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To,  
The Deputy Director General of Forests (C),  
Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change,  
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Sub: - Submission of Six-monthly EC compliance report for the **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine** of M/s JSW Steel Ltd for the period **October 2025 to March 2026**.

Ref: Environment Clearance Letter F. No. J-11015/1156/2007-IA. II (M) dated 05.08.2021 for Mines issued by MoEFC&CC, GOI.

Respected Sir,

We are submitting herewith six-monthly EC compliance report of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. for the period October 2025 to March 2026 as per EIA notification 2006. The same is e-mailed to [roez.bsr-mef@nic.in](mailto:roez.bsr-mef@nic.in) for your ready reference.

We trust that the measures taken towards environmental safeguards comply with the stipulated conditions. We look forward to your guidance which shall certainly help us in our endeavor for improving upon our environmental management practices.

Seeking your co-operation as always.

Thanking you,  
Yours Faithfully  
**For JSW Steel Ltd**

  
25/5/2026

**Vijay Kumar**  
(Authorized Signatory)

Encl: As above



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## ENVIRONMENT CLEARANCE COMPLIANCE STATUS - NUAGAON MINE

**Compliance report of Environmental Clearance for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine, JSW Steel Ltd.**

**Reference letter from MoEF&CC, New Delhi-** F. No. J-11015/1156/2007-IA. II (M) dated 05<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

**Capacity-** 7.99 MTPA Iron Ore (ROM)

Sl. No.	Environment Clearance Conditions	Self - Declaration	Compliance Remarks
<b>A.</b>	<b>Specific Conditions</b>		
1	The new lessee, after obtaining Letter of Intent (LoI), shall obtain approval under the FCA-1980 following due procedure, for non-forestry use of forest land falling in such mining lease for continuing mining operation beyond two years during which it has deemed to have acquired rights to undertake mining operation. In case, approval under the FCA-1980 is not obtained within the stipulated time of two years of commencement of lease by the new lessee, the mining operations shall be stopped till such approval has been obtained.	Complied	<p>LOI was issued to Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/S JSW Steel Ltd vide letter no. 2291/S&amp;M IV(Misc.) SM-66/2016 dated 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2020 by Department of Steel &amp; Mines, Government of Odisha.</p> <p>State Government (Steel &amp; Mines Department) has given vested order in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited vide No. 4167/SM, dated 29.05.2020 for 2 years. Further It got vested for 50 years vide letter no. 1303/ SM – MC1-MRL-0002-2020 dated 15.02.2022.</p> <p>FC transfer over 371.192 Ha is obtained from Forest, Environment &amp; Climate Change department, Govt of Odisha vide letter no. FE-DIV-FLD-0120-2021-7489/FE&amp;CC dated 21.04.2022. Further, FC over 63.30 Ha is accorded by MoEF&amp;CC vide letter no 8-17/2001-FC(Vol.) dated 12.02.2024. Application over 201.683 Ha is in progress.</p> <p>The present mining operation is contained within the area for which FC clearance is obtained.</p> <p>Relevant copies of LOI, Vesting Order and FC is attached as <b>ANNEXURE I</b>.</p>
2	While obtaining approval under the provisions of FCA-1980 as per clause (b) above, the new lessee shall pay the Net Present Value (NPV) for the total forest area located within the mining lease, along with any other amount due as per guidelines issued by Government of India from time to time. However, on the date of issuance of LoI, the state government shall realize a lump sum amount at the rate of Rs 7.50 lakh per ha (for the total forest area within the mining lease) from the new LoI holder. This amount shall be deposited into the account of CAMPA, which will be adjusted against actual compensatory levies payable on the forest land, at the time of approval as per clause (b) above.	Complied	<p>Advance Lum sum amount of Rs. 48, 71, 3, 1000.0 has been deposited towards compensatory levies in Ad-hoc CAMPA Orissa at the rate of Rs 7.50 lakh per ha (for the total forest area within the mining lease). Details has been attached as <b>ANNEXURE II</b>.</p>
3	The budget of Rs. 1452.43 Lakhs to address the concerns raised by the	Being complied	<p>Out of the total proposed budget of Rs. 1452.43 Lakhs, Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd has</p>

	public including in the public hearing to be completed within 3 years from the date of start of mining operations. PP shall comply all action plans made for public hearing concerns and make regular maintenance and record the progressive activity outcomes.		done the expenditure of Rs 1824.6 Lakhs, till 31.03.2026. At present works for an outlay of around 3 crores is undergoing for the year 2026 and the same progressive activities shall be continued in the future also. Details for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE III</b>
4	The Project Proponent shall undertake the adequate plantation in peripheral zone as well as gap plantation with the seeding of 6-8 ft. height with at least 90% survival rate to control the dust at source and should be completed within 3 years from the date of commencement of mining operations. Causalities of the previous year should be replaced other than the saplings proposed to be planted every year.	Being complied	Date of start of mining with expanded capacity reported to be 07.12.2021. The peripheral zone plantation in safety zone and the gap plantation is carried out. 90% survival rate are being maintained and causalities of the previous year are being replaced with the saplings other than proposed for every year. 2500 saplings were planted in FY 2021-22, 7900 saplings were planted in FY 22-23 and 12000 saplings (including gap filling) were planted in FY 23-24 and 8339 saplings planted in the FY 24-25. In the FY 2025-26, about 12500 saplings are already planted. Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE IV</b>
5	PP shall construct garland drains with protective bunds around excavated area, to avoid entrance of surface run off into pit and mixing with ground water. Furthermore, PP shall make garland drains/storm water drains along with siltation/settling tanks at regular interval around the active mine pits through proper plan which follow the natural slope of surface run off and/or to avoid its mixing with groundwater.	Complied	The present mine working is operated to the depth where the groundwater is not encountered. Garland drains with protective bunds around excavated area has been constructed to avoid entrance of surface runoff into pit. Around 12 Km Garland Drains has been constructed with settling pond in order to conserve the storm water. There is no chance of entrance of runoff water into groundwater.  Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE V</b>
6	Appropriate mitigative measures should be taken to prevent pollution of the Karo River and the Suna Nadi in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board.	Complied	Check Dam along with series of 3 Settling Ponds has been provided to prevent the pollution of Karo river, Presently, there is no mining operation in the extent of 2.0 km near Karo river.  Mine lease is around 500 m from Suna Nadi, there is no impact due to runoff from the mining operations. Photos of check dam is attached as <b>ANNEXURE VI</b>
7	The conservation plan in consultation with the Forest Department shall be implemented and compliance of the same shall be submitted to IRO of MOEF&CC before 1 <sup>st</sup> July of every year.	Complied	Site Specific Wildlife Conservation plan got approved vide letter no: 1WL-C-FC-386/08. Dated 28.01.2009 by PCCF(Wildlife) and Chief Wild Life Warden. However, we are currently in the process of revising the Site-Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan in accordance with the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022, and the revision is at an advanced stage of completion. Approval Letter along with Implementation certificate has been attached as <b>ANNEXURE VII</b>
8	Project proponent shall furnish a certificate from DFO regarding satisfactory compliance of site-specific wildlife conservation plan prepared by earlier lessee.	Complied	Implementation certificate vide file no. 3877/ 6F-Mining-33/2020 dated 05.07.2021 issued by DFO, Keonjhar has been attached as <b>ANNEXURE VII</b>

9	No mining activities will be allowed in the part of forest land involved in the lease area i.e. 163.618 Ha (639.823 Ha- 476.205 Ha) for which the forest clearance is not available.	Agreed Upon	No mining activities are being carried out in the part of forest land involved for which the forest clearance is not available.
<b>B.</b>	<b>Recommendation of CSIR-NEERI Report on “Carrying Capacity Study for Environmentally Sustainable Iron and Manganese Ore Mining Activity in Keonjhar, Sundargarh and Mayurbhanj districts of Odisha State</b>		
1	Project Proponent and Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha shall ensure the implementation of recommendations of carrying capacity study report conducted by CSIR-NEERI w.r.t. mining proposal of iron Ore and/or manganese in the State of Odisha.	Complied	Recommendations of carrying capacity study report conducted by CSIR-NEERI has been implemented. Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE IX</b> .  Monitoring of ambient air and fugitive emission data has been implemented and report for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII</b>
2	Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should prepare 5 years’ regional plan for annual iron ore requirement from the state, which in turn shall be met from different mines/zones (e.g. Joda, Koira.) in the state. Accordingly, sustainable annual production (SAP) for each zone/mine may be followed adopting necessary environmental protection measures.	Agreed to comply	JSW will adopt the necessary environmental protection measures and abide by the sustainable annual production limit mentioned in regional plan prepared by Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha.
3	Project Proponent shall construct the cement concrete road from mine entrance and exit to the main road with proper drainage system and green belt development along the roads and also construction of road with minimum 300 m inside the mine. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mine should have since beginning. The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should ensure the compliance and should not issue the Mining Permits, if mine lease holder has not constructed proper cement concrete road as suggested. <b>This Environmental Clearance for the expansion project shall be operated only after the compliance of the above-mentioned specific condition.</b>	Complied	NH-520 is passing through the lease and exit gate of mine working area is connecting the same. So, there is no such requirement in this case. However, cement concrete road from mine entrance/exit to the main road with proper drainage system and green belt development along the roads has been constructed and maintained. Photo for the same is attached in <b>ANNEXURE XI</b>
4	The Committee observed that as per the recommendations of NEERI report the PP needs to do regular vacuum cleaning of all mineral carrying roads aiming at “zero dust re-suspension” within 3 months. This	Complied	One vacuum sweeping machine has been provided to achieve “zero dust re-suspension” (Area covered: Guali service road, NH road, Guali village, Loidapada village, Parking Plaza, cc road). Additionally, 2 nos. wheel washing has been provided at entry and exit gate of Guali and Katasahi. Fixed

	Environmental Clearance for the expansion project shall be operated only after the compliance of the above-mentioned specific condition.		water sprinkler of 3.6 Km has also been provided in the haul road. Water sprinkling is being carried out along the haul road by two numbers of truck mounted tanker of capacity 50 Kl and 16 KL. Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE IX</b>
5	Project Proponent shall monitor the environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions, and implementation of suggested measures for control of road dust and air pollution. Odisha State Pollution Control Board has to ensure the compliance of CTE/CTO. Regional office of the MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar shall monitor the compliance of the EC conditions. Regional office of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) shall monitor the compliance of mining plan and progressive mine closure plan. Any violation by mine lease holder may invite actions per the provisions of applicable Acts.	Complied	Environmental quality parameter such as ambient air quality, Fugitive emission, Noise level, Surface water quality, ground water quality is being monitored by NABL accredited agency M/s. Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd. Regular Compliances are being monitored by the statutory authorities as mentioned. Report for the same has been attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII</b>
6	Project Proponent shall ensure the compliance of Suggested Ore Transport Mode (SOTM) with association of the State Government of Odisha. All existing mines should ensure adoption of SOTM within next 5 years. New mines or mines seeking expansion should incorporate provision of SOTM in the beginning itself, and should have system in place within next 5 years.	Being Complied	Nuagaon mine has an existing EC capacity of 7.99 MTPA and hence SOTM 1 is stipulated for the mine. More than 70 percent ore are being transported through railway siding (located at a distance of 10 km to 25 km approx.), 10 percent for shipping (located at a distance 300 km approx.) and rest 20% to the end user (25% located at a distance of 200 km. approx.) by dumper/ tipper. In order to comply SOTM condition JSW has plan to lay 302.5 Km of slurry pipeline. Till now we have laid 240 km of slurry pipeline out of 302.5 Km from Nuagaon to Paradeep.
7	The State Govt. of Odisha shall ensure dust free roads in mining areas wherever the road transportation of mineral is involved. The road shoulders shall be paved with fence besides compliance with IRC guidelines. All the roads should have proper drainage system and apart from paving of entire carriage width the remaining right of way should have native plantation (dust capturing species). Further, regular maintenance should also be ensured by the Govt. of Odisha. Progress on development of dust free roads, implementation of SOTM, increased use of existing rail network, development of additional railway network/conveyor belt/ pipelines etc.	Being Complied	JSW will follow all the instructions issued by the Govt of Odisha in this regard and extend full support wherever required.

	shall be submitted periodically to Regional office of the MoEF&CC.		
8	Project Proponent shall develop the parking plazas for trucks with proper basic amenities/ facilities inside the mine. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mines should have since beginning. This Environmental Clearance for the expansion project shall be operated only after the compliance of the above-mentioned specific condition.	Complied	Parking plaza has been developed at the site along with facilities such as toilet and rest area. Pavement of the parking plaza has also been done. Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE IX</b>
9	Department of Steel & Mines shall ensure the construction of NH 215 as minimum 4 lane road with proper drainage system and plantation and subsequent regular maintenance of the road as per IRC guidelines. Construction of other mineral carrying roads with proper width and drainage system along with road side plantation to be carried out. This shall be completed within 2 Years.	Complied	JSW will follow all the instructions and extend full support wherever required by Department of Steel & Mines.
10	Regular vacuum cleaning of all mineral carrying roads aiming at “Zero Dust Re- suspension” shall be adopted by PWD / NHAI/ Mine Lease Holders within a time Period of 3 months for existing roads. This Environmental Clearance for the expansion project shall be operated only after the compliance of the above-mentioned specific condition.	Complied	Same as point no. 4
11	In case the total requirement of iron ore exceeds the suggested limit for that year, permission for annual production by an individual mine may be decided depending on approved EC capacity (for total actual dispatch) and actual production rate of individual mine during last year or any other criteria set by the State Govt., i.e. Dept. of Steel & Mines. Department of Steel and Mines in consultation with Indian Bureau of Mines-RO should prepare in advance mine-wise annual production scenario so that demand for iron ore can be anticipated, and actual production/dispatch does not exceed the suggested annual production.	Complied	JSW will abide by the guidelines issued by the Department of Steel & Mines, Govt of Odisha in this regard.
12	R&D studies towards utilization of low-grade iron ore should be	Complied	R&D studies towards utilization of low-grade iron ore has been carried out by IMMT Bhubaneswar and

	<p>conducted through research/academic institutes like IMMT, Bhubaneswar, NML, Jamshedpur, and concerned metallurgical departments in IITs, NITs etc., targeting full utilization of low-grade iron ore (Fe content up to 45% by 2020 and up to 40% by 2025). In fact, life cycle assessment of whole process including environmental considerations should be done for techno-economic and environmental viability. R&amp;D studies on utilization of mine wastewater having high concentration of Fe content for different commercial applications in industries such as cosmetics, pharmaceutical, paint industry should also be explored. Responsibility: IBM, Dept. of Steel &amp; Mines, Individual Mine Lease Holders.</p>		<p>Report on washing and de-sliming of iron ore fines of Nuagaon mines is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XII</b>. A Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) of the entire process, including environmental considerations, is being carried out by Indian Institute of Technology Delhi to evaluate its techno-economic and environmental viability.</p>
13	<p>The mining activity in Joda-Koira sector is expected to continue for another 100 years, therefore, it will be desirable to develop proper rail network in the region. Rail transport shall not only be pollution free mode but also will be much economical option for iron ore transport. The rail network and/or conveyor belt system up to public railway siding needs to be created. The total length of the conveyor belt system/ rail network to be developed from mines to nearest railway sidings by 11 mines in Joda region is estimated to be about 64 km. Similarly, in Koira region, total length of rail network/ conveyor system for 8 mines (under SOTM 1 &amp; 2) is estimated to be around 95 km. Further, it is suggested to develop a rail network connecting Banspani (Joda region) and Roxy railway sidings in Koira region. Responsibility: Dept. of Steel &amp; Mines, Govt. of Odisha and Concerned Mines along with Indian Railways. Time Period: Maximum 7 years (by 2025). The Department of Steel &amp; Mines, Govt. of Odisha should follow-up with the concerned Departments and railways so that</p>	Being Complied	<p>JSW has been/will abide by the directions of Department of Steel &amp; Mines, Govt. of Odisha in this regard.</p> <p>As per Approved Modified Mining Plan and SOTM condition 70% of material will be transported by proposed 30 MTPA slurry transportation system. The slurry transportation system will minimize the pollution load in the region.</p> <p>JSW has plan to lay 302.5 Km of slurry pipeline. Till now we have laid 240 km of slurry pipeline out of 302.5 Km from Nuagaon to Paradeep.</p>

	proposed proper rail network is in place by 2025.		
14	State Govt. of Odisha shall make all efforts to ensure exhausting all the iron & manganese ore resources in the existing working mines and from disturbed mining leases/zones in Joda and Koira region. The criteria suggested shall be applicable while suggesting appropriate lease area and sustainable mining rate. Responsibility: Dept. of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha.	Agreed upon	JSW will abide by the guidelines issued by the Department of Steel & Mines, Govt of Odisha in this regard.
15	Mining Operations/Process Related: Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) Appropriate mining process and machinery (viz. right capacity, fuel efficient) should be selected to carry out various mining operations that generate minimal dust/air pollution, noise, wastewater and solid waste. e.g. drills should either be operated with dust extractors or equipped with water injection system. (ii) After commencement of mining operation, a study should be conducted to assess and quantify emission load generation (in terms of air pollution, noise, waste water and solid waste) from each of the mining activity (including transportation) on annual basis. Efforts should be made to further eliminate/ minimize generation of air pollution/dust, noise, wastewater, solid waste generation in successive years through use of better technology. This shall be ensured by the respective mine lease holders. (iii) Various machineries/equipment selected (viz. dumpers, excavators, crushers, screen plants etc.) and transport means should have optimum fuel/power consumption, and their fuel/power consumption should be recorded on monthly basis. Further, inspection and maintenance of all the machineries/ equipment/ transport vehicles should be followed as per manufacturer's instructions/ recommended time schedule and record should be maintained by the respective mine lease holders.	Complied	(i) Appropriate mining process and machinery has been selected to carry out various mining operations that generate minimal dust/air pollution, noise, wastewater and solid waste. Drilling is equipped with wet drilling along with dust extractor. (ii) Dust load calculation has been carried out and report is attached with NEERI compliance report as <b>ANNEXURE XIII</b> . (iii) Inspection and maintenance of all the machineries/ equipment/ transport vehicles are being followed as per manufacturer's instructions/ recommended time schedule and records are being maintained. PUC check for vehicles is being carried out annually. (iv) Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique is being carried out and the land use land cover map based on drone image certified by ORSAC is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XIV</b> and we are in progress in revision of the same.

