in the forest areas. Because mineral resources and Forest Resources Co-exist every where in the globe.
- (h) The mineral Limestone was searched in the nearby areas but no economically viable and good grade Limestone was found.

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