

HIGHLIGHTS AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSAL

Application of M/s. Khajuraho Minerals Pvt. Ltd. for seeking diversion of 19.0 Hects. Forest land for opencast mining of Pyrophyllite & Diaspore for 30 years in Compartment No.- 262, Forest Block-Machigarh of Forest Range- Jatara, Forest Division - Tikamgarh (M.P.). Out of 19.0 ha area applied for diversion, 18.964 ha will be used for mining while rest 0.036 ha will be used as approach road to the mining area.

- (a) The lessee M/s. Khajuraho Minerals Pvt. Ltd. applied for mining lease for mining of mineral Pyrophyllite & Diaspore under Rule 22 of MCR 1960. Simultaneously the proposal for diversion of forest land Under Section 2 of FCA 1980 is being made over an area of 19.0 ha.
- (b) The applicant seeks diversion of 19.0 Hects. forest land for opencast mining in Compartment no. 262, Forest Block-Machigarh, of Forest Range- Jatara, Forest Division-Tikamgarh (M.P.). Besides forest land no land will also be involved for mining.
- (c) The Pyrophyllite & Diaspore mined from this project will be utilised in the modern refractory, pesticides, rubber, paint, cosmetics, soap, detergents and handicraft industries. Diaspore will be used for manufacture of high alumina bricks to curtail the imports. Ceramic being the basic ancillary to the steel industry. India needs increasing amounts of these minerals. The industries are facing acute shortage of Pyrophyllite & Diaspore and hence is in immense need of this project .
- (d) The area under reference is a new mine and hence no work of violation has been done.
- (e) The lessee has applied for grant of mining lease for 30 years period as per the provisions of MMRD Act, 1957 & MCR 1960.
- (f) The lessee is applying for diversion of forest land under Section -2 of FCA 1980 for grant of mining lease.
- (g) The total applied area is stony and barren waste land having outcrops of mineral without any vegetative cover.
- (h) The proposed area is not located deep inside the forest.
- (i) The proposed area is well approachable by old approach road. No fresh extraction path or approach road will be needed in future.

- (j) It is proposed to fully reclaim and rehabilitate the proposed area under diversion by way of afforestation. It is very well possible due to hilly terrain of the area and ample quantity of OB and waste available for doing so.
- (k) The applied area was previously granted under Prospecting License to the applicant.
- (l) The proposed area has huge potential and sufficient reserves for continuation of mining for 30 years. If mining is not permitted, the mineral reserves will go in vain.
- (m) The area will provide employment to 100's of people in the locality which is very backward with poor economy, infrastructure and drought hit.
- (n) About 50% of the population lives below poverty line and the project will be a means for their livelihood.
- (o) Mining will be done by mainly manual means.

KHAJURAHO MINERALS PVT. LTD.

A. Singh
DIRECTOR