	<p>(iv) Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be carried out regularly once in 3 years for monitoring land use pattern and mining activity taken place. Further, the extent of pit area excavated should also be demarcated based on remote sensing analysis. This should be done by ORSAC (Odisha Space Applications Centre, Bhubaneswar) or an agency of national repute or if done by a private agency, the report shall be vetted/ authenticated by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar. Expenses towards the same shall be borne by the respective mine lease holders. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.</p>		
16	<p><b>Air Environment Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly on daily basis. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at other transfer points should be provided and properly maintained. Further, it will be desirable to use water fogging system to minimize water consumption. It should be ensured that the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the CPCB in this regard. (ii) The core zone of mining activity should be monitored on daily basis. Minimum four ambient air quality monitoring stations should be established in the core zone for SPM, PM10, PM2.5, SO2, NOx and CO monitoring. Location of air quality monitoring stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (based on Emission Load Assessment Study). The number of monitoring locations may be more for larger capacity mines and</p>	Complied	<p>(i) Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources are being controlled regularly on daily basis. A network of fixed water sprinklers has been laid on permanent haul roads. Mobile water tankers of large capacity namely 50 KL which can cover the entire width of the haul road has been commissioned. All the places where iron ore is handled have been provided with dry- fog dust suppression system. All the monitored parameters are found within the CPCB prescribed limits.</p> <p>(ii) Ambient air quality monitoring is being carried out as directed at four different locations for PM10, PM2.5, SO2, NO2 and CO. Three online ambient air quality monitoring station has been installed for monitoring of PM10, PM2.5, SO2, NO2 and CO. Report for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII</b></p> <p>(iii) Monitoring in buffer zone at four locations i.e., Katesahi village, Panduliposhi village, Barapada village and Rengelbada village for PM10, PM2.5, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub> and CO are being carried out.</p> <p>(iv) PUC check of the vehicles are being carried out and regular maintenance of the mining machineries are being carried out.</p> <p>(v) The ore transportation is being done through tarpaulin covered trucks, along with this overloading are being rectified by automated weighbridges. Photos of covered trucks is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XV</b></p>

	<p>working in larger area. Out of four stations, one should be online monitoring station in the mines having more than 3 MTPA EC Capacity. (iii) Monitoring in buffer zone should be carried out by SPCB or through NABET accredited agency. In addition, air quality parameters (SPM, PM10, PM2. 5, SO2, NOx and CO) shall be regularly monitored at locations of nearest human habitation including schools and other public amenities located nearest to source of the dust generation as applicable.</p> <p>(iv) Emissions from vehicles as well as heavy machinery should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures should be taken for regular maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral. (v) The vehicles shall be covered with a tarpaulin and should not be overloaded. Further, possibility of closed container trucks should be explored for direct to destination movement of iron ore. Air quality monitoring at one location should also be carried out along the transport route within the mine (periodically, near truck entry and exit gate), Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and SPCB</p>		
17	<p><b>Noise and Vibration Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) Blasting operation should be carried out only during daytime. Controlled blasting such as NONEL, should be practiced. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented. (ii) Appropriate measures should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 DB in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs. (iii) Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone. Further, date,</p>	Complied	<p>(i) Blasting operation are being carried out on day time only and controlled blasting is being practiced by using NONEL. However, blasting study are being carried out on monthly basis. Blasting report along with significant changes or variation in PPV graph is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XVI</b></p> <p>(ii) Adequate measures are taken for control of work noise levels such as all HEMMs have acoustic cabins with air conditioners and the exhaust manifold have silencers. Noisy operations have been identified and persons engaged in such operations are provided with ear plugs/muffs.</p> <p>(iii) Ambient Noise level monitoring are being carried out at 4 different locations in core zone as well as 4 locations in the buffer zone. Along with this, Source noise monitoring is also carried out at 15 different locations. Noise monitoring report is attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII.</b></p>

	<p>time and distance of measurement should also be indicated with the noise levels in the report. The data should be used to map the noise generation from different activities and efforts should be made to maintain the noise levels with the acceptable limits of CPCB (CPCB, 2000) (iv) Similarly, vibration at various sensitive locations should be monitored at least once in month, and mapped for any significant changes due to successive mining operations. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.</p>		<p>(iv) All efforts are taken to ensure that blast- induced ground vibrations remain within safe limits by using NONEL/ electronic detonation system. Vibration monitoring is done for every blast and records maintained thereof and their recommendations are strictly followed.</p>
18	<p><b>Water/Wastewater Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) In general, the mining operations should be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect groundwater table. However, if enough resources are estimated below the ground water table, the same may be explored after conducting detailed geological studies by GSI and hydro- geological studies by CGWB or NIH or institute of national repute, and ensuring that no damage to the land stability/ water aquifer system shall happen. The details/ outcome of such study may be reflected/incorporated in the EIA/EMP report of the mine appropriately. (ii) Natural watercourse and/or water resources should not be obstructed due to any mining operations. Regular monitoring of the flow rate of the springs and perennial nallas should be carried out and records should be maintained. Further, regular monitoring of water quality of nallas and river passing thorough the mine lease area (upstream and downstream locations) should be carried out on monthly basis. (iii) Regular monitoring of ground water level and its quality should be carried out within the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring should be</p>	Being Complied	<p>(i) The ground water table has not been intersected.  (ii) There is no obstruction to natural water course. Monitoring of Surface water flow rate and quality of upstream and downstream of Topadihi nalla, Karo nalla, Suna nalla, Teheri nalla and Kakarpani nalla is being done. Report for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII</b>  (iii) Ground water level and quality monitoring data are also being carried out and shared.  (iv) To optimize the water requirement, suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area will be undertaken in consultation with Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).  (v) A detailed hydrogeology study has been carried out suggesting the suitable rainwater harvesting measures and same will be implemented in consultation with CGWB.  Adequate protection measures such as construction of check dams, de-siltation pond, retaining wall, settling cum percolation pits and settling pits with coco filter arrangement across the outlet have been made to conserve and protect the natural water courses.  (vi) ETP near the washing bay area of 120 KL with oil and grease trap system and STP of 150 KL has been installed at workshop area and Operator colony respectively. The surface water and ground water quality are being monitored by the NABL accredited agency, M/s. Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd.  (vii) Wastewater from washing bay is being treated and recycled for the reuse in vehicle/HEMM washing purpose. No process water being discharged from the mine.  (viii) Oil and grease trap is installed near the washing bay area and it is functional. Further, sewage treatment plant of 150 KL is installed for the employees/colony at the Operator's colony area.  (ix) Appropriate measures for prevention and control of soil erosion and management of silt are undertaken</p>

<p>carried out on monthly basis. (iv) In order to optimize water requirement, suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area should be undertaken in consultation with Central Ground Water Board (CGWB). (v) Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis should be planned and implemented in consultation with CGWB, to recharge the ground water source. Further, CGWB can prepare a comprehensive plan for the whole region. (vi) Appropriate mitigation measures (viz. ETP, STP, garland drains, retaining walls, collection of runoff etc.) should be taken to prevent pollution of nearby river/other water bodies. Water quality monitoring study should be conducted by State Pollution Control Board to ensure quality of surface and ground water sources on regular basis. The study can be conducted through NABL/ NABET approved water testing laboratory. However, the report should be vetted by SPCB. (vii) Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) should be properly collected, treated in ETP so as to conform to the discharge standards applicable. (viii) Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents. Further, sewage treatment plant should be installed for the employees/colony, wherever applicable. (ix) Mine lease holder should ensure that no silt originating due to mining activity is transported in the surface water course or any other water body. Appropriate measures for prevention and control of soil erosion and management of silt should be undertaken. Quantity of silt/soil generated should be measured on regular basis for its better utilization. (x) Erosion from dumps site should be protected by providing geo-textile matting or other suitable material, and thick plantation of native trees and shrubs should be carried out at the dump slopes. Further, dumps should</p>		<p>by constructing around 17 settling ponds of different dimensions within the mine lease area.</p> <p>(x) Geo textile of around 12, 336.0 sq.m has been provided in south eastern part of the OB dump. OB dump at Katasahi is in active stage, once it gets stabilized proper stabilization will be done. Retaining wall of 455 m has been provided around the OB dumps, SG dumps area. Along with this dry-stone wall of 800 m has been constructed around the S.G dumps of ex-lessee.</p> <p>(xi) Garland drain of about 12.0 Km has been constructed all along the haul road, SG dumps and 400 m along the Katesahi OB dump. Series of settling ponds has been constructed for runoff management. De-silting at regular intervals is being carried out. Rain water harvesting structure of dimension 50 m x 20 m x 6 m has been constructed near Kanusahi area. Additionally, we are in the process of constructing more rainwater harvesting structures to further enhance water conservation and groundwater recharge in the region.</p> <p>(xii) The water collected in the reservoir within the mine is utilized for the sprinkling on hauls roads, green belt development etc.</p> <p>(xiii) There is zero waste water discharge from the mine.</p> <p>Photos of garland drain, settling pond and retaining wall is attached in <b>ANNEXURE V</b> and rain water harvesting structure is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XVIII</b></p>
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	<p>be protected by retaining walls. (xi) Trenches/ garland drain should be constructed at the foot of dumps to arrest silt from being carried to water bodies. Adequate number of check dams should be constructed across seasonal/perennial nallas (if any) flowing through the mine lease areas and silt be arrested. De-silting at regular intervals should be carried out and quantity should be recorded for its better utilization, after proper soil quality analysis. (xii) The water so collected in the reservoir within the mine should be utilized for the sprinkling on hauls roads, green belt development etc. (xiii) There should be zero waste water discharge from the mine. Based on actual water withdrawal and consumption/ utilization in different activities, water balance diagram should be prepared on monthly basis, and efforts should be made to optimize consumption of water per ton of ore production in successive years. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders, SPCB and CGWB.</p>		
19	<p><b>Land/Soil/Overburden Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) The top soil should temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and it should not be kept unutilized for long (not more than 3 years or as per provisions mentioned in the mine plan/ scheme). The topsoil should be used for land reclamation and plantation appropriately. (ii) Fodder plots should be developed in the non-mineralised area in lieu of use of grazing land, if any. (iii) Over burden/ low grade ore should be stacked at earmarked dump site (s) only and should not be kept active for long period. The dump height should be decided on case-to-case basis, depending on the size of mine and quantity of waste material generated. However, slope stability study should be conducted for larger heights, as per IBM approved mine plan and DGMS guidelines. The OB dump should be scientifically vegetated</p>	Complied	<p>(i) There is no Top soil dump within the mine lease area, once it is generated it will be stored at earmarked location.  (ii) There is no such use of grazing land.  (iii) Over burden, low grade ore stacked in the earmarked area. Slope stability study has been conducted through NIT Rourkela. Height of the OB dump is 59 m, slope is 20<sup>0</sup> and width is 110 m.  (iv) Garland drain of about 12 Km has been constructed all along the haul road, SG dumps and 400 m along the Katesahi OB dump. Series of settling ponds has been constructed for runoff management. De-silting at regular intervals is being carried out. Retaining wall of 455 m has been provided around the OB dumps, SG dumps area. Along with this dry-stone wall of 800 m has been constructed around the S.G dumps of ex-lessee.  A rainwater harvesting structure of dimensions 50 m × 20 m × 6 m has been constructed near the Kanusahi area, and additional RWH structures are currently in process.  (v) Backfilling has not been carried out.  (vi) Hazardous waste authorization was granted vide authorization number IND-IV-HW-1348/13599 dated 19-07-2025 for waste oil, lubricants, etc. which are</p>

<p>with suitable native species to prevent erosion and surface run off. In critical areas, use of geo textiles should be undertaken for stabilization of the dump. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Proper records should be maintained regarding species, their growth, area coverage etc. (iv) Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from mine operation, soil, OB and mineral dumps. The water so collected can be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted, particularly after monsoon and should be maintained properly. Appropriate documents should be maintained. Garland drain of appropriate size, gradient and length should be constructed for mine pit, soil. OB and mineral dumps and sump capacity should be designed with appropriate safety margin based on long term rainfall data. Sump capacity should be provided for adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. Sedimentation pits should be constructed at the corners of the garland drains and de-silted at regular intervals. (v) Backfilling should be done as per approved mining plan/scheme. There should be no OB dumps outside the mine lease area. The backfilled area should be afforested, aiming to restore the normal ground level. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue till the vegetation is established and becomes self-generating. (vi) Hazardous waste such as, waste oil, lubricants, resin, and coal tar etc. should be disposed off as per provisions of Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders.</p>		<p>being disposed of through authorized recycler. Renewal of the same is in process. HWA has been attached as <b>ANNEXURE XIX</b>.</p>
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20	<p><b>Ecology/Biodiversity (Flora-Fauna) Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) All precautionary measures should be taken during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna namely elephant, sloth bear etc. spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna should be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department within the mine lease area, whereas outside the mine lease area, the same should be maintained by State Forest Department. (ii) Afforestation is to be done by using local and mixed species saplings within and outside the mining lease area. The reclamation and afforestation is to be done in such a manner like exploring the growth of fruit bearing trees which will attract the fauna and thus maintaining the biodiversity of the area. As afforestation done so far is very less, forest department needs to identify adequate land and do afforestation by involving local people in a time bound manner. (iii) Green belt development carried out by mines should be monitored regularly in every season and parameters like area under vegetation/plantation, type of plantation, type of tree species /grass species/scrubs etc., distance between the plants and survival rate should be recorded. (iv) Green belt is an important sink of air pollutants including noise. Development of green cover in mining area will not only help reducing air and noise pollution but also will improve the ecological conditions and prevent soil erosion to a greater extent. Further, selection of tree species for green belt should constitute dust removal/dust capturing plants since plants can act as efficient biological filters removing significant amounts of particulate pollution. Thus, the identified native trees in the mine area may be encouraged for</p>	Being Complied	<p>(i) Site Specific Wildlife Conservation plan got approve vide letter no: 1WL-C-FC-386/08. Dated 28.01.2009 by PCCF(Wildlife) and Chief Wild Life Warden. Revision of the same is in process under the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022.</p> <p>(ii) Afforestation has been carried out by using local and mixed species saplings. Fruit bearing plants has been planted within the mine lease area.</p> <p>(iii) Greenbelt development has been carried out. Gap Plantation has been carried out in safety zone, however 90% survival rate are being maintained, as well as casualties of the previous year are being replaced other than the saplings proposed to be planted every year. 2500 saplings were planted in FY 2021-22, 7900 saplings were planted in FY 22-23 and 12000 saplings (including gap filling) were planted in FY 23-24 and 8339 saplings planted in the FY 24-25. In the FY 2025-26, about 12500 saplings are planted.</p> <p>(iv) Development of green cover in mining area will be further implemented by selecting the tree species for green belt should constitute dust removal/dust capturing plants since plants can act as efficient biological filters removing significant amounts of particulate pollution.</p> <p>(v) Vetiver plantation on inactive dumps is being done as the grass species has high strength of anchoring besides medicinal value.</p> <p>(vi) The afforestation record is being maintained.</p>
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	<p>plantation. Tree species having small leaf area, dense hair on leaf surface (rough surface), deep channels on leaves should be included for plantation. (v) Vetiver plantation on inactive dumps may be encouraged as the grass species has high strength of anchoring besides medicinal value. (vi) Details of compensatory afforestation done should be recorded and documented by respective forest divisions, and State Forest Department should present mine-wise annual status, along with expenditure details. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and State Forest &amp; Wildlife Department.</p>		
21	<p><b>Socio-Economic Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) Public interaction should be done on regular basis and social welfare activities should be done to meet the requirements of the local communities. Further, basic amenities and infrastructure facilities like education, medical, roads, safe drinking water, sanitation, employment, skill development, training institute etc. should be developed to alleviate the quality of life of the people of the region. (ii) Land outtees and land losers/affected people, if any, should be compensated and rehabilitated as per the national/state policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation. (iii) The socio-economic development in the region should be focused and aligned with the guidelines/initiatives of Govt. of India/ NITI Aayog around prosperity, equality, justice, cleanliness, transparency, employment, respect to women, hope etc. This can be achieved by providing adequate and quality facilities for education, medical and developing skills in the people of the region. District administration in association with mine lease holders should plan for “Samagra Vikas” of these blocks well as other blocks of the district. While planning for different schemes in the region, the</p>	Being complied	<p>(i) JSW has a separate wing named JSW Foundation who take care of the social welfare activities and for the well-being and upliftment of the people residing near the project. Public interactions are being carried out on regular basis to identify their needs and accordingly plan the yearly activities in all the listed themes.</p> <p>(ii) There is no case of displacement of people due to the project.</p> <p>(iii) JSW is already supporting the State Government in facilitating the development of schools, conducting health camps, construction of medical facilities, provision of training and skill development programs, etc. and will continue to extend support in future too.</p> <p>Details of social development activities along with photos has been attached as <b>ANNEXURE XX</b></p>

	activities should be prioritized as per Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (PMKKKY), notified by Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India, vide letter no. 16/7/2017-M.VI (Part), dated September 16, 2015. Responsibility: District Administration and Individual Mine Lease Holders.		
22	<b>Road Transport Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) All the mine lease holders should follow the suggested ore transport mode (SOTM), based on its EC capacity within next 5 years. (ii) The mine lease holders should ensure construction of cement road of appropriate width from and to the entry and exit gate of the mine. Further, maintenance of all the roads should be carried out as per the requirement to ensure dust free road transport. (iii) Transportation of ore should be done by covering the trucks with tarpaulin or other suitable mechanism so that no spillage of ore/dust takes place. Further, air quality in terms of dust, PM:t0 should be monitored near the roads towards entry & exit gate on regular basis, and be maintained within the acceptable limits. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and Dept. of Steel & Mines.	Complied	(i) All the mine lease holders will follow the suggested ore transport mode (SOTM), based on its EC capacity within next 5 years. JSW has plan to lay 302.5 Km of slurry pipeline. Till now they have laid 240 km of slurry pipeline out of 302.5 Km from Nuagaon to Paradeep. (ii) Cement road has been constructed at the entry gate. Road sweeping machine has been provided to ensure dust free road transport. Regular maintenance of the road is being carried out. (iii) Transportation of ore are being carried out by covering the trucks through tarpaulin. Ambient Air quality is being monitored near Katasahi gate.
23	<b>Occupational Health Related:</b> Project Proponent shall implement the following mitigation measures: (i) Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects periodically. (ii) Occupational health surveillance program for all the employees/workers (including casual workers) should be undertaken periodically (on annual basis) to observe any changes due to exposure to dust, and corrective measures should be taken immediately, if needed.	Complied	(i) PPEs like safety shoes, reflective jacket, safety glass, ear plugs, helmets etc. have been distributed. Personnel working in dusty areas wear protective respiratory devices. (ii) Initial medical examination & periodic medical examinations are conducted for all employees at the JSW health facility periodically and records are maintained. The occupational health surveillance shows that there is no occurrence of any kind of occupational health diseases Photos of the training and IME form O are attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXI</b> (iii) Occupational health and safety measures related awareness programs including identification of work-related health hazard, training on malaria eradication, HIV and health effects on exposure to mineral dust etc., are being carried out. Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXI</b>

	(iii) Occupational health and safety measures related awareness programs including identification of work-related health hazard, training on malaria eradication, HIV and health effects on exposure to mineral dust etc., should be carried out for all the workers on regular basis. A full-time qualified doctor should be engaged for the purpose. Periodic monitoring (on 6 monthly basis) for exposure to respirable minerals dust on the workers should be conducted, and record should be maintained including health record of all the workers. Review of impact of various health measures undertaken (at an interval of 3 years or less) should be conducted followed by follow-up of actions, wherever required. Occupational health centre should be established near mine site itself. Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and District Administration (District Medical Officer).		
<b>C.</b>	<b>Standard Conditions</b>		
<b>I.</b>	<b>Statutory Compliance</b>		
1	This Environmental Clearance (EC) is subject to orders/ judgment of Hon 'ble Supreme Court of India, Hon'ble High Court, Hon'ble NGT and any other Court of Law, Common Cause Conditions as may be applicable.	Agreed to comply	Agree to abide by the condition
2	The Project proponent complies with all the statutory requirements and judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August,2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors. before commencing the mining operations.	Agreed to comply	Agree to abide by the condition
3	The State Government concerned shall ensure that mining operation shall not be commenced till the entire compensation levied, if any, for illegal mining paid by the Project Proponent through their respective Department of Mining & Geology in strict compliance of Judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 2nd August, 2017 in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 114 of 2014 in matter of	Being complied	State Government (Steel & Mines Department) has given vested order in favour of M/s. JSW Steel Limited vide No. 4167/SM, dated 29.05.2020 for 2 years. Further It got vested for 50 years vide letter no. 1303/ SM – MC1-MRL-0002-2020 dated 15.02.2022 for grant of mining lease for 50 years and all clearances, vested under section-8A, Sub section-2 of Mines and Mineral Development Regulation Act, 1957.

