<u>Copy of note containing justification for locating the project in revenue</u> forest land:

Rampur Batura is a green field opencast project in the western part of Sohagpur area in SECI, Bilaspur. It lies about 12 km north of Anuppur junction and about 55km south-east of Shahdol district HQR. It is a 4 MTY project having a coal reserve of 65.50 MT of G6 Grade.

In light of escalating demand of coal from thermal power due to increasing demand of electricity and also from other consumers like cement fertilizer etc. it is pertinent to open this project to fulfill the industries and national demand of coal based plant and other perspective encompassing employment and sustainable growth of the region.

This 4.654 Ha. of revenue forest having an extractable reserve of 3.50 lakh tonne of coal is required to be diverted for mining purpose is an integral and inalienable part of project.

Hence, this proposal for diversion of revenue forest land of 4.654 Ha. may kindly be considered.

Sub Area Manager

Rampur Batura OCM project