

Justification for locating the project in forest area
(Mahaparbat Iron Ore Mines of Odisha Mining Corporation Limited)

Mining of a particular ore deposit is always site specific irrespective of the land classification. Unchabali mining lease of OMC Ltd. covers an area of **68.00 ha** of total forest area. The exploration conducted proved substantial resource of high grade (61 to 64% Fe) iron ore. The exploration further substantiated the fact that the deposits are only confined to forest areas. Therefore selection of alternative non-forest land within the lease area for undertaking mining activities is not possible. The annual production target is envisaged to be around **10, 00,000 MT** which would cater to the need of the Sponge Iron Plants and forthcoming Steel Plants in and around the locality. If the demand of raw material will rise then the rated capacity of production shall be enhanced in future. This deposit is suitable for the steel industry. This demands continuation and expansion of the mining operation on a large scale in this mining lease area. The continuation and expansion of the mining operations, as proposed, is going to enhance the revenue earnings both for the State and the Central Government. This project will also be a major source of earnings for the local tribal community.



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