

JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

This is a mining project which is site specific and cannot be worked unless diversion is effected where minerals (Iron ore) exist. The justification in locating the project in forest area is:

1. Deposits are nature oriented and site specific.
2. The Netrabandha Pahar Iron Ore Block forms a part of the Bonai - Keonjhar belt of the famous "Horse Shoe Synclorium" falling in Sundargarh district.
3. In Netrabandha Pahar Iron Ore Block Forest overlies continuous deposit of thick iron ore at shallow depth amenable to opencast method only. Moreover about 81.973 MT of iron ore lying below the forest area shall be operative by open Cast Method only.
4. It would severely affect the mining process of excavation unless these scattered patches of Revenue Forest, PRF and DLC Plots are excavated as opencast mine in continuity.
5. Non existence of any eco sensitive zone.
6. Proposed area is not covered under declared wild life sanctuary.
7. Non existence of elephant corridor.
8. Minimum displacement of habitation.

Conclusion:

It reveals that the iron ore mining project of M/s. Bhushan Power & Steel Limited is site specific and by virtue of existence of iron ore cannot be relocated. Accordingly, diversion of forest land is imperative for larger interest of public and shall yield substantial revenue for development work therefore forest area in the project needs for diversion.

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