

**Justification for loading the Project in Forest Land:**

Mahulsukha Iron & Manganese Ore Block of M/s Patnaik Minerals Pvt. Ltd. over 390.317 Ha Comprises 370.751 ha of Forest Land, 18.219 ha of Non-Forest Govt. land and 0.919ha (ST) + 0.429ha (SC) = 1.348ha Private Land within the Lease hold area. Mining at Mahulsukha is confined to 227.00ha approved forest area with a production capacity of 0.040 million tone of Manganese Ore per Annum. Patnaik Minerals Pvt. Ltd. (PMPL) has now planned to enhance the production capacity up to 0.150 million tons per annum. Newly explored & included Iron Ore deposit is also proposed to be developed in order to cater the demand with a production capacity of 1.0 million tons per annum. Since a large quantity of Iron & Manganese Ore is required to be utilized, it is proposed to extend the mining activities by developing new quarries around the existing ores of the deposits. A scientific & judicious method of mining is therefore requires additional forest land.

The lessee having acquired the area through auction. The continuation & expansion of mining operations proposed, is going to enhance the revenue earning both for the State & the Central Govt. This project will also be a major source of earning for the local tribal community.

This project has given employment 250 persons directly. At least 4000 persons mostly from tribal community comprising of employee of indirect employment would benefit by coming up of the project.



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