

#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is a process, used to identify the environmental, social and economic impacts of a project prior to decision-making. It is a decision making tool, which guides the decision makers in taking appropriate decisions for proposed projects. EIA systematically examines both beneficial and adverse consequences of the proposed project and ensure that these impacts are taken into account during the project designing.

The Environmental Impact Assessment Documentation has been prepared in terms of EIA notification of the MoEF dated 14-9-2006 and its subsequent amendments thereof and the EIA Guidance Manual for Mining of Minerals (Feb, 2010) of MoEF, Govt. of India, for seeking environmental clearance for mining in the existing area of Ranijaroud Limestone Quarry Mine Project measuring 1.092 Ha falling under category "B1" due to the order of Hon'ble NGT (PB), Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEF &CC), Govt. of India vide Office Memorandum F.No.J-13012/12/2013-IA-II (I) dated 24.12.2013.

#### 1.1 Location of the Project

The mining area is located at Khasra No. 91, Village - Ranijaroud, Tehsil - Simga, District - Baloda Bazar-Bhatapara, and State - Chhattisgarh.

Table No. 1.1 Latitude & Longitude of Lease Area

Boundary Pillars No.	Latitude	Longitude
1.	21°38'16.75"N	81°58'48.01"E
2.	21°38'16.71"N	81°58'48.93"E
3.	21°38'17.10"N	81°58'48.95"E
4.	21°38'16.33"N	81°58'50.41"E
5.	21°38'15.56"N	81°58'50.40"E
6.	21°38'15.53"N	81°58'51.16"E
7.	21°38'12.04"N	81°58'51.07"E
8.	21°38'12.26"N	81°58'49.94"E
9.	21°38'13.36"N	81°58'49.09"E
10.	21°38'13.92"N	81°58'47.54"E

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# Table No. 1.2 Salient Features of Project

Project Name	Ranijaroud Limestone Quarry Mine Project				
	Village : Ranijaroud				
	Tehsil: Simga				
Location of mine	District : Baloda Baza	r-Rhatanara			
	State : Chhattisgarh	т Биашрага			
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Khasra No.	91				
Minerals of mine	Limestone				
<b>Total Mineable reserves</b>	148396.34 Tonne				
Life of mine	10 years as per the present mineable reserve.				
Max. Proposed production	14792.63 TPA				
Method of mining	Open cast Semi Mech	anized			
No of working days	240 days				
Water demand	Total water requirement is about 3.00 KLD =1.04 KLD (Drinking & Domestic Uses) + 1.46 (Plantation) KLD + 0.50 KLD (Dust Suppression) from nearby ponds and Ground water.				
Sources of water	CGWA (Bore well)				
Man power	10				
Nearest railway station	Nawapara- About 85.	66 km in NE direction	n.		
Nearest airport	Swami Vivekananda International Airport, Raipur - About 98.04 Km in NNW direction.				
Seismic zone	Zone II				

**Table 1.3: Environment Sensitivity** 

S.NO.	<b>Particulars</b>	Details	
1	Nearest Railway Station	Nawapara- About 85.66 km in NE direction.	
2	2 Nearest Airport/Airstrip Swami Vivekananda International Airport, Raipur - Abo Km in NNW direction.		
3	Nearest School	Govt Primary School is about 1.97 km in ENE direction.	
4	Nearest Hospital	Primary Healthcare Centre is about 5.43 km in East direction.	
5	Nearest Temple	Bajrang Temple is about 1.56 km in SE direction.	
6	Built-up Area	Ranijaroud about 0.87 Km towards SE direction.	
7	Nearest National / State Highway / Other Road	Village road (metalled) is 0.46 km away in W direction. SH-10 is about 9.36 Km in NNE direction.	
8	Ecological Sensitive Areas (Wild Life Sanctuaries) within 10km radius.	No Wildlife Sanctuary within 10 Km Buffer Area.	

# 1.2 GREEN BET PLANT

During the proposal period about 100 trees per year will be planted around the mining lease.

