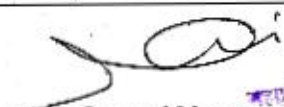


JUSTIFICATION FOR TRANSPORTATION OF MINERAL WITHIN THE LEASE HOLD AREA

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 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. The above infrastructures are already developed under the broken up area i.e. 52.41 ha broken before 25.10.1980, inside non forest land as per HAL records on the strength of surface rights.

Part of adjoining installations, viz. Plants & Machineries, storage of minerals and connecting Roads & Conveyors to loading points etc which were proposed in the non-forest land (HAL) as per 2nd RML DRP, fall within 37.38 ha of above forest land. At present, the ore extracted from other areas which is already forest clearances are granted, is being transported by dumper from mine faces to the crushing plants. From the crushing plants ore is transported mainly by long distance conveyors. The processed ore is transported from the railway siding located in lease area to Durgapur or Bokaro or any other Steel Plants of SAIL by railway wagons. In the expansion phase the existing mode of dispatch will continue. Since the ore/finished product shall be dispatch by railways no significant impact on local infrastructure is anticipated. Substantial amount of revenue is generated by transportation activities along with employment e.g. labour, helper etc. Project authorities give preference to local people while engaging contractors for material transport or at least for loading and unloading.

The proposed area for diversion of the said forest land does not involve any mineral extraction & transportation of Mineral within the lease hold area. Keeping in view of 52.41ha broken area before 25.10.1980, executed 2nd RML deed, 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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