	Common Cause versus Union of India & Ors.		
4	The Project Proponent shall follow the mitigation measures provided in MoEFCC's Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IA.II (M), dated 29th October, 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues related to the mining Projects wherein Habitations and villages are the part of mine lease areas or Habitations and villages are surrounded by the mine lease area".	Complied	As per the Office Memorandum No. Z-11013/57/2014-IA. II (M), dated 29th October, 2014, titled "Impact of mining activities on Habitations-Issues of MoEFCC 's, mitigative measures are being taken care. This includes construction of garland drains, check dams, retaining walls and settling ponds. OM also states about the regular monitoring of natural stream, illumination survey and others which are being carried out.
5	A copy of EC letter will be marked to concerned Panchayat / local NGO etc. if any, from whom suggestion / representation has been received while processing the proposal.	Complied	A copy of EC letter was marked to the sarpanch of Loidapada vide letter no. JSW/S/O/2021/194 dated 18/08/2021. Copy of the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXII</b>
6	State Pollution Control Board/Committee shall be responsible for display of this EC letter at its Regional office, District Industries Centre and Collector 's office/ Tehsildar 's Office for 30 days.	Complied	State Pollution Control Board/Committee has displayed EC letter at its Regional office, District Industries Centre and Collector 's office/ Tehsildar 's Office
7	The Project Authorities should widely advertise about the grant of this EC letter by printing the same in at least two local newspapers, one of which shall be in vernacular language of the concerned area. The advertisement shall be done within 7 days of the issue of the clearance letter mentioning that the instant project has been accorded EC and copy of the EC letter is available with the State Pollution Control Board/Committee and web site of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (www.parivesh.nic.in). A copy of the advertisement may be forwarded to the concerned MoEFCC Regional Office for compliance and record.	Complied	Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine Environment Clearance advertisement publication in two local newspapers i.e. "The New Indian Express" dated 10.08.2021 and "The Samaja" dated 11.08.2021 (vernacular language). Copies of the newspaper publications are submitted to ERO MOEF&CC vide letter No. JSW/S/O/2021/185 Date: 11/08/2021. Copy is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXIII</b> .
8	The Project Proponent shall inform the MoEF&CC for any change in ownership of the mining lease. In case there is any change in ownership or mining lease is transferred than mining operation shall only be carried out after transfer of EC as per provisions of the para 1I of EIA Notification, 2006 as amended from time to time	Agreed to comply	Agree to abide by the condition. TOR for expansion from 5.62 to 7.99 MTPA was accorded to ex-lessee KJS Ahluwalia, while EC was accorded to JSW Steel Ltd, PP will inform the MoEF&CC for any change in ownership of the mining lease. No change in ownership of the mining lease.

<b>II</b>	<b>Air quality monitoring and preservation</b>		
9	<p>The Project Proponent shall install a minimum of 3 (three) online Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations with 1 (one) in upwind and 2 (two) in downwind direction based on long term climatological data about wind direction such that an angle of 120° is made between the monitoring locations to monitor critical parameters, relevant for mining operations, of air pollution viz. PM10, PM2.5, NO2, CO and SO2 etc. as per the methodology mentioned in NAAQS Notification No. B-29016/2o/go/PCI/I, dated 18.11.2009 covering the aspects of transportation and use of heavy machinery in the impact zone. The ambient air quality shall also be monitored at prominent places like office building, canteen etc. as per the site condition to ascertain the exposure characteristics at specific places. The above data shall be digitally displayed within 03 months in front of the main Gate of the mine site.</p>	Complied	<p>In consultation with SPCB, three numbers of Continuous ambient air monitoring stations (CAAQMS) have been installed for PM10, PM2.5, NO2, CO and SO2, maintaining an angle of 120°</p> <p>Location is as below-</p> <p>CAAQMS 1. Nuagaon- Mines Office  CAAQMS 2. Nuagaon- Pillar 99  CAAQMS 3. Nuagaon- Dispensary  Digital Display Board- Near MDH Gate area</p> <p>Photos for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXIV</b></p>
10	<p>Effective safeguard measures for prevention of dust generation and subsequent suppression (like regular water sprinkling, metalled road construction etc.) shall be carried out in areas prone to air pollution wherein high levels of PM10 and PM2.5 are evident such as haul road, loading and unloading point and transfer points. The Fugitive dust emissions from all sources shall be regularly controlled by installation of required equipment's/ machineries and preventive maintenance. Use of suitable water-soluble chemical dust suppressing agents may be explored for better effectiveness of dust control system. It shall be ensured that air pollution level conform to the standards prescribed by the MoEFCC/ Central Pollution Control Board.</p>	Complied	<p>Effective safeguard measures for prevention of dust generation and subsequent suppression are being carried out in areas prone to air pollution. Fixed water spraying arrangement of around 3.6 Km has been provided, water tanker two nos. to suppress dust at the haul road has also been provided.</p> <p>Regular water sprinkling through mobile water sprinkler tankers being carried out on haul roads with dedicated 50 KL and 16 KL.</p> <p>Fugitive emission monitoring is being carried out at 6 different locations i.e., Screen Plant, waste dump, mines face bench, Crusher plant, loading point and Mines haulage road.</p> <p>Photos of chemical dust suppressing agents used on the haul road is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXV</b></p>
<b>III</b>	<b>Water quality monitoring and preservation</b>		

11	<p>In case, immediate mining scheme envisages intersection of ground water table, then Environmental Clearance shall become operational only after receiving formal clearance from CGWA. In case, mining operation involves intersection of ground water table at a later stage, then PP shall ensure that prior approval from CGWA and MoEFCC is in place before such mining operations. The permission for intersection of ground water table shall essentially be based on detailed hydro- geological study of the area.</p>	Being complied	<p>NOC from CGWA for 2216 m3/day was granted to JSW vide NOC No. CGWA/NOC/MIN/REN/2/2025/11502 dated 24/04/2025. Ground water NOC with approved letter is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXVI</b>.</p>
12	<p>Project Proponent shall regularly monitor and maintain records w.r.t. ground water level and quality in and around the mine lease by establishing a network of existing wells as well as new piezo-meter installations during the mining operation in consultation with Central Ground Water Authority/ State Ground Water Department. The Report on changes in Ground water level and quality shall be submitted on six-monthly basis to the Regional Office of the Ministry, CGWA and State Groundwater Department / State Pollution Control Board.</p>	Complied	<p>Ground water level and quality monitoring are being carried out. Monitoring of Surface water flow rate and quality of upstream and downstream of Topadihi nalla, Karo nalla, Teheri nalla, Suna nalla and Kakarpani nalla is being done. The quarterly groundwater level and quality monitoring reports is being submitted to the Regional Office of the Ministry, State Pollution Control Board. The quarterly groundwater return submission is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXVII</b></p>
13	<p>The Project Proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of natural water course/ water resources/ springs and perennial nallahs existing/ flowing in and around the mine lease and maintain its records. The project proponent shall undertake regular monitoring of water quality upstream and downstream of water bodies passing within and nearby/ adjacent to the mine lease and maintain its records. Sufficient number of gullies shall be provided at appropriate places within the lease for management of water. PP shall Carryout regular monitoring w.r.t. pH and included the same in monitoring plan. The parameters to be monitored shall include their water quality vis-à-vis suitability for usage as per CPCB criteria and flow rate. It shall be ensured that no obstruction and/or alteration be made</p>	Complied	<p>Regular monitoring of water quality of upstream and downstream being carried out by NABL accredited agency, M/s. Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt Ltd. and Monitoring Reports are attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII</b></p> <p>Flow rate of the nearby nallas and river are being measured. No natural watercourse and water resources are obstructed due to mining operations &amp; the same will be taken care of. Existing check dams being maintained to prevent any pollution of the nearby water bodies.</p> <p>The Annual Environment Monitoring reports are being submitted regularly to the Regional Office of the Ministry, State Pollution Control Board.</p>

	to water bodies during mining operations without justification and prior approval of MoEFCC. The monitoring of water courses/ bodies existing in lease area shall be carried out four times in a Year viz. pre-monsoon (April-May). monsoon (August), post-monsoon (November) and winter (January) and the record of monitored data may be sent regularly to Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and its Regional Office, Central Ground Water Authority and Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board, State Pollution Control Board and Central Pollution Control Board. Clearly showing the trend analysis on six-monthly basis.																																																																																												
14	Quality of polluted water generated from mining operations which include Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD) in mines run-off; acid mine drainage and metal contamination in runoff shall be monitored along with Total Suspended Solids (TDS), Dissolved Oxygen (DO), pH and Total Suspended Solids (TSS). The monitored data shall be uploaded on the website of the company as well as displayed at the project site in public domain, on a display board, at a suitable location near the main gate of the Company. The circular No. J-20012/1/2006- IA. II (M) dated 27.05.2009 issued by Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change may also be referred in this regard.	Complied	Display board has been provided near the gate. Monitored data has been uploaded in the website of the company along with six monthly compliances of April 2025 to Sept 2025. No polluted water is generated from the Mine. Link of the company website is mentioned below. <b><a href="https://www.jswsteel.in/investors/jsw-steel-investor-information-environmental-clearances">https://www.jswsteel.in/investors/jsw-steel-investor-information-environmental-clearances</a></b>																																																																																										
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17	The water balance/water auditing shall be carried out and measure for reducing the consumption of water shall be taken up and reported to the Regional Office of the MoEF&CC and State Pollution Control Board/Committee.	Complied	Total water requirement for Nuagaon Iron Ore mines is 2216 KLD. Rain water collected in pits are being utilizing for dust suppression in the mining operations. Fixed water sprinklers, pressurized mobile water tankers get utilized for dust suppression arrangement for reducing water requirement. Complete water balance diagram is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXVIII</b>
IV	<b>Noise and vibration monitoring and prevention</b>		
18	The peak particle velocity at 500m distance or within the nearest habitation, whichever is closer shall be monitored periodically as per applicable DGMS guidelines.	Complied	Peak particle velocity is being monitored at 500m distance.
19	The illumination and sound at night at project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Consequent sleeping disorders and stress may affect the health in the villages located close to mining operations. Habitations have a right for darkness and minimal noise levels at night. PPs must ensure that the biological clock of the villages is not disturbed; by orienting the floodlights/ masks away from the villagers and keeping the noise levels well within the prescribed limits for day /night hours.	Complied	Mining is being carried out in the already broken up area as per approved mine plan. Illumination and sound are restricted into core zone only. No project sites disturb the villages in respect of both human and animal population. Ambient Noise level monitoring are being carried out at 4 different locations in core zone as well as 4 locations in buffer zone. Along with this Source noise monitoring are carried out at 15 different locations. Noise monitoring report is attached as <b>ANNEXURE VIII</b> .
20	The Project Proponent shall take measures for control of noise levels below 85 dB in the work environment. The workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs /muffs. All personnel including labourers working in dusty areas shall be provided with protective respiratory devices along with adequate training, awareness and information on safety and health aspects. The PP shall be held responsible in case it has been found that workers/ personals/	Complied	As per the observation from noise monitoring regularly carried out, noise level is observed to be below 85dBA in the work zone area. The PPE set (including helmet, safety shoe, safety jacket, ear muffs, and dust musk) has been issued. Workers are equipped with PPEs in the working zone.

	labourers are working without personal protective equipment.		
<b>V</b>	<b>Mining Plan</b>		
21	The Project Proponent shall adhere to approved mining plan, inter alia, including, total excavation (quantum of mineral, waste, over burden, inter burden and top soil etc.); mining technology; lease area; scope of working (method of mining, overburden & dump management, O.B & dump mining, mineral transportation mode, ultimate depth of mining, concurrent reclamation and reclamation at mine closure; land-use of the mine lease area at various stages of mining scheme as well as at the end-of-life; etc.).	Complied	All mining activities being carried out in accordance with approved mining plan and EC conditions.
22	The land-use of the mine lease area at various stages of mining scheme as well as at the end-of-life shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan. The excavation vis-à-vis backfilling in the mine lease area and corresponding afforestation to be raised in the reclaimed area shall be governed as per approved mining plan. PP shall ensure the monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. The compliance status shall be submitted half-yearly to the MoEFCC and its concerned Regional Office.	Complied	All the mining operations are being carried out as per approved Mine Plan including excavation and backfilling. Upon restoration of the reclaimed area as per approved mine plan, thick vegetation with forest species will be raised in the reclaimed area shall be governed as per approved mining plan.
<b>VI</b>	<b>Land reclamation</b>		
23	The Overburden (O.B.) generated during the mining operations shall be stacked at earmarked OB dump site(s) only and it should not be kept active for a long period of time. The physical parameters of the OB dumps like height, width and angle of slope shall be governed as per the approved Mining Plan as per the guidelines/circulars issued by D.G.M.S w.r.t. safety in mining operations shall be strictly adhered to maintain the stability of top soil/OB dumps. The topsoil shall be used for land reclamation and plantation.	Complied	Over burden is being stacked at earmarked site and after maturity same will be stabilized with plantation. Currently, the south eastern part of the dump is covered with geo textile over an area of 12,336 sq.m. Height of the OB dump is 54 m, slope is 37.5 ° and width is 110 m. Slope stability study has been conducted by NIT Rourkela and is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXIX</b>
24	The slope of dumps shall be vegetated in scientific manner with suitable native species to maintain the slope stability, prevent erosion	Complied	The slope of the dump in the south eastern portion is covered with geo textile and planted with Vetiver plantation and native species like Karanj, Mahoneem to maintain the slope stability, prevent erosion and

	and surface run off. The selection of local species regulates local climatic parameters and help in adaptation of plant species to the microclimate. The gullies formed on slopes should be adequately taken care of as it impacts the overall stability of dumps. The dump mass should be consolidated with the help of dozer/ compactors thereby ensuring proper filling/ levelling of dump mass. In critical areas, use of geo textiles/ geo-membranes / clay liners / Bentonite etc. shall be undertaken for stabilization of the dump.		surface run off. Further, the dump slope towards the north direction is also planted with Karanj, Mahula. The dump slopes are well maintained as explained above hence there are no formation of gullies. The material in the dump is compacted with the help of dozer and all the finalized areas are covered with geotextile.
25	Catch drains, settling tanks and siltation ponds of appropriate size shall be constructed around the mine working, mineral yards and Top Soil/OB/Waste dumps to prevent run off of water and flow of sediments directly into the water bodies (Nallah/ River/ Pond etc.). The collected water should be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development, plantation etc. The drains/ sedimentation sumps etc. shall be de-silted regularly, particularly after monsoon season, and maintained properly.	Complied	Garland drain of 12 Km has been constructed all along the haul road, SG dumps and 450 m along the Katesahi OB dump. Series of settling ponds has been constructed for runoff management. The monsoon water channelized through the mine benches is collected at the pit bottom. This collected water is utilised for the dust suppression of the mine roads. De-silting of the drains, settling ponds at regular intervals is being carried out. Retaining wall of 600 m has been provided around the OB dumps, SG dumps area. Along with this dry-stone wall of 800 m has been constructed around the S.G dumps of ex-lessee.
26	Check dams of appropriate size, gradient and length shall be constructed around mine pit and OB dumps to prevent storm run-off and sediment flow into adjoining water bodies. A safety margin of 50% shall be kept for designing of sump structures over and above peak rainfall (based on 50 years' data) and maximum discharge in the mine and its adjoining area which shall also help in providing adequate retention time period thereby allowing proper settling of sediments/ silt material. The sedimentation pits/ sumps shall be constructed at the corners of the garland drains.	Complied	Check Dam along with series of 3 Settling Ponds of dimension 2m x 2m x 3m has been provided to prevent the pollution of Karo river. Series of settling ponds has been constructed for runoff management. De-silting of the drains, settling ponds at regular intervals is being carried out. Around 17 numbers of settling ponds have been constructed within the mine lease.
<b>VII</b>	<b>Transportation</b>		
27	No Transportation of the minerals shall be allowed in case of roads passing through villages/ habitations. In such cases, PP shall construct a 'bypass' road for the purpose of transportation of the minerals leaving	Complied	No transportation of the minerals is allowed through the roads passing through villages/ habitations. Dispatch is done only through NH. PUC check are being done on regular basis.

	<p>an adequate gap (say at least 200 meters) so that the adverse impact of sound and dust along with chances of accidents could be mitigated. All costs resulting from widening and strengthening of existing public road network shall be borne by the PP in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department. Transportation of minerals through road movement in case of existing village/ rural roads shall be allowed in consultation with nodal State Govt. Department only after required strengthening such that the carrying capacity of roads is increased to handle the traffic load. The pollution due to transportation load on the environment will be effectively controlled and water sprinkling will also be done regularly. Vehicular emissions shall be kept under control and regularly monitored. Project should obtain Pollution Under Control (PUC) certificate for all the vehicles from authorized pollution testing centres. (If applicable in case of road transport).</p>		
28	<p>The Main haulage road within the mine lease should be provided with a permanent water sprinkling arrangement for dust suppression. Other roads within the mine lease should be wetted regularly with tanker-mounted water sprinkling system. The other areas of dust generation like crushing zone, material transfer points, material yards etc. should invariably be provided with dust suppression arrangements. The air pollution control equipment's like bag filters, vacuum suction hoods, dry fogging system etc. shall be installed at Crushers, belt- conveyors and other areas prone to air pollution. The belt conveyor should be fully covered to avoid generation of dust while transportation. PP shall take necessary measures to avoid generation of fugitive dust emissions.</p>	Complied	<p>Fixed water sprinkler of around 3.6 Km has been provided in the haul road. Water sprinkling are being done along the haul road by two number of truck mounted tanker of reported capacity 50Kl and 16 KL.</p> <p>Generation of fugitive dust emissions are controlled by regular water sprinkling on haul roads and mechanical road sweepers on concrete road, paved areas.</p> <p>Water sprinkling are being done on the haul road and vacuum sweeping on the national Highway to control fugitive dust.</p>
<b>VIII</b>	<b>Green Belt</b>		
29	<p>The Project Proponent shall develop greenbelt in 7.5m wide safety zone</p>	Complied	<p>Greenbelt development in 7.5 m wide safety zone plantation is being carried out. The Ex-lessee has</p>

	all along the mine lease boundary as per the guidelines of CPCB in order to arrest pollution emanating from mining operations within the lease. The whole Green belt shall be developed within first 5 years starting from windward side of the active mining area. The development of greenbelt shall be governed as per the EC granted by the Ministry irrespective of the stipulation made in approved mine plan.		developed green-belt area in 7.5 m wide safety zone all along the mine lease boundary. Additionally, 2500 saplings were planted in FY 2021-22, 7900 saplings were planted in FY 22-23 and 12000 saplings (including gap filling) were planted in FY 23-24 and 8339 saplings planted in the FY 24-25. In the FY 2025-26, about 12500 saplings are already planted. Size of sapling planted is 4 to 5 ft.
30	The Project Proponent shall carryout plantation/ afforestation in backfilled and reclaimed area of mining lease, around water body, along the roadsides, in community areas etc. by planting the native species in consultation with the State Forest Department/ Agriculture Department/ Rural development department/ Tribal Welfare Department/ Gram Panchayat such that only those species be selected which are of use to the local people. The CPCB guidelines in this respect shall also be adhered. The density of the trees should be around 2500 saplings per Hectare. Adequate budgetary provision shall be made for protection and care of trees.	Complied	All the pits in the mine are in working condition. Backfilling could be taken-up only after the mineral get exhausted in the pit. There is no water body (river/nallah) in the mining lease area. Green belt is developed along the road side. Adequate provision is made for proper watering, manuring and maintenance for taking care of the planted trees.
31	The Project Proponent shall make necessary alternative arrangements for livestock feed by developing grazing land with a view to compensate those areas which are coming within the mine lease. The development of such grazing land shall be done in consultation with the State Government. In this regard, Project Proponent should essentially implement the directions of the Hon'ble Supreme Court with regard to acquisition of grazing land. The sparse trees on such grazing ground, which provide mid-day shelter from the scorching sun, should be scrupulously guarded/ protected against felling and plantation of such trees should be promoted.	Agreed to comply	There are grazing land available in non-mineral area and arrangement of livestock feed development locally been developed through CSR activities.
<b>IX</b>	<b>Public hearing and human health issues</b>		

32	Project Proponent shall make provision for the housing for workers/labours or shall construct labour camps within/outside (company owned land) with necessary basic infrastructure/ facilities like fuel for cooking, mobile toilets, mobile STP, safe drinking water, medical health care, crèche for kids etc. The housing may be provided in the form of temporary structures which can be removed after the completion of the project related infrastructure. The domestic waste water should be treated with STP in order to avoid contamination of underground water.	Complied	Provision of toilets, drinking water, health care facilities have been developed for the workers and truck drivers associated in mining operation.  STP of 150 KLD has been installed for treatment of the domestic water. The treated water is being used for plantation activities.  Drinking water and medical health care facilities has also been provided. The housing provided is in the form of temporary structures which can be removed.
<b>X</b>	<b>Corporate Environment Responsibility (CER)</b>		
33	The Project Proponent shall submit the time-bound action plan to the concerned regional office of the Ministry within 6 months from the date of issuance of environmental clearance for undertaking the activities committed during public consultation by the project proponent and as discussed by the EAC, in terms of the provisions of the MoEF&CC Office Memorandum No.22-65/2017-IA.III dated 30 September, 2020. The action plan shall be implemented within three years of commencement of the project.	Being complied	Out of the total proposed budget of Rs. 1452.43 Lakhs, Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/S JSW Steel Ltd has done the expenditure of Rs 1824.6 Lakhs till 31.03.2026. At present works for an outlay of 300 lakhs is undergoing for the year 2026-27.  Details for the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE III</b>
<b>XI.</b>	<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
34	The Project Proponent shall prepare digital map (land use & land cover) of the entire lease area once in five Years purpose of monitoring land use pattern and submit a report to concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&CC.	Complied	The DGPS-surveyed mining lease boundary of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine, superimposed on a high-resolution satellite image and duly vetted by M/s ORSAC, has been attached as <b>Annexure XIV</b> . The same is currently under revision.
35	The Project Authorities should inform to the Regional Office regarding date of financial closures and final approval of the project by the concerned authorities and the date of start of land development work.	Agreed to comply	Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines is a brown field project as JSW Steel Limited has got the lease during June 2020 through auction process. It was under operation by Ex-lessee and in the mean-time during August-2021 new EC was granted vide MoEF&CC (GoI) letter no. J-11015/1156/2007-IA-II(M). For achieving the incremental capacity from 5.62 to 7.99 MTPA of Iron Ore, no additional finance was incurred. This was achieved through better operational efficiency and resource utilization which was already in deployment.

