

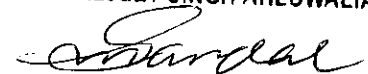
JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST AREA

The mining operation in the lease area has been continuing both in forest land as well as non-forest land since year 1959 and also after the lease renewal deed executed during year 1981. As per the new guideline No. 8.78/1996-FC(Pt), dtd. 10.03.2015 of MOEF & CC, Govt. of India regarding the status of non-forest land as on 25.10.1980, if comes forest, then prior approval of the Govt. of India, MOEF is required for operation in that area. Based on the above, some of the non- forest area of the lease have been found to be forest as on 25.10.1980 and treated as forest land.

The mining operation along with its ancillary activities has already been existing in these forest land (treated as forest as per the status of land as on 25.10.1980) since long back and is in continuation. The valuable mineral deposit of iron ore falls in these forest land. Since the occurrence of the above mineral is site specific which fall in these land, for systematic and scientific mining operation along with its ancillary activities, these forest areas are unavoidable. Hence, to meet the statutory requirement of the above guideline of MOEF, regularisation of the above forest area is a must.

Further, the iron ore mineral is the basic raw material for the Steel Industries and the development of the nation depend upon the steel industries. So, exploitation of such mineral from these forest areas is very essential to cater the requirement of such mineral based industries not only to fulfil the demand of the above mineral by the indigenous growing Industries but also to meet our own requirement for captive use of the existing Steel & Power Plant. Considering the above facts, as the mining operation already exists in these forest land and also to be continued, to meet the requirement of the Steel Industries and for winning of these mineral, the area is required and proposed for diversion.

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