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JUSTIFICATION FOR LOCATING THE PROJECT IN FOREST LAND

The application for diversion of forest land is intended for coal mining activities in an environment friendly and sustainable manner. This is site specific as coal is deposited below earth surface, which is intended to be excavated. The proposed land is used for underground mining, the site of which cannot be changed.

Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide their Vesting Order No NA-104/12/2020-NA, dated 3rd March 2021 has allotted the Sahapur East Coal Mine in favour of Chowgule & Company Private Limited as a successful bidder under section 6 of the Coal Mines (Special Provisions), Act 2015. The proposed Sahapur East Coal Mine Project will help to bridge the gap of demand and supply of power grade coal to the surrounding power plants of the region. The mine will also bring enhanced socio-economic benefits to the local population of the project area by way of direct and indirect employment, improvement in infrastructure and growth of ancillary facilities. Opening of the Sahapur East Coal Mine Project will have the following benefits:

- Increase supply of coal for India's power programme.
- Provide better social & economic life of the area.
- Help in creating national wealth.
- Reduce the import of coal.
- Generate direct and indirect employment to the local community.

Hence diversion of 12.733 Ha. Revenue Forest land has been proposed for undertaking mining activities in Sahapur East Coal Block.

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