

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

Mining of a particular ore deposit is always site specific irrespective of the land classification. Rengalbeda (NE) Iron Ore Block of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited covers an area of **24.203 ha. The total area i.e.24.203 ha. is forest land (17.034 Ha. Revenue forest + 7.169 Ha. of SABIK forest)**. The lease area has been geologically mapped in 1:2000 scale as per geological report prepared by Geological Survey of India (GSI) and received from Govt. of Odisha. The exploration conducted proved total reserve and resource of iron ore of 27.28 million tonne and the deposits are confined within ML area which is forest land only. Since the potential deposits confined in the ML area and there is no non forest land in the lease hold area, selection of alternative non-forest land within the lease area for undertaking mining is ruled out. The production target is envisaged to be 2.0 MTPA to cater the need of the iron & steel industries. The mining operation as proposed is going to enhance the revenue earnings both for the state and central Government. This project will also be major source of earning for the local community.

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