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Subject: <u>Justification for carrying out Recconnoitary drilling in the proposed</u> area applied for forest clearance

Based on the initial Remote Sensing Data, Aerial Survey Data and other geological studies, the proposed forest area appears to be the only prospecting area for Uranium exploration.

Uranium being a "strategic mineral" and A.M.D, Department of Atomic Energy, Govt. of India being the sole authority for its exploration (Atomic Energy Act, 1962, No. 33 of 1962, 15th September, 1962, Caluse 9 (i)). It becomes extremely important for its exploration and upkeep, considering the current international geo-political scenario and energy security issues.

As such in light of the above facts, the prospecting activity in the proposed block is extremely important and may please be considered on a priority basis.

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