36	The Project Proponent shall submit six monthly compliance reports on the status of the implementation of the stipulated environmental safeguards to the MOEFCC & its concerned Regional Office, Central Pollution Control Board and State Pollution Control Board.	Complied	Last six-monthly compliance report along with monitoring data vide letter no. JSW/S/CO/25/562 dated 28/11/2025 was submitted to Regional Office, MOEF&CC, Bhubaneswar, Zonal Office, MS and RO Offices SPCB, Odisha.
37	A separate Environmental Management Cell' with suitable qualified manpower should be set-up under the control of a Senior Executive. The Senior Executive shall directly report to Head of the Organization. Adequate number of qualified Environmental Scientists and Mining Engineers shall be appointed and submit a report to RO, MoEF&CC.	Complied	Environment Management Cell (EMC) structure has been developed and the same is attached as <b>ANNEXURE XXX</b>
38	The concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&CC shall randomly monitor compliance of the stipulated conditions. The project authorities should extend full cooperation to the MoEF&CC officer(s) by furnishing the requisite data / information / monitoring reports.	Agreed to comply	Agreed to cooperate with the concerned Regional Office of the MoEF&CC.
39	In pursuant to Ministry's O.M No 22-34/2018-IA.III dated 16.01.2020 to comply with the direction made by Hon'ble Supreme Court on 8.01.2020 in W.P. (Civil) No 114/2014 in the matter Common Cause vs Union of India, the mining lease holder shall after ceasing mining operations, undertake regressing the mining area and any other area which may have been disturbed due to other mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.	Agreed to comply	Agree to abide by the condition.
40	The Ministry or any other competent authority may alter/modify the above conditions or stipulate any further condition in the interest of environment protection.	Agreed to comply	Agree to abide by the condition.
41	Concealing factual data failure to comply with any of submission of false/ fabricated data and of the conditions mentioned above may result in withdrawal of this clearance and attract action under the provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.	Agreed to comply	Agree to abide by the condition.



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No 2291 /S&M, Bhubaneswar dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar' 2020  
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Sub:-

Letter of Intent with reference to e-auction dt.31.01.2020 for grant of a mining lease for Nuagaon Block for Iron ore in Nuagaon village, Keonjhar district over 776.969 Hectare Area.

1. Background:

- 1.1. Government of Odisha, pursuant to the Mines and Minerals (Development & Regulation) Act, 1957 (the "Act") and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 as amended from time to time (the "Auction Rules"), issued the notice inviting tender dated 06.12.2019 to commence the auction process for grant of mining lease for Nuagaon Iron Ore Block located in Keonjhar district of Odisha. The e-auction process was conducted in accordance with the tender document for the said mineral block and M/s. JSW Steel Limited was declared as the 'Preferred Bidder' under Rule 9(9)(iii) of Mineral Auction Rules, having quoted a Final Price Offer of 95.20%.
- 1.2. As required under rule 10(1) of the Rules and the tender document for the said mineral block, M/s. JSW Steel Limited has made payment of the first instalment, being 10% (ten percent) of the upfront payment of Rs. 92,84,17,368/- (Rupees Ninety Two Crore EightyFour Lakh, Seventeen Thousand Three Hundred Sixty eight) in shape of Treasury Challan vide e-Challan No.8088 dtd.20/02/2020 at Cyber Treasury, Dist.- Sundargarh, which was received on dated. 20/02/2020.

## 2. Grant of Letter of Intent

2.1 Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 10(2) of the Auction Rules and the terms of the Tender documents, the Government of Odisha is issuing this Letter of Intent for grant of mining lease for Nuagaon Block for Iron Ore in Nuagaon village, Keonjhar district over 776.969 Hectare Area to M/s. JSW Steel Limited for a period of 50 years.

## 3. Conditions:

3.1 This Letter of Intent and subsequent grant of aforementioned mining lease shall be subject to the provisions of the Act and the Rules made there under, as amended from time to time and M/s. JSW Steel Limited shall be designated as the "Successful Bidder" and subsequently granted the mining lease only upon satisfactory completion of all the requirements under the Acts and Rules made there under. The State Government may impose such other conditions in the Mine Development and Production Agreement (MDPA) and/or Mining Lease as may be considered by the State Government to be in the interest of mineral development and in public interest

3.2 For reference, the requirements under the Rules for designation of M/s. JSW Steel Limited as the "Successful Bidder" and subsequent grant of mining lease are reiterated below. It is clarified that the requirements mentioned below are only for reference and in the event of any change in the Act or the Rules made there under, the requirements under the modified Act or the Rules made there under, as the case may be, shall be applicable.

### (a) Designation as the "Successful Bidder":

M/s. JSW Steel Limited shall be considered to be the "Successful Bidder" upon:

- (i) Continuing to be in compliance with all the Terms and Conditions of the eligibility;
- (ii) Payment of the second instalment being 10% (ten percent) of the upfront payment;

- (iii) Furnishing performance security;
- (iv) Satisfying the conditions specified in clause (b) of subsection (2) of section (5) of the Act with respect to a Mining Plan.

(b) **Signing of the Mine Development and Production Agreement:**

M/s. JSW Steel Limited shall sign the Mine Development and Production Agreement with the Government of Odisha upon obtaining all consents, approvals, permits, no-objections and the like as may be required under applicable laws for commencement of mining operations.

(i) **The Preferred Bidder/ Successful Bidder shall not:**

- (a) apply for environmental clearance for production of quantity of mineral which is less than the authorized annual quantity in the environmental clearance valid as on date of expiry of the immediately preceding mining lease of the said Mineral Block;
- (b) seek approval for a Mining Plan for production of quantity of mineral which is less than the authorized annual quantity in the mining plan valid as on date of expiry of the immediately preceding mining lease granted in respect of the said Mineral Block:

Provided that these requirements may be relaxed by the State Government if it is satisfied that the quantity of mineral to be applied for grant of the environmental clearance or the mining plan, as the case may be, is less than the authorized annual quantity as aforesaid, entirely for reasons beyond the control of the Preferred Bidder/ Successful Bidder.

- (ii) Subject to the terms and conditions of the Mining Plan and such other clearances as may be obtained by the lessee, the lessee shall be bound, during the first 2 (two) years of the Mining Lease, to produce at least 80% (eighty percent) of

the average annual production of the mine computed on pro-rata basis for the last 2 (two) years of the immediately preceding mining lease of the said Mineral Block, and this will be incorporated in the MDPA as the Minimum Production Requirement:

Provided that this requirement may be relaxed by the State Government if it is satisfied that such relaxation is justified for the reasons entirely beyond the control of the lessee:

Provided further that, in case of failure to comply with this requirement, without prejudice to any other rights available to it under applicable laws and /or this MDPA, including recovery of such amount as applicable for failure to achieve the Minimum Production Requirement, the lessee may be debarred from participating in the future auction of mineral blocks conducted by the State Government for 3(three) years from the date of such debarment.

(c) **Grant of mining lease:**

Subsequent to signing of the Mine Development and Production Agreement, M/s. **JSW Steel Limited** shall make payment of the third instalment being 80% (eighty percent) of the upfront payment and thereafter the Government of Odisha shall grant the aforementioned mining lease.

**4. Validity:**

- 4.1 This Letter of Intent shall be valid only if M/s. **JSW Steel Limited** ensures that the Bid Security is valid until the Performance Security is furnished to the Government of Odisha.
- 4.2 The M/s. **JSW Steel Limited** shall fulfill all the above conditions and must execute the Mining Lease deed with the Government of Odisha at the earliest and in any case not later than such period as may be notified in the relevant laws in this regard. In case there is a delay in execution of Mining Lease Deed due to reasons beyond the control of the Preferred Bidder, then it may submit an application to Government of Odisha as per

the applicable provisions of relevant laws in this regard, requesting for further extension. Such application will be dealt in accordance with the provisions of relevant laws.

- 4.3 In case the Preferred Bidder/ Successful Bidder is not able to execute the mining lease deed within the period mentioned in Clause 4.2 above, the Bid Security or the Performance Security, as the case may be, and any instalments of upfront payment paid shall be forfeited. Further, the Preferred Bidder/ Successful Bidder may be debarred from participating in the future auction of mineral blocks conducted by the State Government for 3 (three) years from the date of such debarment.
- 4.4 M/s. JSW Steel Limited shall furnish acceptance of the terms and conditions of Letter of Intent with Board Resolution within 15 (fifteen) days from the date of issue of this letter.
- 4.5 This Letter of Intent is subject to the result of the Writ Petition (Civil) No.25085 of 2019 (Er. Rainy Rose- Vrs.- Union of India and Others) pending before the Hon'ble High Court of Orissa, as ordered vide its Interim Order dtd.02.01.2020.

Yours faithfully

  
Joint Secretary to Government


Memo No 2292 /S&M, Bhubaneswar dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar' 2020

Copy forwarded to the Director of Mines, Odisha, BBSR with reference to his letter No.1728/DM dtd 24/02/2020 and Memo No.1375/DM dtd.15/02/2020 for information and necessary action.

  
Joint Secretary to Govt

Memo No 2293 /S&M, Bhubaneswar dated the 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar' 2020

Copy forwarded to the Collector, Keonjhar/ DDM, Joda for information and necessary action.

  
Joint Secretary to Govt.



Government of Odisha  
Steel and Mines Department

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**VESTING ORDER**

No. 4167/SM  
**III(A)SM-01/2020**

Dated the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020


Whereas a mining lease of the following description, which was held by M/s KJS Ahluwalia (hereinafter referred to as the previous lessee) with validity period upto 31.03.2020 has been auctioned and M/s JSW Steel Ltd., has been declared as the preferred bidder of the said mine.

**Description of the Mining Block**

- Name of Mineral(s) - Iron
- Name of Mining lease - Nuagaon Iron Block.
- Address/location of mining lease - Village Nuagaon under Barbil Tahasil of Keonjhar district.
- Area of lease - 776.969 hecets (As per DGPS)/ 767.284 hecets(As per ROR).

And whereas, a letter of intent bearing no 2291 dated 02.03.2020 has been issued in favour of the preferred bidder for grant of mining lease for the above mentioned mining block;

And whereas, in terms of section 8B(2) of the MMDR Act, 1957 read with rule 9A(4) of the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbon Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 [herein after called the Rules'2016], the holder of the letter of intent for the said mining block shall be deemed to have acquired all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and the like vested with the previous lessee.



Now therefore, the undersigned being the Nodal Officer for the State of Odisha having been nominated under rule 9A(1) of the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbon Energy Minerals) Concession Rules, 2016 [herein after called the Rules,2016], do hereby, pursuant to the provisions contained in rule 9A(2) of the Rules,2016 order that all the valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and the like vested in the previous lessee in respect of the aforementioned mining block are deemed to have vested in favour of the holder of the letter of intent on the same terms and conditions of every rights, approvals, clearances, licenses, and the like which vested with previous lessee.

Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of section 8B(2) of the MMDR Act, 1957, the details of the valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses, and the like held by the previous lessee and vested in favour of the holder of the Letter of Intent are given in the Annexure-I to this order.

This vesting order is valid for a period of two years from the date of execution of lease deed or till the date of getting fresh approvals, clearances, licenses, permits, and the like, whichever is earlier

( S. K. Popli )

Nodal Officer-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 4168 / SM

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Copy to alongwith Annexure-I forwarded to M/s JSW Steel Ltd, JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 for information and necessary action. It is requested that one copy each of the documents mentioned in the Annexure-I may be collected from the office of the Director Mines, Odisha, Bhubaneswar during office working hours.

Memo No. 4169 / SM

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Copy to alongwith Annexure-I forwarded to M/s KJS Ahluwalia, P.B No- 3, Barbil, Keonjhar- 758035, Odisha for information and necessary action.

Memo No. 4170 / SM

Dated: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Copy alongwith Annexure-I forwarded to Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar/ MoEF & CC, 534, Paryavaran Bhawan, CGO Complex, Lodhi Road, New Delhi 110003/ MoEF & CC (FC Divison), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Aliganj, Jorbagh Road, New Delhi 110003/ SPCB, Parivesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-VIII, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 751012/ Director General of Mines Safety, Chaibasa Regiona, Chaibasa, 833201 /Ministry of Water Resource, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, West Block-2, Wing 3, Sector-1, R.K. Puram, New Delhi-110066 for information and necessary action.

Nodal Officer

Memo No. 4171 / SM

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Copy alongwith Annexure-I forwarded to Director of Mines, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action. He is requested to provide one copy each of the documents described in the Annexure-I to the authorized representative of the LoI holder with proper acknowledgement and forward a copy of acknowledgement to the Department for record.

Nodal Officer

Memo No. 4172 / SM

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Copy alongwith Annexure-I forwarded to Collector, Keonjhar/ Deputy Director of Mines, Joda / DFO, Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

Nodal Officer

Memo No. 4173 / SM

Date: 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Copy alongwith Annexure-I forwarded to Forest and Environment Department/ PCCF(Nodal), Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

Nodal Officer

**Name of the Block :** /aon Iron ore Block  
**LoI Holder :** JSW Steel Ltd  
**Area of the Lease :** 767.284 Hects (As per ROR)  
 776.969 hecets (As per DGPS)

SL No	Nature of approval clearance etc	Issuing officer/authority	Reference No./ Date of Issue
1	Mining Plan	Regional Controller of Mines, Bhubaneswar, Govt. of India	MSM/FM/48-ORI/BHU/2017-18/322, Dated 23.04.2018.
2	EC	MoEF & CC, Govt. of India	J-11015/1156/2007-IA II(M),Dtd 02.02.10 J-11015/317/2009-IA II(M),Dtd 16.02.12
3	FC	MoEF & CC, Govt. of India,	F. No. 8-17/2001-FC, Dtd. 21/22.04.2004 over 476.205
4	Consent to Establish	State Pollution Control Board, Odisha	14617/IND-II-NOC-5421, Dated 03.09.2015
5	Consent to Operate	State Pollution Control Board, Odisha	3500-IND-I-CON-2320, Dated 27.02.2016
6	Surface Right	District Collector, Keonjhar	Surface Right granted over 416.604 hecets
7	Deep Hole Blasting & use of HEMM	Directorate General of Mines Safety, Chaibasa Region, Chaibasa, Govt. of India	Memo No-330131/1501, Dated 06.06.2017, Letter No-CR/443, Dtd. 29.01.03
8	Ground Water Withdrawal	Member Secretary (CGWA), Central Ground Water Authority , Govt. of India	21-4(92)/SER/CGWA/2008/1831, Dtd. 03.11.17

- Vesting of clearances/approvals/licences/permissions /rights as above does not have the effect of transfer of ownership of infrastructure established and the ore & minerals raised by the ex-lessee which shall be governed by the provisions of the rules 12(1)(gg) and 12(1)(hh) of the Minerals Concession Rules, 2016. However, on acquisition of such infrastructure from the ex-lessee and submission of evidence thereof, the new lessee may be vested with related clearances/ approvals etc at the relevant time.
- Vesting of Forest Clearance is subject to payment of NPV as prescribed in letter dtd. 31.03.2020 of Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change.

29/11/2020

**GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA  
STEEL AND MINES DEPARTMENT**

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**ORDER**

No. 1303 /SM, Dated  
**SM-MC1-MRL-0002-2020**

15-02-2022

**Whereas** in pursuance to the "invitation of bids for grant of Mining Lease for Iron ore" dated 06.12.2019 issued by the Government and subsequent auction held on dated 31.01.2020, M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., the successful bidder has been granted a mining lease for Iron ore in respect of Nuagaon Iron ore block over an area of 776.969 hecets (as per DGPS)/767.284 hecets (as per RoR) in village Nuagaon of Kenjhar district for the period of 50 (Fifty) years as provided under section 8A, sub-section 2 of the Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act, 1957 vide order No 5443/SM, dated 26.06.2020.

**And whereas,** the lease deed has been executed and registered by the lessee.

**And whereas,** the new lessee was vested with all the valid rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like vested in the previous lessee for a period of 2 (Two) years vide vesting order no. 4167/SM, dated 29.05.2020, order no 9801/SM, dated 13.11.2020 and order no 455/SM, dated 13.01.2021.

**And whereas,** in the meantime section 8B of the MMDR Act, 1957 and Rule 9A of M.C. Rules, 2016 have been amended w.e.f 28.03.2021 and 02.11.2021 respectively as noted below.

*"8B (1); Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act or any other law for the time being in force, all valid rights approvals, clearances, licenses and the like granted to a lessee in respect of a mine (other than those granted under the provisions of the Atomic Energy Act, 1962 and*



*the rules made thereunder) shall continue to be valid even after expiry or termination of lease and such rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and the like shall be transferred to and vested, subject to the conditions provided under such laws, in the successful bidder of the mining lease selected through auction under this Act.*

*Rule 9A (1) in sub-rule (1), for "in respect of leases expiring under the provisions of sub-sections (5) and (6) of section 8A of the Act, within one week from the date of the notification of the Minerals (Other than Atomic and Hydro Carbons Energy Minerals) Concession (Amendment) Rules, 2020" the words, figure and letter, "for the purpose of issuing vesting order for transfer and vesting of all valid rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like in accordance with sub section (1) of section 8B" shall be substituted,*

*Rule 9A (5); It shall be lawful for the new lessee to commence and continue mining operation on the land in which mining operations were being carried out by the pervious lessee, after the execution of the lease deed till expiry or termination of mining lease granted".*

**And whereas,** the Director of Mines vide letter No. 10120/DM, dated 22.12.2021 has proposed to issue the modified vesting and transfer order in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore mines of M/s JSW Steel Limited.

