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Justification for locating the project in the forest area

Ministry of Coal, Government of India vide vesting order under clause (b) of sub-rule 7 and sub-rule (1) of rule 13 allotted Bikram Coal block in favour of Birla Corporation Limited for mining of coal for captive use to meet the requirement of coal to End Use Plants at Chanderia, Rajasthan and Satna, Madhya Pradesh.

The Bikram Coal block (Latitude 23011'04"N to 23011'32"N & Longitude 81028'42"E to 81031'02"E) in Sohagpur Coalfield is a coal bearing zone having good quality coal reserve as established through detail exploration done by CMPDIL (a Govt. of India undertaking) and DGM, Madhya Pradesh by 61 numbers of boreholes with 9536.12 meterage. Out of these total boreholes drilled in the area, 34 boreholes (CMSB series) drilled by CMPDIL & 2 boreholes (MPSB series) drilled by DGM (MP) are falling within the block boundary and 23 boreholes of CMPDIL & 2 boreholes of DGM (MP) are falling outside the block. The total geological reserve of the block is 20.975 MT out of which 10.897 MT is in forest area. The total area of the block is 239 Ha. About 63.20 % area of the coal block is covered under forest land. Without forest land mining activity cannot be taken up in this coal block. The coal to be produced from this block would help in Cement Plant and for generation of power at Chanderia, Rajasthan and Satna, Madhya Pradesh which ultimately shall promote the growth of industries. This will help in economic development of and more income to the state besides generating additional avenues for employment. Further, mining operation in this area shall improve the infrastructure facilities and enhance the socio-economic condition of the local people.

For Birla Corporation Limited



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