

## Justification for locating the project in Forest land

Following factors are attributed to locating the project in Forest area:

1. All the Mining leases of Manoharpur Ore Mines, Chiria are in reserved forest area.
2. For installation of beneficiation & loading plant requires about 100 ha of land.
3. Condition no.14 of Stage-1 Forest Clearance states as that's "Only mining and primary and secondary crushing would take place in the forest area. Processing, beneficiation, blending, stockpiling, railway sidings, infrastructure and all township facilities will be 15 km away in non-forest land"
4. Nearest available 100 ha of Non-forest area at Patharbasa was selected for setting up of beneficiation & Loading plant. (As per DPER prepared by M/s Hatch).
5. The different options for the transportation of crushed ROM ore from the Chiria mine site to the beneficiation plant site at Patharbasa was studied by engaging reputed Global consultant.
6. Studies were conducted on Rail, Trucks Conveyor systems. Various options for the transport of crushed ore from crushing plant to the beneficiation plant site have been considered. As per M/s Hatch Associates (A reputed Global consultant) study, the only practicable solution is a conveyor system.

  
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