Now therefore, in partial modification of the order as communicated vide vesting order no 4167/SM, dated 29.05.2020, order no 9801/SM, dated 13.11.2020 and order no 455/SM, dated 13.01.2021, the undersigned being the Nodal Office for the State of Odisha having been nominated under rule 9A(1) of the Mineral (Other than Atomic and Hydrocarbon Energy Minerals) Concessions Rules, 2016 (herein after called the Rules 2016], do hereby, pursuant to the provisions contained

in rule 9A(2) of the Rules, 2016 order that all the valid rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like vested in the previous lessee in respect of the aforementioned mining block are deemed to have vested and transferred in favour of the holder of the letter of intent on the same terms and conditions of every rights, approvals, clearances, licences and the like which vested with previous lessee till expiry or termination of mining lease granted.

  
(D. Mohanty)

Nodal Officer & OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

**Memo No.** 1304 /SM

**Dated:** 15.02.2022

Copy forwarded to M/s JSW Steel Ltd, JSW Centre, Bandra Kurla Complex, Bandra (East), Mumbai- 400051 for information and necessary action.

  
Nodal Officer

**Memo No.** 1305 /SM

**Dated:** 15.02.2022

Copy forwarded to Director of Mines, Odisha, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

  
Nodal Officer

**Memo No.** 1306 /SM

**Dated:** 15.02.2022

Copy forwarded to Collector, Keonjhar/ DFO, Keonjhar/ Joint Director of Mines, Joda for information and necessary action.

  
Nodal Officer

**Memo No.** 1307 /SM

**Dated:** 15.02.2022

Copy forwarded to Forest and Environment Department/ PCCF(Nodal), Bhubaneswar/ Regional Controller of Mines, Indian Bureau of Mines, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

  
Nodal Officer

By Speed Post/ e-mail

## GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA

## FOREST, ENVIRONMENT &amp; CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT

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No.FE-DIV-FLD-0120-2021- 7489 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

10F (Cons) 138/2015

From

Lingaraj Otta,

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests &amp; HoFF, Odisha,

Bhubaneswar.

Sub: Transfer of FC approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining lease from Old lessee M/s KJS Ahluwalia to New Lessee M/s JSW Steel Ltd as per the provision of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021 in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore Block under Keonjhar Forest Division, Barbil Tahasil, Dist-Keonjhar for diversion of 371.192 ha of forest land

Sir,

I am directed to invite a reference to your letter No.5696/9F(MG)-76/2021 dtd.17.03.2022 seeking transfer of FC approval granted under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for mining lease from Old lessee M/s KJS Ahluwalia to New Lessee M/s JSW Steel Ltd as per the provision of the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Act, 2021 in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore Block under Keonjhar Forest Division, Barbil Tahasil, Dist-Keonjhar for diversion of 371.192 ha of forest land and with reference to letter File No.FC-11/112/2020-FC (Pt) dtd.07.07.2021 of Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, FC Division, New Delhi.

After careful consideration of your proposal and in pursuance of the guidelines issued by Govt. of India, MoEF &CC vide File No. FC-11/112/2020-FC (Pt) Dated 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2021, the transfer of approval granted by Govt. of India, MoEF&CC under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 vide F. No.8-17/2001-FC dtd.22.04.2004 from the erstwhile User Agency M/s KJS Ahluwalia to



M/s JSW Steel Ltd is hereby accorded by the State Govt. for non-forestry use of 371.192 ha of forest land for mining in Nuagaon Iron Ore under Keonjhar Forest Division, Barbil Tahasil, Dist-Keonjhar, Odisha subject to fulfilment of the following conditions.

- i. DGPS Survey of 371.192 ha of diverted forest area shall be done by the user agency and the same may be ensured by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division in the field before handing over the area.
- ii. The DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division shall upload the KML files of the area under diversion and the accepted non-forest land for raising Compensatory Afforestation in the E-Green Watch portal of FSI before handing over forest land to the new lessee.
- iii. Erstwhile lessee has deposited the NPV over 639.823 ha forest land which includes the diverted forest area of 371.192 ha. The amount deposited by the new lessee @ Rs.7.50 Lakh per ha is the lumpsum amount realized by State Government on issue of Lol (for the total forest area within the mining lease), which may be adjusted towards balance NPV if any and any compensatory levies payable in future.
- iv. The new lessee shall furnish an undertaking to pay the additional NPV, if so determined, as per the decision of the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India.
- v. The new lessee shall also comply the non-complied conditions and if any by Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, IRO, Bhubaneswar, after conducting the inspection of the area for the appraisal of compliance of approval granted under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.
- vi. The new lessee, after ceasing mining operation, undertake re-grassing the mining area and any other areas which may have been disturbed due to their mining activities and restore the land to a condition which is fit for growth of fodder, flora, fauna etc.
- vii. Forest Clearance over 276.297 ha forest land will be transferred to the new lessee after issue of FC transfer order and forest clearance over 94.895 ha will be transferred to the new lessee after acceptance of the CA land by the DFO, Keonjhar Forest Division as per the extant procedure for acceptance of CA land.
- viii. The new lessee shall take steps to obtain approval of Govt. of India for diversion of the balance forest area of 255.103 ha (both DGPS and RoR) (626.295 ha – 371.192 ha) under Section 2 (ii) of FC Act, 1980.
- ix. Execution of project activities by the new lessee will be subject to availability of all other statutory clearances required under relevant Acts/Rules for this mining project and compliance of Court's order, if any.

Yours faithfully,

*22/4/2022*

OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7490 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to the Assistant Inspector General of Forests (FC), Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (F.C. Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Alinganj, Jor Bagh Road, New Delhi-110003 for information and necessary action.

*d. 21/4/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7491 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to the Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), Govt. of India, MoEF&CC, IRO, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action.

*d. 21/4/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7492 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Odisha / Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO), FC Act, O/o PCCF & HoFF, Odisha for information and necessary action.

*d. 21/4/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7493 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to the Regional Chief Conservator of Forests, Rourkela Circle/ Divisional Forest Officer, Keonjhar Forest Division for information and necessary action.

*d. 21/4/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7494 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to Steel & Mines Department/ R&DM Department/ Director Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department/ Director of Mines, Odisha/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha/ Collector, Keonjhar for information and necessary action.

*d. 21/4/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7495 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to the Authorized Signatory, M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Plot No.3, Forest Park, Sishu Bhawan Square, Bhubaneswar-751009 for information and

necessary action.

*del 14/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government

Memo No. 7496 /FE&CC, Date 21-04-22

Copy forwarded to M/s KJS Ahluwalia, Mines Owner & Exporter, PB No.3, Infront of MMTC Weigh Bridge, At/Po-Barbil, Dist-Keonjhar, Odisha, Pin-758035 for information and necessary action.

*del 14/2022*  
OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government



STATE FOREST HEADQUARTERS, ODISHA  
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CHIEF CONSERVATOR OF FORESTS & HoFF  
PLOT NO. GD-2/12, ARANYA BHAWAN, CHANDRASEKHARPUR  
BHUBANESWAR-751023

E-mail:- [nodal.pccfhoff@odisha.gov.in](mailto:nodal.pccfhoff@odisha.gov.in) / [nodal.pccfodisha@gmail.com](mailto:nodal.pccfodisha@gmail.com)

Memo No. 5904 / 9F(MG) -80/2016  
Dated, Bhubaneswar the 12<sup>th</sup> March'2024

To

The Divisional Forest Officer  
Keonjhar Forest Division

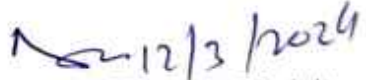
Sub: **Proposal for seeking prior approval of the Central Government under Section 2 of the Van (Sarankshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 In favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. for non forestry use of 63.30 ha Sabik Kisam forest land in addition to 371.192 ha of forest land already diverted located within the Mining Lease hold area over 767.284 ha for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines in Barbil Tahasil of District Keonjhar (Odisha) – Stage-II final approval reg.**

Ref: (i) Stage-II/Final Approval order No.8-17/2001-FC(Vol-3) dt. 12.02.2024 of the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, (FC Division) GoI, MoEF&CC, New Delhi.  
(ii) Memo No. 3998/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department.

Enclosed, please find herewith a copy of letter No. 8-17/2001-FC(Vol-3) dated 12.02.2024 of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi alongwith a copy of Memo No. Memo No. 3998/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024 of OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department which is self explanatory, for information & necessary action.

In this context, I am directed to request you to furnish the compliance to the conditions imposed GoI, MoEF & CC, Regional Office, Bhubaneswar vide Stage-II/ Final approval order dated No. 8-17/2001-FC(Vol-3) dated 12.02.2024 of the Govt. of India, MoEF & CC, FC Division, New Delhi to this office immediately through RCCF, Rourkela Circle for onward transmission to the FE&CC Department.

Encl : As above

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5905 Dt 12.03.2024

Copy forwarded to the Assistant Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of India, MoEF& CC (FC Division), Indira Paryavaran Bhawan, Jor Bagh, Aliganj Road, New Delhi, Pin-110003/ Deputy Director General of Forests (Central), MoEF & CC, Govt. of India, Regional Office, A/3, Chandrasekharpur, Bhubaneswar for information & necessary action with reference to FE & CC Deptt. Memo No. 3996/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5906 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, (WL) & CWLW, Odisha for favour of kind information & necessary action with reference to FE & CC Deptt. Memo No. 3997/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5907 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the RCCF, Rourkela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to FE & CC Deptt. Memo No. 3998/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5908 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to Steel & Mines Department / Revenue & Disaster Management Department/ Industries Department/ Director, Environment-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE&CC Department/ Director of Mines, Odisha/ Member Secretary, SPCB, Odisha/ Collector, Keonjhar for information & necessary action with reference to FE & CC Deptt. Memo No. 3999/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5909 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to Authorized Signatory, M/s JSW Steel Ltd., Plot No.3, Forest Park, Sishu Bhawan Square, Bhubaneswar -751009 for information & necessary action with reference to FE & CC Deptt. Memo No. 4000/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5910 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to the Head, State Portal, I.T. Centre, Odisha Secretariat, Bhubaneswar for information and necessary action with reference to FE & CC Deptt. Memo No. 4001/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5911 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to Under Secretary to Government, Office Establishment Section, FE & CC Department for information and necessary action with reference to FE&CC Deptt. Memo No. 4002/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

Memo No. 5912 Dt. 12-03-2024

Copy forwarded to OSD-cum-Special Secretary to Government, FE & CC Department for information and necessary action with reference to FE&CC Deptt. No. 3995/FE&CC dated 07.03.2024.

*12/3/2024*  
Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal)

**PROFORMA FOR VERIFICATION OF DEPOSITS IN COMPENSATORY AFFORESTATION FUND**

1	Name of Regional Office		Integrated Regional Office, Bhubaneswar, Odisha				
2	State/ district/Forest Division to which the proposal relates		Odisha, Keonjhar, Forest Division, Keonjhar				
3	Name of User Agency, nature of proposal		Nuagaon Iron Mine of K.J.S Ahluwalia now allotted to M/s JSW Steel Ltd.				
4	Nature & category of proposal		Mining				
5	Proposal number		FP/OR/MIN/18827/2016, St. Sl. No.OR-024/2016.				
6	Extent of Forest area involved		626.295 ha (as per RoR)				
7	Whether original or extension		Auctioned Lease				
8	If extension of lease, please clarify if proposal involves additional forest area and if so, specify		In earlier Stage-II approval was granted over 371.192 ha forest land vide F. No.8-17/2001-FC (Vol) dated 21.04.2004 in favour of the ex-lessee M/s KJS Ahluwalia now allotted to M/s JSW Steel Ltd. Now Stage-I approval granted over 63.30 ha Sabik kissam Forest land in favour of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.				
9	Date of 1st Stage clearance		F. No.8-17/2001-FC (vol) dated 14.03.2023				
10	<b>Extent of CAMPA charges, head wise viz:</b>						
	(a) Compensatory Afforestation		Rs. 1,41,86,900/- (Rs.73,28,100/- + Rs.68,58,800/- +Rs.41406000/-)				
	(b) Additional Compensatory Afforestation		Rs.30996900/- (Rs.1,59,29,700/- + Rs.15067200/-)				
	(c) Penal Compensatory Afforestation						
	(d) Catchment Area treatment						
	(e) Wildlife Management Plan		Rs.3,29,93,212/- (Rs.1,53,45,680/- + Rs.1,76,47,532/-)				
	(f) Additional charges for diversion of area failing under notified / protected areas						
	(g) Net present Valure		Rs.53,77,70,560/- (Rs.38,38,06,260/- + Rs.8,32,64,530/-+ 7,06,99,770/-)				
	(h) Any other charges / levies -(please specify)						
	(i) Lease Transfer fee		Rs. 1,00,000/-				
	(ii) Gap planting and soil & moisture conservation activities to restock and rejuvenate the degraded open forests (having crown density less than 0.40) located in the area within 100 meter from outer perimeter of the mining lease.		Rs.3,21,81,600/-				
	(i) Safety Zone		Rs.13,17,600/-				
	(j) 1.5 times Safety Zone		Rs. 1,00,03,200/- (Rs.26,64,000/- + Rs.73,39,200/-)				
	(k) Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan		Rs. 11,57,19,800/- (Rs.25800000/- + Rs.89919800/-)				
	(l) Interest in belated payment of NPV		0				
	<b>Total</b>		<b>Rs.81,66,75,772/-</b>				
11	Whether payment made through challan or otherwise. In case of onlinepayment, details of challan						
12	<b>Details of deposits</b>						
Sl No.	Type of deposit (NPV/CA/ IWMP/Others (specify)	whether by RTGS/DD/ NEFT (Specify)	UTR/ DD No.	Amount deposited (Rs.)	Date of deposit	Name of bank from which amount transferred to account of CAF	Bank Account of CAF managed by CAMPA in which found deposited
1	NPV	DD	DD No.164156 dtd. 01.07.2010	383806260	01.07.2010	Indusind Bank	CA-1585 Odisha CAMPA

2	NPV (SabiK)	RTGS	ICICR52016 07140031394 5	83264530	14.07.2016	ICICI Bank Ltd. Barbil Branch	Compensatory Afforestation Fund Odisha
3	* NPV (over 63.30 ha Sabik Forest)	RTGS	UTR No. SBINR52020 06100009273 0 on dt. 10.06.2020	70699770	10.06.2020	A/c No. 34778500642 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. in State Bank of India	Orissa CAMPA A/c No. 150825847600289 in Union Bank of India
4	C.A.	DD	DD No.205987 dated 08.09.2003	7328100	08.09.2003	ICICI Bank Ltd. Bhubaneswar	-
5	* C.A. (in respect of 63.30 ha)		UTR No. SBINR52020 06100009273 0 on dt. 10.06.2020	6858800	10.06.2020	A/c No. 34778500642 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. in State Bank of India	Orissa CAMPA A/c No. 150825847600289 in Union Bank of India
6	* C.A. (over 94.961 ha against pre-80 broken up forest land)	RTGS	-do-	41406000	10.06.2020	-do-	-do-
7	* A.C.A (in respect of 63.30 ha)	RTGS	-do-	15929700	10.06.2020	-do-	-do-
8	* A.C.A (over 31.00 ha against pre-80 broken up forest land)	RTGS	-do-	15067200	10.06.2020	-do-	-do-
9	Safety Zone	DD	DD No.205987 dated 08.09.2003	1317600	08.09.2003	ICICI Bank Ltd. Bhubaneswar	
10	1.5 times Safety Zon	DD	-do-	2664000	08.09.2003	-do-	
11	* 1.5 times Safety Zon (in respect of 63.30 ha)	RTGS	UTR No. SBINR52020 06100009273 0 on dt. 10.06.2020	7339200	10.06.2020	A/c No. 34778500642 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. in State Bank of India	Orissa CAMPA A/c No. 150825847600289 in Union Bank of India
12	RWMP	RTGS	UTIBH11341 016560	15345680	07.12.2011	-	-
13	RWMP	RTGS	SBINR52016 0125251444 8	17647532	25.01.2016	M/s KJS Ahluwalia, State bank of India, Barbil Branch	A/c No.3449020101054 28, CAMPA Odisha, Union Bank of India, Sundarnagar, New Delhi, IFSC- UBIN0534498.
14	SSWCP	RTGS	UTIBH11341 017089	25800000	07.12.2011	M/s KJS Ahluwalia, A/C No.50201020000011 6, Axis Bank, Barbil Branch	A/c No.3449020101054 28, CAMPA Odisha, Union Bank of India, Sundarnagar, New Delhi, IFSC- UBIN0534498.

15	* SSWC	RTGS	UTR No. SBINR52020 06100009273 0 on dt. 10.06.2020	89919800	10.06.2020	A/c No. 34778500642 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. in State Bank of India	Orissa CAMPA A/c No. 150825847600289 in Union Bank of India
16	Other (Fee for Transfer of Lease)	RTGS	UTR No. SBIN521285 699719	100000	12.10.2021	A/c No. 34778500642 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. in State Bank of India	A/c No.1508258476005 68, IFSC - UBIN0903710.
17	* Other (Gap planting & SMC measure in outer 100mtr ML area))	RTGS	UTR No. SBINR52020 06100009273 0 on dt. 10.06.2020	32181600	10.06.2020	A/c No. 34778500642 of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. in State Bank of India	Orissa CAMPA A/c No. 150825847600289 in Union Bank of India
<b>Gross Total</b>				<b>816675772</b>			

**NB:-** That, as per guideline dated 31.03.2020 of the MoEF& CC, GoI, New Delhi, the new lessee M/s JSW Steel Ltd. had also deposited advance lumsum amount of Rs.48,71,31,000/- @7.5 lakhs/ ha towards compensatory levies in Ad-hoc CAMPA Orissa through RTGS vide UTR No. SBINR52020061000092730 on dated 10.06.2020 and the same to be adjusted later over 626.295ha forest land involved in the project. Subsequently as per request of M/s JSW Steel Ltd. the PCCF& HoFF, Odisha, Bhubaneswar has adjusted a sum of Rs.27,94,02,070/- (\* marked amount) from the earlier deposited lumsum amount of Rs.48,71,31,000/- vide his memo No.6887 dated 10.04.2023 (relevant records are enclosed). After adjustment Balance amount Rs.20,77,28,930/- (Rs.48,71,31,000/- - 27,94,02,070/-) will be adjusted towards compensatory levies will be arised in future).

Date: 12-05-2023  
Place: KEONJHAR

  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Keonjhar Division

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (FD&NO, FC Act)  
Odisha.