Area covered by afforestation is 0.11 Ha during conceptual period which will be rehabilitated providing plantation. Details of proposed plantation are mentioned below:

Table 1.2
TOTAL GREEN BELT PLAN

	पौधों की कुल संख्या - 1092				
अवस्था	प्रस्तावित वृक्षारोपण हेतु नियत स्थान	पौथो की प्रजातियां	पौधों की संख्या	टिप्पणी	
प्रथम वर्ष	बैरियर जोन	नीम, खमेर, सिरस, चिरोल, करंज, बबूल, सिस्सू एवं अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियां	100	<ul> <li>4 पौधों के बीच में एक सिरस पौधे का रोपण किया जाएगा।</li> <li>पौधों से पौधों के बीच की दूरी 3 मी. एवं पंक्ति से पंक्ति की दूरी 2.5 मी. और गड़ढे का आकार 0.70मी. x 0.70मी. x 0.70मी. vवं गड़ढे में गोबर की खाद और शेष मिट्टी से भरा जाएगा।</li> <li>परिनाली के निर्माण के दौरान निकली हुई मिट्टी में सूबबूल, नीम, बबूल, प्रोसोपिस और अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियों के बीज बुवाई की जाएगी।</li> <li>ट्रेंच 45 सेमी x 45 सेमी x 45 सेमी विकसित की जाएगी।</li> <li>तार की बाड़ की सुरक्षा के साथ।</li> </ul>	

	गैर खनन क्षेत्र	खमेर, चिरोल, करंज, महुआ, सेजा, बीजा, एवं अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियां	189	<ul> <li>4पौधों के बीच में एक सिरस पौधे का रोपण किया जाएगा।</li> <li>पौधों से पौधों के बीच की दूरी 3 मी. एवं पंक्ति से पंक्ति की दूरी 2.5 मी. और गड्ढे का आकार 0.70मी. x</li> <li>0.70मी. x 0.70मी. एवं गड्ढे में गोबर की खाद और शेष मिट्टी से भरा जाएगा।</li> <li>सुरक्षा हेतु तार की बाड़ की जावेगी।</li> </ul>
प्रथम वर्ष	परिवहन मार्ग	खमेर, चिरोल, करंज, बीजा, जंगल जलेबी, कदम एवं अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियां	193	<ul> <li>परिवहन मार्ग के दोनों ओर एक पंक्ति में4 -5 फीट ऊंचाई पौधों के वृक्षारोपण किए जाएंगे।</li> <li>पौधों से पौधों के बीच की दूरी 3 मी. एवं पंक्ति से पंक्ति की दूरी 2.5 मी. और गड़ढे का आकार 0.70मी. x 0.70मी. x 0.70मी. एवं गड़ढे में गोबर की खाद और शेष मिट्टी से भरा जाएगा।</li> <li>पौधों की सुरक्षा हेतु प्रभावशाली 6 फीट ऊंचाई का ट्री गार्ड।</li> </ul>
	ग्रामवासियो में वितरण हेतु) ग्राम पंचायत रानीजरौद)	नीम, आम, कटहल, बेर, ऑवला, हर्रा, महुआ, कबीट, नींबू, बहेरा, बेल एवं अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियां	310	<ul> <li>ग्रामवासी इन पेड़ों को अपने खेतों की मेड़ पर लगाएंगे।</li> </ul>
प्रथम वर्ष	ग्राम पंचायत के सहयोग से ग्राम पंचायत रानीजरौद के चिन्हित क्षेत्र में	नीम, आम, कटहल, बेर, ऑवला, हर्रा, महुआ, कबीट, नींबू, अचार एवं अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियां	200	<ul> <li>गड्ढे का आकार 0.70मी. x 0.70मी. x</li> <li>0.70मी. एवं गड्ढे में गोबर की खाद</li> <li>और शेष मिट्टी से भरा जाएगा।</li> <li>सुरक्षा हेतु तार की बाड़ की जावेगी।</li> </ul>
दसरे वर्ष	आंगनवाड़ी एवं ग्राम पंचायत परिसर में	कदम, नीम, खमेर, सिस्सू. एवं अन्य स्थानीय प्रजातियां भैधों का प्रतिस्थापन किया	100 जाएगा	<ul> <li>गड्ढे का आकार 0.70मी. x 0.70मी. x</li> <li>0.70मी. एवं गड्ढे में गोबर की खाद</li> <li>और शेष मिट्टी से भरा जाएगा।</li> <li>सुरक्षा हेतु परिसर में बाउंड्री वाल की व्यवस्था है।</li> </ul>

# रखरखाव एवं समस्त गतिविधियां दवितीय वर्ष से पट्टा अवधि के अंत तक किया जाएगा।

The following characteristics should be taken into consideration while selecting plant species for green belt development and tree plantation.

