

JUSTIFICATION FOR THE LOCATION OF PROJECT

Serangdag Bauxite Mine Block-1 with approved mining Lease area of 257.923ha is a proposed Bauxite Mine of Mineral Exploration Corporation Limited, Nagpur located at Villlage: Serangdag, Tehsil: Kusmi, Dist.: Balrampur (Chhatisgarh). The Mining Lease is granted on 06/01/2017 by the Government of Chattisgarh.

The Lease area is in the State of Chhattisgarh while the buffer zone (10 KM radius) intersects with small part of Mahaudanr Wildlife Sanctuary (Jharkhand) at about 8.3 KM from Mine lease area.

As per the order of Ministry of Environment & Forests, Government of India, Wild Life Division vide F.No. 6-10/2011 WL dated 19th December 2012 for Guidance document for taking up non-forest activities in wild life habitat, the para no.3.5.1: Activities within 10 KM from boundaries of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries states that

“In pursuance to the order of Hon’ble Supreme Court Dated 4th December 2006 in Writ Petition (Civil) No 460/2004, in case any project requiring Environmental Clearance, is located within the eco-sensitive zone around a Wild Life Sanctuary or National Park or in absence of delineation of such zone, within a distance of 10 km from its boundaries, the User agency / Project Proponent is required to obtain recommendations of the standing Committee of NBWL”.

Since Mahaudanr Wildlife Sanctuary (Jharkhand) is located at about 8.3 km from Mine Lease area, the project requires recommendation from the Standing Committee of NBWL.