# NUAGAON IRON ORE MINES

## CER Cost Breakup with Activities

SL.NO.	ITEMS	TOTAL AMOUNT Committed for CER In Lakh	TOTAL AMOUNT (FY 20 - 21)	TOTAL AMOUNT (FY 21 - 22)	TOTAL AMOUNT (FY 22 - 23)	TOTAL AMOUNT (FY 23 - 24)	TOTAL AMOUNT (FY 24 - 25)	TOTAL AMOUNT (FY 24 - 25)
1	Infrastructure Development	731.27	6716380	17996155	7284265	1439762	1,82,32,585	4422651.6
2	Health Infrastructure & Services	90	2238725	12200000	9184865	8690871	7553791	6888246.6
3	Education Infrastructure & Support	260.9	1687336	2219329	10385067	9338666	8750077.3	12944809.8
4	Sustainable Livelihood	205.2	0	887750	1510040	294863	2100990	1342422.75
5	Vocational Training	71.06	0	0	362268	490932	0	1959576
6	Special Program	94	100000	138263	9690130	14716862	803017.3	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1452.43</b>	<b>10742441</b>	<b>33441497</b>	<b>38416635</b>	<b>34971958</b>	<b>37440461</b>	<b>27557706.75</b>
	<b>Total</b>							<b>1824.6 Lakhs</b>

### 1. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT



AWC renovation



Community Centre



Solar streetlight

## 2. HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE AND SERVICES



Solar powered drinking water system



Trolley toilet



Dispensary OPD services



Treatment at Dispensary



Ambulance services



Eye Camp



### 3. EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTION AND SUPPORT



Model Anganwadi



School bus



Aspire life skill session



Aspire Program-CLC

### 4. SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD



Agri livelihood

## 5. VOCATIONAL TRAINING



Skilling for Employment



Aspire program

## 6. SPECIAL PROGRAM



Mini Stadium



Sports promotion



Promotion of Mushroom Cultivation-  
Barpada & guali village



Khali stitching unit- Kenduri village



**Farm pond- Panduliposhi village**



**Vegetable Cultivation- Guali,  
Panduliposhi**

**PLANTATION DETAILS - NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**

Year	Proposed	Executed	Survival rate %	Cumulative	Species Planted
2021-22	2500	2500	50	1250	Karanj, Chakunda, Mahoneem, Gliricidia
2022-23	6250	7900	60	5990	Neem, Karanj, Gliricidia, Chakunda, Jamun, Imli
2023-24	6250	12000	95	17300	Karanj, Jamun, Chatiyan, Simarua, Neem, Chakunda
2024-25	10000	8339	---	25,639	Gulmohor, Arjun, Sirish, Karanj, Bakul, Neem, Mango, Guava, Chatim, Jamun, Imli, Putranjiva
2025-26	2175	12500	On-going	38, 139	Gulmohor, Arjun, Karanj, Neem, Mango, Guava, Jamun, Imli, Sissoo, Acacia, Amla, Bael



**Plantation in Safety Zone 32-35 Species: Jamun, Simarua, Karanj, Chatiyan, Neem, Gliricidia**



Plantation in Safety Zone 107 Species: Neem, Simarua, Karanj





Plantation in Chenaguda Bench no. 1 and 2 Species: Jamun, Chatiyan, Simarua, Sunari, Baula



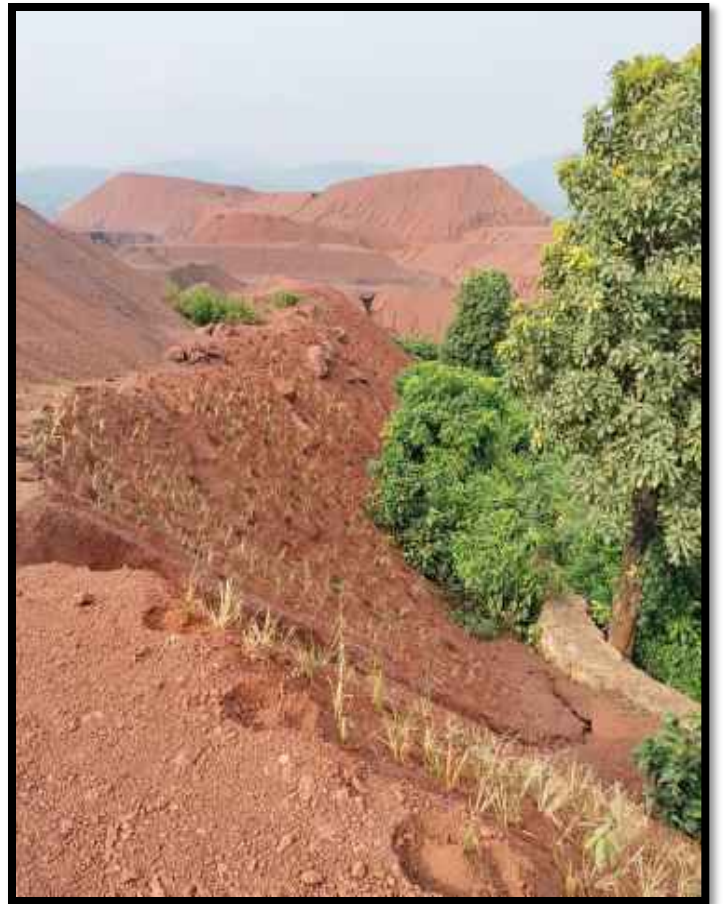
Plantation in Safety Zone 56-58 Species: Jamun, Chatiyan, Simarua



Plantation in Safety Zone 98-100 Species: Karanj, Chatiyani, Imli



DUMP PLANTATION- Katasahi OB dump Species: Neem, Sal, Sisoo, Jamun, Karanj



**VETIVER GRASS PLANTATION** Location- Safety Zone 98 and Katasahi OB dump



**MASS PLANTATION** Location- Sonukocha Bench (Year-2024)



**MASS PLANTATION Location- MLP-58 Kanusahi (Year-2025)**



**Mass Plantation Drive at Udalbadi (Year-2025)**



Mass Plantation Drive at Chenagoda Bench

**GARLAND DRAIN, SETTLING PIT AND RETAINING WALL- NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**

**1. GARLAND DRAIN**



## 2. SETTLING PITS

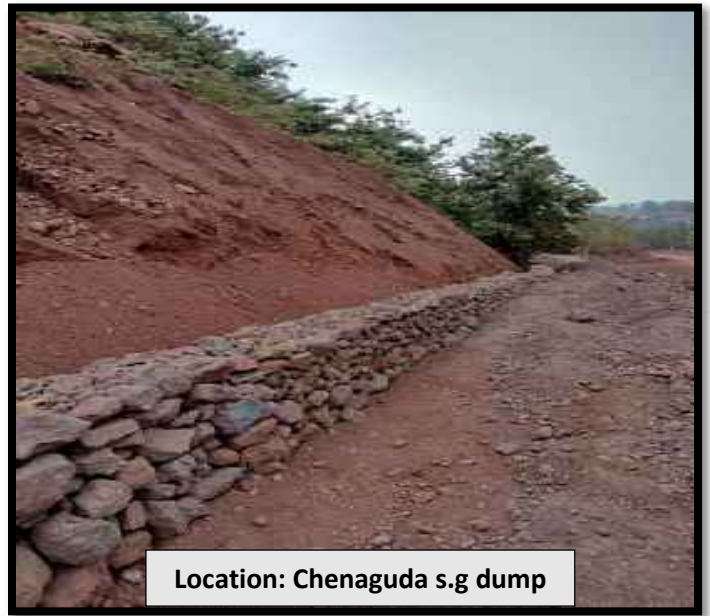




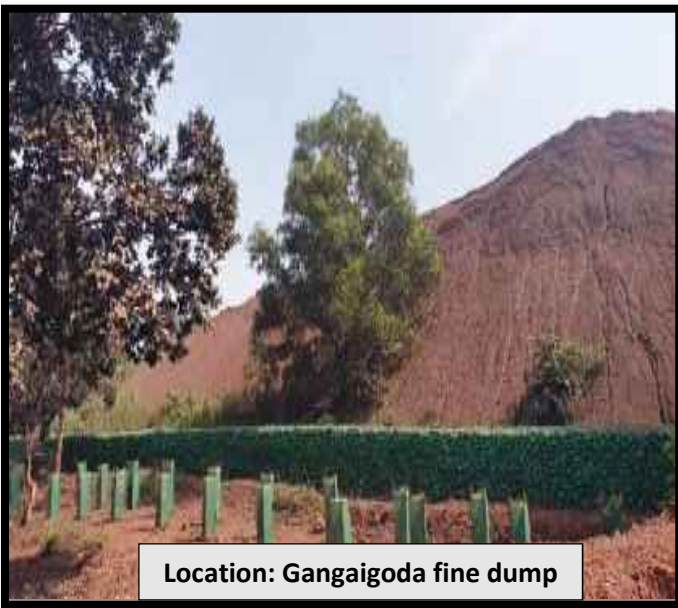
### 3. RETAINING WALL



Location: MDH s.g dump



Location: Chenaguda s.g dump



Location: Gangaigoda fine dump



Location: Katesahi s.g dump



Location: Katesahi OB dump



Location: Topadihi area

CHECK DAM- NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE



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Location: Near Karo river

OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL CCF (WILDLIFE) & CHIEF WILDLIFE WARDEN, ORISSA 5<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR, B.D.A. APARTMENT, PRAKRUTI BHAWAN, NILAKANTHA NAGAR, BHUBANESWAR-751012.

Memo No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dt. \_\_\_\_\_  
1WL-C-FC-386/08

To

The Chief Conservator of Forests (Nodal),  
O/o PCCF, Orissa, Bhubaneswar.



Sub: Approval of Site Specific Wildlife Conservation Plan, Authentication of Location Map and the list of Flora & Fauna found in core zone and Buffer zone of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia.

Ref: Govt. of India, MOEF letter No.J-11015/1156/2007-IA.II(M) dt. 8.5.08.

In inviting a reference to the above mentioned subject, I am directed to inform you that the site specific wildlife conservation plan for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia in the Keonjhar district of Orissa has been approved by the Principal CCF(WL) & Chief Wildlife Warden, Orissa for Rs.348 lakhs for activities both inside and outside the project area and the above scheme is to be implemented by DFO, Keonjhar with funding from the Project proponent. The approved Conservation Plan in two numbers along with authenticated location map of the project are enclosed herewith for necessary action at your end.

*Sd/*  
Conservator of Forests (WL)

Memo No. 547 Dt. 28-1-09

Copy along with approved site specific wildlife conservation plan forwarded to DFO, Keonjhar Division for information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No. 4144 dt. 19.11.08 of CF, Rourakela Circle.

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Conservator of Forests (WL)

Memo No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dt. \_\_\_\_\_

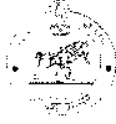
Copy to C.F., Rourakela Circle for information & necessary action with reference to his Memo No.4142 dt. 19.11.08.

*Sd/*  
Conservator of Forests (WL)

Memo No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dt. \_\_\_\_\_

Copy along with along with authenticated location map of the project & approved flora & fauna list forwarded to M/s Kamaljeet Singh Ahluwalia, P.O- Barbil, Dist, Keonjhar for information & necessary action with reference to his letter dated 11.12.2008.

*Sd/*  
Conservator of Forests (WL)



**OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER, KEONJHAR DIVISION**

Ph. No. 06766-254315, E.mail- [dfokjr.od@gov.in](mailto:dfokjr.od@gov.in)

No. 3877 /6F-Mining- 33 /2020

Dated, Keonjhar the 05-07 /2021

To

Baswaraj Mahadevppa Dalgade, Authorised Signatory,  
Asst. General Manager (Project),  
M/s JSW Steel Limited, JSW Centre Bandra Kurla Complex,  
Bandra East, Mumbai, PIN-400051,  
E-mail: [baswaraj.dalgade@jsw.in](mailto:baswaraj.dalgade@jsw.in)

Sub: Request for issuance of implementation certificate of approved of site specific wildlife plan in favour of erstwhile lessee M/s K.J.S Ahluwalia for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.

Ref: Your letter No.JSW/S/O/2021/154 dated 18.06.2021.

Sir,

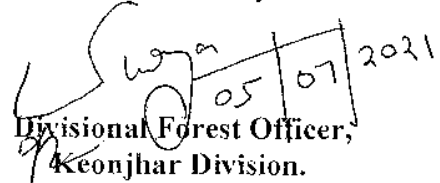
With reference to your above cited letter on the captioned subject, the details information on approved site specific wildlife conservation plan in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s K.J.S Ahluwalia is furnished below.

Approved amount of SSWCP (in lakh)		Total	Approved Letter No. / date of PCCF(WL) & CWLW,Odisha	Approved demanded Amount	Date of Deposit	UTR No. / NEFT
Project Area	Project Impact Area					
90.00	258.00	348.00	No.549 dated 18.01.2009	258.00	07.12.2011	UTIBH11341017089

Further, this is to intimate that, no funds has been released till date from CAMPA & implementation of the above approved SSWCP by the undersigned in project impact area is nil.

This is for your information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,

  
05/07/2021  
Divisional Forest Officer,  
Keonjhar Division.

**SUMMARY**  
**OF**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING REPORT**  
**(OCTOBER-2025 TO MARCH-2026)**  
**FOR**  
**NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**  
**DISTRICT—KEONJHAR, ODISHA**  
**OF**



**M/S JSW STEEL LIMITED, ODISHA**



**Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.**

*(Committed For Better Environment)*

**Plot No.-M-22&23, Chandaka Industrial Estate, Patia, Bhubaneswar-751024,  
Dist-Khurda, Odisha**

Environmental Monitoring Report- Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Limited, Odisha during the period  
**(OCTOBER-2025 TO MARCH-2026)**

**1. Ambient Air Quality Lease Area**

Sl. No.	Location	Month	Concentration	PM <sub>10</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	CO mg/m <sup>3</sup>
1.	Near LP 99	Oct-25	Maximum	74.8	25	19.6	18.8	0.64
			Minimum	65.3	18.2	16.0	15.5	0.6
			Average	69.3	22.0	17.6	17.1	0.6
		Nov-25	Maximum	73.2	42.1	16.2	24.2	0.68
			Minimum	62.8	33.6	13.9	20.7	0.55
			Average	67.9	37.5	15.1	22.2	0.61
		Dec-25	Maximum	73.5	42.7	16.7	24.2	0.75
			Minimum	65.9	35.9	14.5	20.8	0.56
			Average	70.7	39.2	15.5	22.9	0.69
		Jan-26	Maximum	78.1	43.1	16.5	25.1	0.81
			Minimum	69.8	36.9	14.9	22.8	0.69
			Average	72.4	40.2	15.7	24.0	0.75
		Feb-26	Maximum	78.2	41.9	16.6	24.4	0.80
			Minimum	69.7	37.6	14.9	22.8	0.70
			Average	72.4	40.4	15.7	23.7	0.76
		Mar-26	Maximum	76.8	43.2	15.3	25.3	0.81
			Minimum	68.5	32.9	12.9	21.6	0.42
			Average	71.4	37.9	14.2	23.2	0.65
		Oct-25	Maximum	74.7	25	20.1	19.9	0.64
			Minimum	66.3	18.2	16.1	15.3	0.55
			Average	70.4	21.3	17.7	17.1	0.6

<b>Sl. No.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Month</b>	<b>Concentration</b>	<b>PM10 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>PM2.5 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>SO2 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>NO2 µg/m<sup>3</sup></b>	<b>CO mg/m<sup>3</sup></b>
2.	Near Dispensary	Nov-25	Maximum	79.2	41.2	16.2	25.6	0.70
			Minimum	68.4	32.9	13.2	20.9	0.54
			Average	72.8	38.4	14.9	23.8	0.62
		Dec-25	Maximum	80.2	46.8	17.5	26.2	0.77
			Minimum	70.4	40.1	15.2	21.5	0.68
			Average	75.4	43.6	16.3	24.3	0.72
		Jan-26	Maximum	81.6	43.2	19.2	26.7	0.89
			Minimum	72.9	38.6	16.8	23.8	0.77
			Average	77.0	41.2	17.8	25.3	0.82
		Feb-26	Maximum	82.0	42.6	18.8	26.5	0.89
			Minimum	73.6	39.2	16.6	23.7	0.78
			Average	77.6	41.1	17.7	25.3	0.83
		Mar-26	Maximum	79.5	43.2	18.7	26.6	0.93
			Minimum	69.8	38.6	16.9	23.9	0.77
			Average	74.6	40.8	17.7	25.5	0.86
3.	Near Mines office	Oct-25	Maximum	74.9	25.9	18.9	19.6	0.64
			Minimum	65.7	18.0	16.1	15.0	0.6
			Average	70.1	21.7	17.4	17.1	0.6
		Nov-25	Maximum	63.2	35.2	15.9	21.3	0.67
			Minimum	52.7	29.6	12.9	15.4	0.46
			Average	58.4	32.1	14.5	18.9	0.55
		Dec-25	Maximum	66.3	36.8	16.3	21.3	0.63
			Minimum	58.2	32.6	14.9	17.9	0.56
			Average	62.1	35.0	15.7	19.7	0.59
		Jan-26	Maximum	61.4	33.9	15.1	18.0	0.58
			Minimum	63.8	35.1	16.3	20.2	0.62
			Average	57.4	32.8	13.9	16.8	0.53

Sl. No.	Location	Month	Concentration	PM <sub>10</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	CO mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
		Feb-26	Maximum	64.2	35.0	16.2	20.0	0.63		
			Minimum	57.3	33.5	13.8	16.8	0.53		
			Average	61.3	34.1	15.1	18.0	0.58		
		Mar-26	Maximum	63.2	36.2	14.5	19.2	0.69		
			Minimum	57.3	30.8	13.2	14.8	0.52		
			Average	60.2	34.0	13.8	16.3	0.61		
4.	Near Katesahi Entry & Exit gate	Oct-25	Maximum	74.2	24.3	19	18.7	0.64		
			Minimum	65.3	18.1	16.1	15.0	0.6		
			Average	69.7	21.4	17.5	16.8	0.6		
		Nov-25	Maximum	69.2	40.1	15.8	21.3	0.63		
			Minimum	60.7	31.9	13.6	19.2	0.53		
			Average	64.8	36.1	14.7	20.3	0.59		
		Dec-25	Maximum	70.8	40.4	18.2	24.2	0.66		
			Minimum	65.9	35.6	14.8	20.3	0.55		
			Average	69.3	38.2	16.3	21.9	0.60		
		Jan-26	Maximum	71.2	41.8	17.8	24.1	0.71		
			Minimum	67.5	35.6	15.1	19.8	0.59		
			Average	69.6	39.4	16.0	21.6	0.66		
		Feb-26	Maximum	70.3	41.0	17.8	23.9	0.71		
			Minimum	67.2	36.4	15.4	20.4	0.59		
			Average	69.0	39.4	16.0	21.7	0.66		
		Mar-26	Maximum	71.2	40.4	16.3	20.3	0.66		
			Minimum	65.7	35.7	15.6	16.6	0.52		
			Average	68.6	38.3	16.0	18.9	0.60		
		<b>CPCB Standard</b>			<b>24 Hrly</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>4 (1Hrly)</b>
					<b>Annual Average</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>--</b>

**2. Ambient Air Quality Buffer Area**

Sl. No.	Location	Month	Concentration	PM <sub>10</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	CO mg/m <sup>3</sup>		
1.	Katesahi Village	Oct-25	Maximum	43.5	14.2	12.7	12.8	0.43		
			Minimum	35.8	11	9.3	10.1	0.3		
			Average	40.5	12.7	10.8	11.4	0.37		
		Nov-25	Maximum	60.1	32.3	14.4	20.6	0.56		
			Minimum	49.8	26.9	12.6	16.7	0.46		
			Average	55.8	30.2	13.5	18.3	0.51		
		Dec-25	Maximum	61.3	35.4	14.9	21.5	0.62		
			Minimum	52.6	29.6	12.6	16.9	0.53		
			Average	57.7	32.4	13.6	19.2	0.58		
		Jan-26	Maximum	63.5	35.6	13.2	18.2	0.60		
			Minimum	56.2	30.6	11.6	15.0	0.52		
			Average	59.2	33.1	12.4	16.4	0.56		
		Feb-26	Maximum	63.0	35.5	13.3	18.4	0.59		
			Minimum	55.5	31.2	11.6	14.9	0.52		
			Average	59.2	33.1	12.4	16.4	0.56		
		Mar-26	Maximum	56.9	32.5	13.6	16.9	0.61		
			Minimum	50.2	26.9	11.7	13.8	0.49		
			Average	53.3	29.8	12.5	14.7	0.55		
				Oct-25	Maximum	42.6	15.9	12.8	13.5	0.42
					Minimum	35.5	10.4	9.8	10	0.31
					Average	38.6	12.5	11.8	11.5	0.37