- They should be fast growing and tall trees.
- They should be perennial and evergreen.
- They should have thick canopy cover.
- Plantation should be done in appropriate alternate rows around the proposed site to prevent lateral pollution dispersion.
- The trees should maintain regional ecological balance and conform to soil and hydrological conditions. Indigenous species should be preferred.

## 1.3 BASE LINE DATA

This section contains the description of baseline studies of the 10 Km radius of the area surrounding "Ranijaroud Limestone Quarry Mine Project". The data collected has been used to understand the existing environment scenario around the proposed mining project against which the potential impacts of the project can be assessed.

Environmental data has been collected in relation to propose mining for:-

- (a) Land
- (b) Water
- (c) Air
- (d) Biological
- (e) Noise
- (f) Socio-economic

#### 1.4 AMBIENT AIR QUALITY

The results of AAQ are given in Annexure, the results when compared with National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) of Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for "Residential, Rural and Industrial Areas" show that the average values of ambient air quality parameters are well within the stipulated limit.

The minimum and maximum level of  $PM_{10}$  recorded within the study area was in the range of  $62.42\mu g/m^3$  to  $88.76\mu g/m^3$ . The minimum and maximum level of  $PM_{2.5}$  recorded within the study area was in the range of  $38.92\mu g/m^3$  to  $58.71\mu g/m^3$ . The minimum and maximum level of  $SO_2$  recorded within the study area was in the range of  $7.22\mu g/m^3$  to  $8.35\mu g/m^3$ . The minimum and

maximum level of NO2 recorded within the study area was in the range of  $15.23\mu g/m^3$  to  $18.81\mu g/m^3$ .

## 1.5 NOISE ENVIRONMENT

The result of Noise Quality at Night time Leq (Ln) varies from 39.2 to 46.6 dB (A) and the hourly daytime Leq (Ld) varies from 49.4 to 53.7 dB (A) within the study area. Low noise level is due to absence of any major industry in the area.

#### 1.6 WATER ENVIRONMENT

The water quality in the impact zone was assessed through physico- chemical and bacteriological analysis of ground and surface water samples. The results have been compared with the drinking water quality standards specified in IS: 10500. It was observed that all the physico chemical parameters and heavy metals from surface and ground water samples are below stipulated drinking water standards.

All the ground water samples analyzed can be considered fit for drinking purpose in the absence of alternate sources.

Comparing the values of pH, DO, BOD and total coliforms with 'Use based classification of surface waters' published by Central Pollution Control Board; it can be seen that all the analyzed surface waters can be compared with class "B" and can be used as "Outdoor bathing (Organized)".

#### 1.7 SOIL ANALYSIS REPORT

Physical characteristics of soil were characterized through specific parameters viz bulk density, porosity, water holding capacity, pH, electrical conductivity and texture. Soil pH plays an important role in the availability of nutrients. Soil microbial activity as well as solubility of metal ions is also dependent on pH. In the study area, variations in the pH of the soil were found to be neutral (7.37 to 7.81). Electrical conductivity (EC) is a measure of the soluble salts and ionic activity in the soil. In the collected soil samples the conductivity ranged from 352-390μmhos/cm.

The soils with low bulk density have favorable physical condition where as those with high bulk density exhibit poor physical conditions for agriculture crops.

#### 1.8 BIOLOGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The lease area as well as buffer zone area reveals no endangered and endemic species of flora and fauna in the area.

#### 1.9 WATER REQUIREMENT

The total water consumption in the Mine is about 3.00 KLD. The water is used in the following purposes.

- For dust suppression & mining allied activity.
- For drinking & domestic consumption.
- > For greenbelt development.

This water will be met from old bore well, hand pump and mine sump located in ML area.

The following table shows the water balance of the mine activity:

Table No. 1.3
WATER CONSUMPTION (KLD)

Activity	Water requirement (KLD)	
Dust suppression	0.50	
Domestic	1.04	
Plantation	1.46	
Total	3.00	

### 1.10 WASTE DUMP DISPOSAL

There is Soil (overburden) overlain the deposit, and that will be used in afforestation so, Dumping of waste rock is not required.

#### 1.10.1 LAND FOR DISPOSAL OF WASTE WITH JUSTIFICATION:

Not required as the available soil will be used to develop area for plantation; weathered waste/rejects will also be used in repair and maintenance of roads.

