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**JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND AND DETAILS OF ALTERNATIVES EXAMINED**

Dalla Cement Works (DCW) along with captive mine was acquired from Jaiprakash Associates Limited (JAL) by UltraTech Cement Limited pursuant to Scheme of Arrangement sanctioned by NCLT Bench at Mumbai on 15.02.2017 and NCLT Bench at Allahabad on 02.03.2017 respectively. The Scheme was made effective from 29.06.2017 by the resolutions passed at meeting of Board of Directors of Ultratech and JAL held on 29.06.2017 respectively. Earlier JAL had acquired the Dalla Cement Factory along with its captive mines through sale of assets of Uttar Pradesh State Cement Corporation Limited (UPSCCL) (In Liquidation) as approved by the order dated 11-10-2006 read with order dated 12.10.2007 of the Honorable Allahabad High Court. Kajrahat Limestone Mines & Bhalua Limestone Mines are part of MOI whose non forest area is only available for mining and lease for the forest area has not been executed /granted till date.

The Existing Proposal (Online No. FP/UP/MIN/47074/2020) was submitted for 344.688 ha in 2020. The total forest land of Kajrahat (Dalla) and Bhalua Limestone Mines was 380.635+50.606=431.241 hectares. We have applied for diversion of Forest 344.688 hectares after excluding land covered by Eco Sensitive Zone (68.963 ha) and Kanhar river area (17.590 ha).

As per EDS raised by MoEF&CC on dated 14.11.2022 for Proposal No. FP/UP/MIN/47074/2020 EDS point No. (7) "After superimposing the KML file of Mining lease over the Forest Compartment Boundary available on the DSS Portal, it has been observed that many forest patches within the Kajrahat and Bhalua Mining leases have not been included in the area proposed for diversion. According, less forest area has been applied for diversion. The same needs to be incorporated and revised proposal shall be submitted accordingly" and DIG Forest letter dated 27.11.2023 point No. (2) "The State Government shall submit the detail of forest land and non-forest land involved in the mining proposal and their land use along with requisite KML files." In compliance of the above and DFO Obra letter no. 2088/ओबरा/ 15 भू० ह०/ दिनांक 28.02.2024 a joint survey was conducted with Forest Department, Revenue Department and User agency.

We have now received confirmation that the forest area in Kajrahat (Dalla) Mining Lease is 404.388 ha and Eco Sensitive Zone of Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary is 92.62 ha (Forest area is



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55.323ha and non-Forest area is 37.296 ha). Accordingly, Forest area for the diversion is 331.475 ha for proposal no. **FP/UP/MIN/47074/2020**. Joint survey was conducted for establishing forest and non-forest area.

As per the Joint survey conducted, Forest area enhanced for Bhalua Limestone Mines as well. In view of paucity of Compensatory Afforestation land and unavailability of valid Mining plan for forest area, we are hereby deleting the Bhalua Limestone Mines Forest area from the Revised Forest diversion proposal. Forest diversion of Bhalua Limestone Mine shall be taken after satisfying the above specified condition.

Accordingly, we would like to keep only forest area of Kota and Pdrach Village in Kajrahat (Dalla) Limestone Mines for Revised Proposal (331.475 ha). We have received permission of edit our proposal from Nodal Officer vide letter No. 834 / 11- सी - FP/UP/MIN/47074/2020, लखनऊ dated 09.09.2025.

Refer to EDS of MOEF dated 14.11.2022 and minute of meeting of August 2023 issued by Nodal Officer, joint survey for establishing the forest and non-forest area in Kajrahat (Dalla) and Bhalua Limestone Mines was conducted.

Joint survey was conducted for establishing forest and non-forest area under your guidance. We have now received confirmation that the forest area in Kajrahat Mining Lease is 404.388 ha and Eco Sensitive Zone of Kaimoor Wildlife Sanctuary is 92.62 ha (Forest area is 55.323ha and non-Forest area is 37.296 ha). Accordingly, we would like to edit area in our proposal no. **FP/UP/MIN/47074/2020**.

Kindly note that as per the Joint survey conducted Forest area enhanced for Bhalua Limestone Mines as well. In view of paucity of Compensatory Afforestation land and unavailability of valid Mining plan for forest area, we are hereby deleting the Bhalua Limestone Mines Forest area from the Revised Forest diversion proposal. Forest diversion of Bhalua Limestone Mine shall be taken after satisfying the above specified condition.

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Village/ Lease	Forest area (ha)	Non-Forest area (ha)	Total lease area (ha)	Forest in ESZ (ha)	Non-Forest in ESZ (ha)	Total ESZ area in lease (ha)	River area in lease (Forest) (ha)	FC proposal (Excluding forest area of River and ESZ) (ha)	Non-Forest area for the proposal (ha)
Kota	336.161	330.164	666.325	52.344	29.776	82.120	8.440	275.377	300.388
Padrach	68.227	16.448	84.675	2.979	7.520	10.499	9.150	56.098	8.928
Total	404.388	346.612	751.000	55.323	37.296	92.619	17.590	331.475	309.316

The details of limestone reserves which are available in non-forest and forest area of the Kajrahat (Dalla) Limestone Mines is given in the following table:

Sr. No.	Forest area for proposal (ha)	Non-Forest area for proposal (ha)	Limestone Reserve in Non-Forest (miot)	Limestone Reserve/Resource in Forest Area (miot)
1	331.475	309.316	30.629	217.514

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Seen from the above that 71.01% limestone are blocked because of non-availability of lease in the forest area which was under possession of the UPSCCL earlier when DCW was functioning and the mining activities were going on since 1976. Thereafter, the mines stood transferred to JAL pursuant to the order Dated 12.10.2007 on the Honorable Allahabad High Court as stated above. It is, therefore, required to transfer this forest land to enable UltraTech Cement Limited to conduct mining operation for which Dalla Cement Works has been established and the same limestone is also required for future expansion of Dalla Cement Works which was established keeping in mind availability of total limestone reserves.

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