Sl. No.	Location	Month	Concentration	PM10	PM2.5	SO2	NO2	CO
				µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	µg/m <sup>3</sup>	mg/m <sup>3</sup>
2.	Panduliposhi Village	Nov-25	Maximum	64.2	34.6	16.5	23.2	0.66
			Minimum	54.8	26.3	13.9	17.6	0.49
			Average	60.1	32.2	15.0	20.0	0.60
		Dec-25	Maximum	62.3	35.3	16.1	20.3	0.63
			Minimum	55.1	26.9	13.5	16.8	0.51
			Average	58.5	31.7	15.0	19.0	0.58
		Jan-26	Maximum	58.9	32.5	15.3	19.7	0.63
			Minimum	51.6	26.4	12.6	14.5	0.55
			Average	55.1	29.8	13.8	16.3	0.60
		Feb-26	Maximum	58.0	32.8	15.5	19.9	0.64
			Minimum	51.5	26.0	12.5	14.9	0.56
			Average	55.0	29.4	14.0	16.4	0.60
		Mar-26	Maximum	60.6	31.7	14.5	16.2	0.62
			Minimum	53.9	26.8	12.8	14.2	0.51
			Average	56.8	29.5	13.3	15.1	0.57
3.	Barpada Village	Oct-25	Maximum	43.7	15.5	13	13.9	0.43
			Minimum	34.4	10.9	10.2	10	0.35
			Average	39.9	12.5	11.4	11.7	0.39
		Nov-25	Maximum	58.3	30.2	14.2	19.4	0.55
			Minimum	49.6	26.9	12.9	14.6	0.43
			Average	54.9	28.4	13.6	17.2	0.49
		Dec-25	Maximum	60.2	37.9	14.5	18.4	0.58
			Minimum	52.8	30.1	13.5	15.9	0.49
			Average	57.0	32.3	14.0	17.0	0.53
		Jan-26	Maximum	63.5	36.2	16.3	18.6	0.66
			Minimum	53.7	30.8	14.6	16.1	0.56
			Average	60.8	33.7	15.3	17.4	0.62

Sl. No.	Location	Month	Concentration	PM <sub>10</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	PM <sub>2.5</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	SO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	NO <sub>2</sub> µg/m <sup>3</sup>	CO mg/m <sup>3</sup>
		Feb-26	Maximum	64.0	36.4	16.4	18.9	0.65
			Minimum	54.0	30.7	14.4	16.3	0.57
			Average	61.0	33.8	15.3	17.5	0.61
		Mar-26	Maximum	63.2	36.3	14.6	19.1	0.63
			Minimum	59.3	31.9	12.9	16.8	0.57
			Average	61.7	34.4	13.9	18.0	0.60
4.	Rengelabel a Village	Oct-25	Maximum	43.1	14.9	14	12.4	0.42
			Minimum	34.9	10.4	9.4	10.3	0.32
			Average	38.5	12.6	11.2	11.4	0.37
		Nov-25	Maximum	52.2	28.4	14.3	16.2	0.52
			Minimum	47.6	23.6	11.2	13.8	0.43
			Average	50.5	26.3	12.4	14.7	0.48
		Dec-25	Maximum	56.9	30.7	14.2	15.9	0.53
			Minimum	50.2	27.1	11.6	13.4	0.46
			Average	53.7	29.0	12.6	14.7	0.49
		Jan-26	Maximum	59.5	33.6	13.1	15.4	0.61
			Minimum	52.9	28.9	10.2	12.2	0.53
			Average	55.9	30.8	11.5	13.6	0.57
		Feb-26	Maximum	60.7	33.8	12.9	15.6	0.61
			Minimum	53.1	28.5	10.2	12.0	0.52
			Average	56.2	30.8	11.5	13.6	0.57
		Mar-26	Maximum	60.2	31.9	13.3	15.2	0.63
			Minimum	51.7	25.9	10.9	13.8	0.52
			Average	56.2	29.7	12.3	14.4	0.57

**3. Fugitive Emission Monitoring ( $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )**

Sl. No.	Month	Screen Plant		Crusher Plant		Waste Dump	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
1.	Oct-25						
		713.2	657.4	719.2	644.3	711.4	658.9
2.	Nov-25	682	569	716	593	578	472
3.	Dec-25	716	623	740	612	602	542
4.	Jan-26	742	678	792	728	692	589
5.	Feb-26	750	666	787	712	682	584
6.	Mar-26	758	692	813	727	685	595
<b>Six Month Average</b>		722.3	657.9	716.3	651.5	722.7	661.1
Sl. No.	Month	Mines Haulage Road		Mines Face Bench		Ore storage & Loading Point	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
1.	Oct-25						
		719.2	657.8	711.5	644.7	723.6	666
2.	Nov-25	687	558	566	493	647	568
3.	Dec-25	720	597	611	549	651	586
4.	Jan-26	730	668	643	593	705	598
5.	Feb-26	735	672	639	591	706	597
6.	Mar-26	768	698	661	583	723	649
<b>Six Month Average</b>		719.8	653.3	716.0	663.2	719.3	654.2

**4. ILLUMINATION MONITORING (Lux)**

	Oct-25		Nov-25		Dec-25	
LOCATION	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical
Workshop Area	135.0	125.0	152	136	147	114
Screen Plant	126.0	135.0	149	120	135	102
Haul Road	113.0	109.0	127	108	112	136
Loading Point	135.0	145.0	96	117	86	108
Crusher Plant	147.0	125.0	98	82	91	85
Parking Yard	141.0	127.0	125	103	104	98
Permanent Path	113.0	109.0	103	89	84	79
Electric Substation	125.0	142.0	164	125	146	112
Rest Shelter	119.0	123.0	128	102	113	101
Mines Bench Foot Path	115.0	156.0	144	136	128	133
	Jan-26		Feb-26		Mar-26	
LOCATION	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical	Horizontal	Vertical
Workshop Area	135	112	133	114	148	123
Screen Plant	129	96	131	95	109	92
Haul Road	130	128	128	130	130	151
Loading Point	95	117	97	115	85	102
Crusher Plant	82	95	83	94	79	98
Parking Yard	113	96	111	97	113	90
Permanent Path	82	77	84	78	82	65
Electric Substation	135	106	138	104	124	116
Rest Shelter	124	109	123	111	130	105
Mines Bench Foot Path	125	131	123	134	130	147

5. Noise Level {dB(A)}

A. Ambient Noise Monitoring

Location	Oct-25		Nov-25		Dec-25			
	Leq Day	Leq Night	Leq Day	Leq Night	Leq Day	Leq Night	Leq Day	Leq Night
North Boundary	53.7	40.4	58.3	40.5	59.8	39.2	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
South Boundary	68.6	50.2	52.9	36.2	55.1	40.5	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
East Boundary	61.8	50.4	63.7	45.9	65.7	44.7	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
West Boundary	66.2	55.1	56.2	35.5	60.3	31.6	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
Location	62.4		54.5		Mar-26		Standards	
	51.9	41.3	Leq Day	Leq Night	Leq Day	Leq Night	Leq Day	Leq Night
North Boundary	60.2	40.4	60.8	39.9	60.3	35.2	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
South Boundary	58.7	35.9	59.8	37.0	59.8	32.7	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
East Boundary	66.2	42.2	67.2	41.4	63.5	40.6	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)
West Boundary	69.1	33.7	67.3	34.4	65.7	36.8	75 dB(A)	70 dB(A)

B. Source Noise Monitoring

CORE ZONE	Oct-25				Nov-25			
	Week-1	Week-2	Week-3	Week-4	Week-1	Week-2	Week-3	Week-4
	<u>Leq</u>				<u>Leq</u>			
Drilling machine	70.8	71.3	74.3	69.6	68.2	71.2	63.9	70.2
Hauling Road	73.8	67.5	68.2	68.7	66.3	69.8	70.5	61.2
Ore Crusher Plant	73.2	70.2	73.4	67.4	65.8	73.1	73.2	70.1
Mobile Screen Plant	74.5	72.9	67.8	72.5	71.9	70.2	69.8	72.3
Ore Storage & Loading point	72.9	69.3	67.8	73.7	56.8	58.6	60.1	69.8
Excavator	68.3	72.7	67.0	72.1	60.8	57.9	56.2	59.6
Dumper	68.4	67.7	70.0	67.8	72.5	70.1	70.3	73.2
Loader	74.9	72.7	68.4	68.5	60.7	66.3	61.5	70.1

CORE ZONE	Dec-25				Jan-26			
	Week-1	Week-2	Week-3	Week-4	Week-1	Week-2	Week-3	Week-4
	<u>Leq</u>				<u>Leq</u>			
Drilling machine	70.1	72.5	73.1	71.9	71.5	70.7	71.5	70.7
Hauling Road	62.5	65.9	68.9	65.2	65.9	66.8	70.2	69.5
Ore Crusher Plant	68.9	70.1	70.2	70.7	69.5	73.2	72.1	71.2
Mobile Screen Plant	73.2	65.6	68.4	71.2	72.2	61.8	69.8	66.8
Ore Storage & Loading point	54.5	58.2	59.5	58.3	55.6	60.5	60.2	60.1
Excavator	63.9	65.3	69.3	70.4	64.8	68.4	68.5	71.4
Dumper	73.2	72.1	71.4	70.9	70.7	70.9	70.4	70.7
Loader	61.5	62.5	69.3	63.5	63.6	64.2	71.2	62.9
CORE ZONE	Feb-26				Mar-26			
	Week-1	Week-2	Week-3	Week-4	Week-1	Week-2	Week-3	Week-4
	<u>Leq</u>				<u>Leq</u>			
Drilling machine	85.2	80.7	81.4	83.5	79.6	81.5	80.9	82.5
Hauling Road	69.6	72.9	79.5	72.7	80.5	77.9	81.6	77.9
Ore Crusher Plant	71.8	66.4	66.2	79.8	77.9	73.8	69.8	80.5
Mobile Screen Plant	66.5	69.2	71.8	68.1	69.8	70.5	73.5	65.9
Ore Storage & Loading point	69.2	78.7	79.7	70.5	71.8	79.8	78.5	73.2
Excavator	73.4	70.5	72.6	69.8	76.8	72.8	79.8	70.4
Dumper	80.8	80.1	80.1	77.1	88.2	73.6	83.5	76.8
Loader	77.2	73.6	78.3	79.3	79.8	71.2	75.2	75.2

### 6. Surface Water Quality

NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE								
KARO NALLA Upstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	6.95	6.98	7.03	6.81	6.98	6.72	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	124.0	76.5	65.2	63.8	65.4	68.9	1500
BOD	mg/l	5.8	2.3	1.6	1.5	1.54	1.62	3
DO	mg/l	6.4	4.5	4.8	5.0	5.13	5.36	4
Chlorides	mg/l	14.0	26.8	24.6	23.9	24.5	26.5	600
Fluorides	mg/l	0.15	0.22	0.19	0.14	0.14	0.18	1.5
Iron	mg/l	0.10	2.01	1.96	2.09	2.14	1.98	50
KARO NALLA Downstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	7.15	7.11	7.18	7.07	7.25	7.17	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	140.0	81.2	70.9	77.2	79.1	82.2	1500
BOD	mg/l	9.50	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.95	1.87	3
DO	mg/l	7.10	4.2	4.4	4.6	4.72	4.92	4
Chlorides	mg/l	18.0	25.1	25.8	26.1	26.8	28.1	600
Fluorides	mg/l	0.24	0.31	0.32	0.19	0.19	0.21	1.5
Iron	mg/l	0.15	1.89	1.62	1.98	2.03	2.02	50
TEHERAI NALLA Upstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	6.97	7.09	7.24	7.13	7.31	7.09	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	80.0	59.3	56.9	60.5	62	66.9	1500
BOD	mg/l	6.5	1.8	1.8	1.4	1.44	1.9	3
DO	mg/l	5.9	4.9	5.3	5.4	5.54	5.18	4
Chlorides	mg/l	36.0	31.3	26.3	25.4	26	23.9	600
Fluorides	mg/l	0.30	0.19	0.16	0.15	0.15	0.16	1.5
Iron	mg/l	0.20	1.57	1.58	1.77	1.81	1.74	50
TEHERAI NALLA Downstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	6.84	7.38	7.17	7.25	7.43	7.35	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	120.0	90.1	58.3	68.9	70.6	69.8	1500
BOD	mg/l	12.0	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.05	2.05	3



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<b>DO</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	5.4	5.1	4.5	5.0	5.13	4.75	<b>4</b>
<b>Chlorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	68.0	29.5	27.6	27.5	28.2	26.4	<b>600</b>
<b>Fluorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.41	0.26	0.21	0.20	0.21	0.23	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.24	1.76	1.42	2.16	2.21	2.16	<b>50</b>

KAKARPANI NALLA Upstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
pH	-	6.75	7.21	7.17	7.41	7.6	7.21	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	128.0	67.3	58.3	54.3	55.7	52.7	1500
BOD	mg/l	7.5	2.2	2.2	2.1	2.15	2.11	3
DO	mg/l	6.5	4.4	4.5	4.8	4.92	4.02	4
Chlorides	mg/l	22.0	27.4	27.6	26.2	26.9	27.3	600
Fluorides	mg/l	0.26	0.24	0.21	0.16	0.16	0.21	1.5
Iron	mg/l	0.14	1.52	1.42	2.08	2.13	2.09	50
Kakarpani NALLA Downstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	7.05	6.8	6.95	6.86	7.03	6.85	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	148.0	85.2	71.9	73.8	75.6	76.5	1500
BOD	mg/l	9.85	2.3	1.6	1.6	1.64	1.84	3
DO	mg/l	5.9	4.3	4.2	5.2	5.33	4.58	4
Chlorides	mg/l	28.0	30.2	26.9	25.8	26.4	28.6	600
Fluorides	mg/l	0.31	0.30	0.23	0.22	0.23	0.18	1.5
Iron	mg/l	0.24	1.52	1.46	1.74	1.78	1.85	50
SUNA NALLA Upstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	7.40	7.24	7.22	7.02	7.2	7.19	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	84.0	62.5	60.5	66.8	68.5	65.1	1500
BOD	mg/l	12.5	2.4	1.9	1.8	1.85	1.95	3
DO	mg/l	7.45	4.8	4.7	5.0	5.13	5.05	4
Chlorides	mg/l	24.0	25.6	25.2	23.9	24.5	23.9	600
Fluorides	mg/l	0.16	0.21	0.28	0.15	0.15	0.13	1.5
Iron	mg/l	0.15	2.13	2.19	2.53	2.59	2.35	50
SUNA NALLA Downstream								
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Limits for Stream Water Standards
PH	-	6.65	7.36	7.18	7.11	7.29	7.03	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	132.0	57.1	52.9	58.5	60	77.8	1500
BOD	mg/l	14.0	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.95	2.03	3

<b>DO</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	<b>7.50</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>4.72</b>	<b>4.47</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Chlorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	<b>32.0</b>	<b>28.4</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Fluorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	<b>0.31</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.26</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	<b>0.23</b>	<b>2.32</b>	<b>2.08</b>	<b>2.01</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>2.06</b>	<b>50</b>

TOPADIHI NALLA Upstream

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Oct-25</b>	<b>Nov-25</b>	<b>Dec-25</b>	<b>Jan-26</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Limits for Stream Water Standards</b>
<b>PH</b>	-	6.92	6.96	6.83	6.78	6.95	7.21	<b>6.5-8.5</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	136.0	60.6	54.3	50.1	51.4	50.3	<b>1500</b>
<b>BOD</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	6.5	2.1	2.1	2.2	2.26	2.15	<b>3</b>
<b>DO</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	6.0	5.0	5.2	4.9	5.02	4.92	<b>4</b>
<b>Chlorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	22.0	24.3	28.2	25.6	26.2	28.4	<b>600</b>
<b>Fluorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.19	0.16	0.19	0.18	0.18	0.2	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.09	2.19	2.23	1.96	2.01	1.96	<b>50</b>

TOPADIHI NALLA Downstream

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Oct-25</b>	<b>Nov-25</b>	<b>Dec-25</b>	<b>Jan-26</b>	<b>Feb-26</b>	<b>Mar-26</b>	<b>Limits for Stream Water Standards</b>
<b>PH</b>	-	6.45	7.07	7.02	6.92	7.09	7.15	<b>6.5-8.5</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	156.0	77.8	60.1	63.8	65.4	66.8	<b>1500</b>
<b>BOD</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	15.4	2.5	1.8	1.6	1.64	1.84	<b>3</b>
<b>DO</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	5.2	4.6	4.9	5.2	5.33	5.13	<b>4</b>
<b>Chlorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	34.0	25.8	26.2	26.8	27.5	26.9	<b>600</b>
<b>Fluorides</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.21	0.24	0.30	0.26	0.27	0.25	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.14	2.42	2.19	2.05	2.1	1.74	<b>50</b>

**7. Surface Water Flow Rate (m/s)**

LOCATION NAME	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26
Karo Nalla	0.65	0.87	0.82	0.89	0.76	0.83
Teherai Nalla	0.78	0.98	0.95	0.97	0.88	0.77
Kakarpani Nalla	0.76	1.13	1.08	1.02	0.92	0.91
Suna Nalla	0.54	1.23	1.16	0.18	1.02	0.98
Topadihi Nalla	0.87	1.18	1.12	1.13	1.08	1.03

**8. ETP**

Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Detection Range
<b>ETP Inlet</b>								
pH	-	6.96	7.31	7.42	7.16	7.34	7.68	2.0 -12
Total Suspended Solid as TSS	mg/l	84.5	112	119	120	123	109	5 - 5000
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	672.0	596	541	532	545	581	10-10000
Biochemical Oxygen Demand as BOD 3days at 27°C	mg/l	42.0	28	26	24	26	24	5-10000
Chemical Oxygen Demand as COD	mg/l	288.0	119	128	126	129	110	5-50000
Oil & Grease as O & G	mg/l	6.75	5.8	5.5	5.3	5.4	5.8	5-600
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Acceptable Limits
<b>ETP Outlet</b>								
pH	-	7.21	6.78	6.85	6.89	7.06	7.22	6.5-9.0
Total Suspended Solid as TSS	mg/l	39.0	56	52	46	49	35	100.0
Total Dissolved Solids as TDS	mg/l	680.0	42	38	35	36	32	-
Biochemical Oxygen Demand as BOD 3days at 27°C	mg/l	16.5	15	14	15	16	16	30.0
Chemical Oxygen Demand as COD	mg/l	124.0	56	52	48	49	42	250.0
Oil & Grease as O & G	mg/l	BDL	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	10.0

**9. Drinking Water Quality**

Mines Office									
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Acceptable Limits	Permissible Limits
pH	-	6.95	7.04	7.11	7.15	7.33	7.21	6.5-8.5	No Relaxation
Total Dissolved Solids as TDS	mg/l	196.0	40.5	34.6	32.8	33.6	31.9	500	2000
Total Hardness as CaCO3	mg/l	72.0	55.2	52.6	50.9	52.2	59.8	200	600
Sulfate as SO4	mg/l	6.80	4.1	3.4	3.1	3.2	2.9	200	400
Chloride as Cl	mg/l	18.0	15.4	14.2	14.6	15	14.6	250	1000
Fluorides as F	mg/l	0.14	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.14	1	1.5
Iron as Fe	mg/l	0.09	0.18	0.17	0.19	0.19	0.34	0.3	No Relax
Times Office									
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Acceptable Limits	Permissible Limits
pH	-	7.10	6.85	6.94	6.98	7.15	7.74	6.5-8.5	No Relaxation
Total Dissolved Solids as TDS	mg/l	172.0	51.6	48.2	45.1	46.2	45.2	500	2000
Total Hardness as CaCO3	mg/l	88.0	61.8	58.4	55.7	57.1	64.2	200	600
Sulfate as SO4	mg/l	8.60	5.5	5.1	5.6	5.7	4.5	200	400
Chloride as Cl	mg/l	20.0	12.6	13.8	13.9	14.2	14.2	250	1000
Fluorides as F	mg/l	0.15	0.17	0.15	0.17	0.17	0.11	1	1.5
Iron as Fe	mg/l	0.08	0.22	0.21	0.17	0.17	0.19	0.3	No Relax
Dispensary									
Parameter	Units	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar-26	Acceptable Limits	Permissible Limits
pH	-	6.75	6.91	7.03	7.01	7.19	7.39	6.5-8.5	No Relaxation
Total Dissolved Solids as TDS	mg/l	180.0	48.3	42.9	40.9	41.9	40.7	500	2000
Total Hardness as CaCO3	mg/l	72.0	52.6	49.8	46.9	48.1	60.8	200	600
Sulfate as SO4	mg/l	6.90	3.4	2.9	4.2	4.3	3.8	200	400
Chloride as Cl	mg/l	14.0	13.4	13.7	13.5	13.8	13.8	250	1000
Fluorides as F	mg/l	0.09	0.15	0.11	0.14	0.14	0.13	1	1.5
Iron as Fe	mg/l	0.07	0.16	0.19	0.21	0.22	0.31	0.3	No Relax

