



Sijimali Bauxite Mines

Justification for locating the project in forest area

Bauxite is a naturally occurring rock which is site specific due to its geological origin and as such no alternatives are found. It is observed that major potential deposits of bauxite do occur on plateau top and within forest land for which utilization of the forest land for mining has become imperative. Further mining of bauxite in this lease shall bring in large employment opportunities to the local populace & enhance the socio economic status of the area, which is grossly underdeveloped.

Therefore, this proposal is submitted by the lessee for diversion of 150.451 Ha of forest land in Kalahandi Forest Division (South) and **573.099 Ha of Forest land in Rayagada Forest Division** (Total 1560.405 Ha) including safety zone area of Sijimali Bauxite mines.

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