

Justification for locating the Project in forest land and details of alternates examined

As per the Meghalaya State Forest Report 2017, released by the Forest Survey of India, the forest cover in the state is 17,146 sq km which is 76.45 % of the State's geographical area. In terms of forest canopy density classes, the state has 453 sq km under very dense forest, 9386 sq km under moderately dense forest and 7307 sq km under open forest.

Lum Mawshun Minerals Private Limited (LMMPL) was granted permission to acquire 13ha of land in terms of the Meghalaya Transfer of Land (Regulation) Act, 1971 from individual land owners in November 2002 for undertaking shale/siltstone mining operations on the said land. Subsequently, after attaining approval from the competent authorities, LMMPL transferred the 13ha of land to Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited (LUMPL)- the operating company.

In January 2003, the Government of Meghalaya granted a mining lease to LUMPL for mining of Shale/Siltstone over an area of 4.9ha for a period of 30 years.

The land was originally not classified as a Forest. However, in light of the specific directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court under Part-II of its Judgment and Order dated July 6, 2011, on March 30, 2017, LUMPL filed an application before the Forests & Environment Department, Government of Meghalaya requesting for determination as to whether the area of 13ha of Shale/Siltstone in which the area of 4.9ha mining lease also falls is a forest land or not.

On August 3, 2018, the State Forests & Environment Department through the office of the Conservator of Forests issued a certificate declaring 12.428 ha (approximately 13ha) Shale area as a forest land. The area of 4.9ha for which a Mining Lease has already been granted to LUMPL forms part of this 12.428 ha of land.

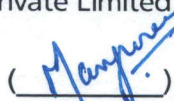
In view of the above and in order to undertake mining activities, LUMPL is seeking approval for forest clearance from the concerned authority for 4.9ha and the approach road to it, for the time being, out of the total forest area of 12.428 ha.

Place: Shillong



Date: 10.03.2021

Yours faithfully,

For Lafarge Umiam Mining Private Limited

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