

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited

(A Government Company)

Kothagudem Area

Application for prior approval u/s.2 of the Forest (C) Act 1980 for diversion of 649.3014 Ha. of Forest Land (from Underground rights to Surface rights) in Compartment Nos.2(part), 3(part), 4(part), 5(part)&11(part) of Ramavaram RF, Ramavaram Range, Kothagudem Forest Division for Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine, Bhadradri Kothagudem District.

JUSTIFICATION NOTE

The Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine is formulating by consisting of three existing mines i.e., GK OCP, VK-7 incline and PVK-5 Incline Underground Mines. The GK OCP will be closed in the year 2023 as per approved Mine Closer Plan (MCP). After closer of GK OCP, it is proposed to open a new OCP by converting the existing underground mines i.e., VK-7 Incline and PVK-5 incline to extract the balnce coal left in the underground. The total extractable coal reserves available in the proposed Venkatesh Khani Coal Mine are 190.11 Million Tonnes, out of which, about 64.18 Million Tonnes of Coal is available in the proposed forest; land of 649.3014 Ha.

The detailed Purpose wise land Use of 649.3014 Ha.

a) Quarry Area 573.4251 Ha.:

This is coal bearing area. Hence site specific. The total coal reserves available in the proposed forest area is 64.18 Million tones

b) <u>Inspection Roads, Berm/Toe wall, Drains, Power Transmission Lines, Safe</u> <u>barrier 75.8763 Ha.:</u>

75.8763 Ha. is required to maintain the road for inspection, Berm/Toe wall, Drains, Power Transmission line including right of way around the quarry, safe barrier, bund & Inspection road around dump (including safety zone).

General Manager, Kothagudem Area.