# 1.11 SOCIO-ECONOMICS

The mine area does not cover any habitation. Hence the mining activity does not involve any displacement of human settlement. No public buildings, places, monuments etc exist within the lease area or in the vicinity. The mining operation will not disturb/ relocate any village or need resettlement. Thus no adverse impact is anticipated.

The impact of mining activity in the area is positive on the socio-economic environment of the region. Ranijaroud Limestone Quarry Mine Project is providing employment to local population and it will be give preference to the local people whenever there is requirement of man power.

#### 1.12 OCCUPATIONAL HAZARDS AND SAFETY

Occupational safety and health is very closely related to productivity and good employer-employee relationship. The factors of occupational health in Ranijaroud Limestone Quarry Mine Project are

mainly dust and land degradation. Safety of employees during operation and maintenance etc. shall be as per Mines rules and regulations.

To avoid any adverse effect on the health of workers due to various pollutants, sufficient measures relating to safety and health will also be practiced:

- Provision of rest shelters for mine workers with amenities like drinking water etc.
- All safety measures like use of safety appliances, such as dust masks, helmets, shoes, safety awareness programs, awards, posters, slogans related to safety etc.
- Training of employees for use of safety appliances and first aid in vocational training center.
- Regular maintenance and testing of all equipment as per manufacturers' guidelines.
- Periodical Medical Examination (PME) of all workers by a medical Officer
- First Aid facility is provided at the mine site.
- Close surveillance of the factors in working environment and work practices which may affect environment and worker's health.
- Working of mine as per approved mining plan and environmental plans.

#### 1.13 ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

The mining activities involve, excavation, loading, haulage and transportation of mineral. These activities lead to generation of air borne dust, which can cause air pollution in and around the mining lease area, if appropriate control measures are not taken. Similarly mining causes Land Degradation, Noise and Water Pollution etc. in the area.

In order to minimize impacts of mining on different environmental parameters and to keep air and water quality within prescribed limits of CPCB, a rapid Environmental Management Plan (EMP) is prepared to strictly follow it. This helps in resolving all environmental and ecological issues due to mining in the area. The environmental management plan includes all measures and safety precautions necessary for safe mining along with rehabilitation measures for mined out areas.

	ANNUAL EMP COST			
S NO. Particular	Particulars	<b>Budget Provisions (Rs)</b>		
5110.	1 at ticulars	Capital	Recurring	
1(a)	Overhead water sprinkling facility with solar pump for outgoing and incoming transportation vehicles for haul and transportation.	1,00,000	10,000	
1(b)	Cost of Water own (4000 liter capacity) 2 tanker x 200 Rs./per day X 240 days	Nil	96,000	

2	Two Settling Tank [ 2.5m (W) x 10m (L) 2m (D) ] Garland drain [ 450m (L) x 2m (W) x 1.5 m(D) ]	30,000	5,000	
3	Prepare & Maintenance of approach road (Max. Road length 720m, Width 6.0m) 720m @ 400Rs./Meter	2,88,000	50,000	
4	Monitoring twice a year (Air , Water & Noise twice a year)	Nil	40,000	
5	Plantation (1092 plants will be planted & Distribution during the five year) = 1092 Per year x 50/sapling	54,600	5000	
6	Wire Fence 450 m x200	90,000	10,000	
	Labour Welfare			
7	Drinking Water Facility & Temporary rest shelter (25 x 15 feet)	30,000	5,000	
8	Separate toilets for Male & Female No. of 2	50,000	5,000	
9	Occupational health Survey 10 labour @ 500 Rs. = 5,000 Rs./twice per year x 2	Nil	10,000	
10	PPES to Work(Helmet shoes, gloves, goggle etc), 10 labor @1200 Rs.	12,000	3000	
11	First Aid Kits, Number of kits 5	30,000	10,000	
12	Fire Safety (1 nos.), @ 30,000	50,000	10,000	
	Solid Waste Management			
a.	Bins 2 Nos.	1500		
b.	Pit and Composed	5000	5,000	
c.	Transport of Dry Waste	5000		
14	Vehicle Maintenance + PUC Certification	Nil	25,000	
15	Signage and Caution Board	5,000	1,000	
	Total EMP Cost	7,51,100	2,90,000	

#### 1.15 CONCLUSION

As discussed, it is safe to say that the project is not likely to cause any significant impact on the ecology of the area, as adequate preventive measures will be adopted to contain the various pollutants within permissible limits. Green belt development around the area will also be taken up as an effective pollution mitigates technique, as well as to control the pollutants released from the premises of the Proposed Mine.

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