

Justification for locating the project in the forest area.

The proposed Karma Stone Mine lease is fall within the district of Hazaribag, which lies towards the north- eastern corner of Jharkhand, is largely covered by Chotanagpur granites and gneissic complex associated with some metasediments and metabasic rocks. The Gondwanas have been developed in tectonic basin fill deposits and are resting on Archaean basements. The Gondwanas mainly consist of sandstones, shales, coal seams and are exposed in Chouparan and Chouparan blocks of the district. Alluvium occurring along the river channels and adjoining areas and are mainly composed of fine to coarse sand and clays. Laterites occur in isolated patches. About 70% of the district area is underlain by hard and compact granitic rocks, of Chhotanagpur plateau.

This area has been fully exposed of quartzite & dolorite rock. The surrounding area is the existence numbers of stone mine which fully proves the existence the economical quantity of stone for mining. District Mining Officer vide letter no 13 dated 04.01.2016 asked to the applicant to submit the forest clearance letter in order to grant the mining lease. Without forest land mining activity can not be taken up in this allotted area. The stone to be produced from this block would help for development of infrastructure in & around of the local area which ultimately shall promote the growth of industries and industrial production. This will help in economic development of and more income to the state besides generating additional avenues for employment. Further, mining operation in this backward area shall improve the infrastructure facilities and enhance the socio-economic condition of the local people.

The lease area under proposal comprises 14.17 hectares including 0.23 hectares of forest land outside the lease for proposed approach road. Since Revenue forest land is involved in the lease, this proposal for diversion of forest land is being filed for diversion U/S-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act' 1980.