

Annexure-I



**The Singareni Collieries Company Limited  
(A Government Company)  
YELLANDU AREA**


**Justification for Laying of railway track line from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem OC mine for private railway siding of Koyagudem OCP-III Project in 12.03 Ha. Forest area:**

The present proposal is site specific as the private railway siding proposed at Koyagudem Opencast mine is very close i.e 8.2 KM from Bethampudi Railway station on the Dornakal-Bhadrachalam road single line electrified section of Secunderabad division.

Planning and efforts have been made to layout the railway track for private railway siding of Koyagudem opencast mine avoiding the use of forest land, but this minimum forest land i.e 12.03 Ha is unavoidable & inevitable considering the technical aspects of grade for laying the railway track to connect the existing Bethampudi railway station from Koyagudem Opencast mine.

The need for this forest land has arisen for laying of railway track from Bethampudi railway station to Koyagudem Opencast mine for Private railway siding of Koyagudem OPENCAST (KOPENCAST) project is to reduce dust pollution to enroute villagers and facilitate to dispatch of coal in large quantum as there is no rail connectivity at Koyagudem OCP and presently all the coal is being transported by road upto Tadikalapudi and Karepally stations and enroute villagers are resisting the transportation of coal by road due to dust pollution.

Further, exploration works are in progress at Kachanapally and Mamakannu villages of Gundala. These villages are nearer to Koyagudem Opencast mine. By laying railway track line at proposed loading point may facilitate and cater future needs of Gundala mines and connect interior villages. Thus transportation facility to villagers may be increased.

  
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