

## **JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN THE FOREST LAND**


Bolani Ores Mines is an on-going Mining Project with all its ancillary activities operative since 1960 over 1321.45 ha (1225.77 ha Forest and 95.68 ha Non-forest land) as per HAL record. Out of 95.68 ha of Non-Forest land, 52.41 ha was broken prior to 25.10.1980 as per HAL records on the strength of surface rights.

During the 2nd mining lease renewal period, additional 38.04 ha of non forest land area is proposed for diversion excluding 52.41 ha broken prior to 25.10.1980 as per HAL records & 5.22 ha remains unutilised.

**At present, out of the 95.68 ha Non-forest land, 87.09 ha ROR area was identified as Forest as on/after 25.10.1980.**

- Out of the above 87.09 ha (DGPS area-86.43 ha) identified as forest land, 48.42 ha was already broken up prior to 25.10.1980 for Plants & Machineries, storage of minerals and connecting Roads & Conveyors to loading points etc which were essential for despatch of mineral to Steel Plants .
- Part of adjoining installations, viz. Plants & Machineries, storage of minerals and connecting Roads & Conveyors to loading points etc which are proposed in the non-forest land (HAL) as per 2nd RML DRP, fall within 37.38 ha of above forest land .
- 1.29 ha was identified as forest involves un-utilized area and other ROR-DGPS difference.

Keeping in view of 52.41ha broken area before 25.10.1980, executed 2nd RML deed, difference in DGPS survey, conditions imposed by MOEF & CC, GoI and findings of Tahasildar Barbil, it is clear that there is no alteration in total land utilization. However, the instant proposal is being submitted for seeking necessary approval for modification of Final Stage-II FC order to include additional 87.09 ha land (DGPS area of 86.43 ha) recorded as forest as on/after 25.10.1980) in the diversion under Forest Conservation Act, 1980 .

  
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