**10. STP**

Parameter	Unit s	Oct- 25	Nov- 25	Dec- 25	Jan-26	Feb-26	Mar -26	Detection Range
<b>STP Inlet</b>								
pH	-	6.85	7.21	7.14	7.17	7.31	7.39	2.0 -12
Total Suspended Solid as TSS	mg/l	64.0	169	178	162	165	158	5 - 5000
Total Dissolved Solids as TDS	mg/l	598.0	342	326	310	316	352	10-10000
Biochemical Oxygen Demand as BOD 3days at 27 <sup>0</sup> C	mg/l	32.5	90	82	74	75.5	78.5	5-10000
Chemical Oxygen Demand as COD	mg/l	272.0	326	316	330	337	342	5-50000
Oil & Grease as O & G	mg/l	7.10	5.5	5.6	5.5	5.61	5.8	5-600
Parameter	Unit s	Oct-25	Nov-25	Dec-25	Jan-26	Feb- 26	Mar-26	Acceptable Limits
<b>STP Outlet</b>								
pH	-	7.65	7.54	7.46	7.29	7.44	7.62	6.5-9.0
Total Suspended Solid as TSS	mg/l	45.2	104	102	95	97	76	100.0
Total Dissolved Solids as TDS	mg/l	538.0	82	74	68	69	61	-
Biochemical Oxygen Demand as BOD 3days at 27 <sup>0</sup> C	mg/l	18.0	24	21	18	18.4	16.8	30.0
Chemical Oxygen Demand as COD	mg/l	132.0	115	102	105	107	92	250.0
Oil & Grease as O & G	mg/l	BDL	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	<5.0	10.0

**NEERI IMPLEMENTATION- NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**



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**WHEEL WASHING SYSTEM**



**PARKING PLAZA**

# *Chapter 12*

## *Recommendations for Sustainable Mining*

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The Central Government, in the Ministry of Mines, vide Notification No.S.O.2817 (E) dated 22nd November, 2010 had appointed a Commission of Inquiry consisting Justice M.B. Shah, retired Judge of the Supreme Court of India, for the purpose of making an inquiry into mining of iron ore and manganese ore in contravention of the provision of various Statutes and the rules and regulations issued there under, in various States including the State of Odisha.

In view of Justice Shah Commission report (2013), the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) desired to conduct a Carrying Capacity Study with an objective to develop (i) a sustainable development plan for mining activities in the impact area of about 1000 sq.km. in the State of Odisha and (ii) an environmental management plan for current as well as future developmental scenario.

Keeping in view the study objectives, CSIR-NEERI conducted the study encompassing collection of primary data for various environmental components (viz. air, noise, water, soil/ land, biological and socio-economic aspects), collection and analysis of environmental quality data by different mines in the region, modelling for transport scenario and infrastructure need assessment, and meetings/workshops with different stakeholders (like Department of Steel & Mines, Directorate of Mines, IBM-HQ & Regional Office, SPCB, GSI, MoEF&CC, State Forest Dept. etc. as well as senior executives from respective mines).

Based on the study conducted by CSIR-NEERI and analysis of inputs received from various Govt. departments and mine lease holders, the following recommendations are made:

**Overall responsibility** for implementation of all the recommendations shall be of State Government of Odisha through Department of Steel & Mines and other concerned State Govt. departments, viz. State Pollution Control Board, State Forest Department, District Administration etc. along with individual mine lease holders. Department of Steel & Mines shall be the nodal agency to coordinate with other concerned departments.



**Financial arrangement:** In the overall interest of the people of the region, the expenditure towards the implementation of various recommendations (common infrastructure and road/rail network development should be borne from District Mineral Funds being collected from different mines in the region by the Dept. of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha, whereas expenditure towards recommendations applicable to individual mines shall be borne by individual mine lease holders.

The expenditure towards various regional development schemes by District Mineral Foundations (DMFs) should be in accordance with the Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (PMKKKY), notified by Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India, vide letter no. 16/7/2017-M.VI (Part), dated September 16, 2015. Further, any other statute notified by Central/State Govt. in this regard shall also be followed.

### 12.1 Environmental Carrying Capacity Indicator (EC Capacity V/s Actual Production)

Availability of total reserves, annual production and estimation of additional resources in the working mines in the study region for last 10 years (during 2006-07 to 2015-16) indicated that during the last 10 years period, total 715.5 MT of iron ore were produced, whereas 1037.1 MT new resources were identified. Thus adding a total of 321.6 MT in the resources, and more resources can be estimated with additional exploration. Annual iron ore production has been in the range of 53.3 MT in 2014-15 to 81.582 MT in 2015-16, whereas, earlier maximum production of 80 MT was observed during 2009-10.

At present, total EC capacity of working 57 mines is 160.310 MTPA, whereas the actual production was 51.124 MT (32%) during 2014-15 and 81.582 MT (50.9%) during 2015-16.

Further, total production during 2016-17 was 102.663 MT (64.0%), whereas total permitted dispatch was 120.116 MT (74.9%).

**Looking into the mining practices in Odisha region, it is found that Environmental Carrying Capacity can be better co-related with actual production rate rather than EC Capacity.**

Therefore, State Govt. should prepare 5 years regional plan for annual iron ore requirement from the state, which in turn shall be met from different mines/zones (e.g. Joda, Koira..) in the state. Accordingly, sustainable annual production (SAP) for each zone/mine may be followed adopting necessary environmental protection measures (as suggested in **Sub-Sections 12.4, 12.5 & 12.6**). It will not have any bearing on the grant of EC.

Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha



## **12.2 Applicability of Environmental Carrying Capacity**

### **12.2.1 Manganese Ore Mines**

Out of total 57 working iron ore and manganese mines, total EC capacity of Mn ore mines (13 exclusive Mn mines and 7 associated with iron ore) is only 1.604 million tons, whereas total production during 2014-15 and 2015-16 was only 0.357 million tons (22.2%) in each year. Therefore, further expansion or opening of new manganese ore mines may be considered only when the actual production of about 80% is achieved.

Further, the mines that have not produced Mn ore for last two years, and have no commitment in the current year as well; EC capacity in such cases may be reviewed. The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha shall submit the Annual Report on this issue to the MoEF&CC for further necessary action.

### **12.2.2 Iron Ore Mines**

In view of very limited Mn ore mining activity in the study region, environmental carrying capacity shall mainly be applicable for iron ore mining activities in the study region of Joda, Koira and Baripada blocks. Daitari block of Jajpur district is included for the completeness of iron ore mining in the Odisha state.

#### **12.2.2.1 Daitari, Jajpur District**

Out of 57 working mines, the only mine at Daitari, Jajpur district (OMC Mine – 3 MTPA) is far away from Joda-Koira area (more than 150 km), hence is being excluded from the present analysis.

Further, expansion of this mine, and new mines in Jajpur district can be considered with proper EIA study (as per the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006, as amended from time to time) of individual mine, upto total 11 MT by 2021.

Regional carrying capacity study may be required, if more number of mines are likely to come up in the Daitari region/Jajpur district.

#### **12.2.2.2 Baripada/Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj District**

Out of the 3 working mines at Rairangpur/ Baripada Sector; two mines, GS Mishra & Sons, Gorumahisani and Lal Traders Agencies, Badampahar have EC capacity of 0.75 MTPA and 0.72 MTPA and use public railway sidings located in the close proximity of the mine for ore transport. Third mine of S.A. Karim is very small (1.157 ha), and is producing only about 10,000 tons of iron ore per year (EC capacity - 18000 TPA).

Therefore, these 3 mines in Mayurbhanj district are excluded, and further expansion of these mines and new mines in Mayurbhanj district can be considered with proper EIA study (as per the provisions of the EIA Notification 2006, as amended from time to time), upto 10 MT by 2021.



### 12.2.2.3 Joda Sector (Keonjhar District) and Koira Sector (Sundargarh District)

In view of limited iron ore mining activity in Mayurbhanj and Jajpur districts, the major iron ore producing areas that need special attention are Joda-Barbil (Keonjhar district) and Koira Sector (Sundargarh district).

At present, Joda-Barbil Sector has total 27 working mines (22 iron ore mines and 5 exclusive Mn ore mines) and Koira Sector has total 26 mines (18 iron ore mines and 8 exclusive Mn ore mines). Thus, the total iron ore mines (including 7 Mn ore associated mines) in Joda-Koira Sector are 40 only.

The total EC Capacity of these 40 mines is 155.519 MT, whereas actual production was 48.087 MT (30.9%) during 2014-15 and 77.907 MT (50.1%) during 2015-16. Total production from Joda and Koira region during 2016-17 was 98.38 MT (63.3%), whereas total permitted dispatch was 115.541 MT (74.3%).

#### Joda-Barbil, Keonjhar District

At present total EC Capacity of 22 iron ore mines in Joda-Barbil Sector is 106.631 MT, whereas actual production during 2014-15 was 34.420 MT (32.3%) and 55.318 MT (51.9%) during 2015-16.

Total production from Joda region during 2016-17 was 70.291 MT (65.9%), whereas total permitted dispatch was 79.575 MT (74.6%).

#### Koira Sector, Sundargarh District

At present total EC Capacity of 18 iron ore mines in Koira Sector is 49.209 MT, whereas actual production during 2014-15 was 13.667 MT (27.8%) and 22.589 MT (45.9%) during 2015-16.

Total production from Koira region during 2016-17 was 28.089 MT (57.0%), whereas total permitted dispatch was 35.966 MT (73.1%).

### 12.3 Continuation of Iron Ore Mining Activity

Analysis of baseline environmental quality data for the year 2014 and 2016 indicates that existing mining activities appear to have little / no potential impact on environmental quality, except on air environment, which was mainly due to re-suspension of road dust. Therefore, all the working mines can continue to operate with strict compliance to monitoring of environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions of the respective mine, and implementation of suggested measures for control of road dust and air pollution, as given in **Sections 4.6.2, Section 4.7 and Section 10.7.**

Odisha State Pollution Control Board has to ensure the compliance of CTE/CTO. Regional office of the MoEF&CC, Bhubaneswar shall monitor the compliance of the EC conditions. Regional office of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) shall monitor the compliance of mining plan and progressive mine closure plan. Any violation by mine lease holder may invite actions per the provisions of applicable acts.

## 12.4 Suggested Sustainable Annual Production (SAP)

Considering the existing environmental quality, EC capacity, production rate, iron ore resources availability and transport infrastructure availability, the share of Joda and Koira sector works out to be 70% and 30% respectively for the existing scenario for the year 2015-16. However, for additional EC capacity, it can be 50:50 subject to commensurate infrastructure improvement (viz. SOTM, pollution free road transport, enhancement of rail network etc.) in the respective regions.

Accordingly, year-wise sustainable annual production from Joda and Koira area and jointly for both the regions upto 2020-21 is estimated to be as given in **Table 12.1**, **12.2** and **12.3** respectively.

**Table 12.1: Actual/Suggested Sustainable Annual Production in Joda Sector (Keonjhar District) up to 2020-21**

Sr. No.	Year	Horizon	Actual/Suggested Sustainable Annual Production (MT)	Mine Source with EC Capacity
1.	2015-16	Base Year	56	Total 22 iron ore mines in Joda Sector with total EC Capacity of 106.6 MTPA (already permitted/working mines)
2.	2016-17	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	66 (56+10) (Actual production – 70.291 MT)	Existing 22 iron ore mines upto March 2016 (EC Capacity 106.6 MTPA) or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
3.	2017-18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	76 (66+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2017 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
4.	2018-19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	86 (76+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2018 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
5.	2019-20	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	96 (86+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2019 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
6.	2020-21	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	106 (96+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2020 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines

**Table 12.2: Actual/Suggested Sustainable Annual Production in Koira Sector (Sundargarh District) up to 2020-21**

Sr. No.	Year	Horizon	Actual / Suggested Sustainable Annual Production (MT)	Mine Source with EC Capacity
1.	2015-16	Base Year	24	Total 18 existing iron ore mines in Koira Sector with total EC Capacity of 49.2 MTPA (already permitted/working mines)

2.	2016-17	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	34 (24+10) (Actual production – 28.089 MT)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2016 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
3.	2017-18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	44 (34+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2017 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
4.	2018-19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	54 (44+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2018 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
5.	2019-20	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	64 (54+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2019 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines
6.	2020-21	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	74 (64+10)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2020 or Additional 10 MT from further expansion or new mines

**Table 12.3: Actual/Suggested Sustainable Annual Production in Joda-Koira Sector (Keonjhar & Sundargarh districts) up to 2020-21**

Sr. No.	Year	Horizon	Actual / Suggested Sustainable Annual Production (MT)	Mine Source with EC Capacity
1.	2015-16	Base Year	80	Total 40 iron ore mines in Joda-Koira Sector (Keonjhar and Sundargarh districts) with total EC Capacity of 156 MTPA (already permitted/ working mines)
2.	2016-17	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	100 (80+20) (Actual production – 98.38 MT)	Existing 40 iron ore mines upto March 2016 (EC Capacity 156 MTPA) or Additional 20 MT from further expansion or new mines
3.	2017-18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	120 (100+20)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2017 or Additional 20 MT from further expansion or new mines
4.	2018-19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	140 (120+20)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2018 or Additional 20 MT from further expansion or new mines
5.	2019-20	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	160 (140+20)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2019 or Additional 20 MT from further expansion or new mines
6.	2020-21	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	180 (160+20)	Existing iron ore mines upto March 2020 or Additional 20 MT from further expansion or new mines

Accordingly, by 2021, the total iron production capacity can be 201 MT (Joda Sector - 106 MT; Koira Sector 74 MT, Baripada Sector - 10 MT and Jajpur Sector - 11 MT), as summarized in **Table 12.4**. However, the capacity enhancement will be subject to certain pre-requisites as listed in next point (**Section 12.5**).



**Table 12.4: Summary of Suggested Sustainable Annual Production in Odisha State upto 2020-21**

Sr. No.	Year	Horizon	Suggested Sustainable Annual Production (MT)				
			Joda, Keonjhar	Koira, Sundargarh	Baripada, Mayurbhanj	Daitari, Jajpur	Total (approx.)
1.	2015-16	Base year	56	24	2	3	85
2.	2016-17	1 <sup>st</sup> Year	66	34	2	3	105*
3.	2017-18	2 <sup>nd</sup> Year	76	44	4	5	129
4.	2018-19	3 <sup>rd</sup> Year	86	54	6	7	153
5.	2019-20	4 <sup>th</sup> Year	96	64	8	9	177
6.	2020-21	5 <sup>th</sup> Year	106	74	10	11	201

The values are rounded off.

\* Actual total production during 2016-17 was 102.7 MT, whereas total dispatch was about 120 MT. Total EC capacity is 160.31 MTPA.

Note: It is emphasized again and envisaged that preparation of 5 years regional annual plan for iron ore requirement/demand based on approved mining plan by Govt. of Odisha through Department of Steel & Mines shall streamline the iron and manganese ore mining activities in the region.

It is to be noted that as per the National Steel Policy (May 8, 2017 Notification), it is projected that total installed crude steel capacity will be about 300 MT by 2030-31, wherein total requirement of iron ore will be about 437 MT (or say 450 MT, depending on steel making route chosen).

In the draft steel policy (Page 9), it was mentioned that steel requirement will be about 144 MT by 2020-21, about 236 MT by 2025-26, and about 300 MT by 2030-31. Considering iron ore requirement of 1.5 MT per MT of crude steel, the corresponding iron ore requirement works out to be about 216 by 2020-21, 354 MT by 2025-26 and 450 MT by 2030-31 for the entire country.

In the present study on sustainable iron ore mining in Odisha State, 201 MT is suggested as sustainable annual production from Odisha by 2020-21, which is approximately 93% of the total requirement of the whole country by 2020-21; however such a mining rate is subject to certain pre-requisites, as given in the next section.

However, in case, the demand for iron ore from the State exceeds the suggested annual production by 2021, a feasibility study involving environmental sustainability considerations should be conducted.

## 12.5 Pre-requisites for Implementation of Suggested Sustainable Annual Production

12.5.1 Continuous monitoring of different environmental quality parameters as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions with respect to air, noise, water (surface & ground water) and soil quality in each region shall be done. The environmental quality parameters should not indicate any adverse impact on the environment. Monitoring within the mines should be done by individual mine lease holders, whereas outside the mine lease area, monitoring should be done by the Govt. of Odisha through various concerned departments/ authorized agencies. Various monitoring/ studies should be conducted through national reputed institutes, NABET/ MoEF&CC accredited laboratories/organizations.

***The reports submitted by individual mine lease holders and study reports prepared by other concerned departments/agency for each of the regions should be evaluated and examined by SPCB/ MoEF&CC.***

12.5.2 Construction of cement concrete road from mine entrance and exit to the main road with proper drainage system and green belt development along the roads and also construction of road minimum 300 m inside the mine should be done. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mine should have since beginning. The concerned departments should extend full support; wherever the land does not belong to the respective mine lease holders.

The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should ensure the compliance and should not issue the Mining Permits, if mine lease holder has not constructed proper cement concrete road as suggested above.

12.5.3 In view of high dust pollution and noise generation due to road transport, it is proposed to regulate/guide the movement of iron and manganese ore material based on the EC capacity of the mines. Accordingly, ore transport mode has been suggested, as given below in **Table 12.5**.

**Table 12.5: EC Capacity based Suggested Ore Transport Mode (SOTM)**

Code	EC Capacity	Suggested Ore Transport Mode
SOTM 1	≥ 5 MTPA	100% by private railway siding or conveyor belt up to public railway siding or pipeline for captive mines and 70% for non-captive mines
SOTM 2	Between 3 and <5 MTPA	Minimum 70% by public railway siding, through conveyor belt and maximum 30% by road - direct to destination or other public railway siding or above option
SOTM 3	Between 1 and < 3 MTPA	Minimum 70% by public railway siding and maximum 30% by road - direct to destination or by other public railway siding or above options
SOTM 4	<1 MTPA	100 % by 10/17 Ton Trucks or above options



It is mentioned by State Govt. of Odisha that currently about 45% of the iron ore is despatched using rail network and progressively it will be increased to about 60% by rail/slurry over a period of 5 years, taking into account time required to set up more railway sidings.

In view of present ore transport practices and practical limitations, all the existing mines should ensure adoption of SOTM within next 5 years.

New mines or mines seeking expansion should incorporate provision of SOTM in the beginning itself, and should have system in place within next 5 years.

However, the State Govt. of Odisha shall ensure dust free roads in mining areas wherever the road transportation of mineral is involved. The road shoulders shall be paved with fence besides compliance with IRC guidelines. All the roads should have proper drainage system and apart from paving of entire carriage width the remaining right of way should have native plantation (dust capturing species). Further, regular maintenance should also be ensured by the Govt. of Odisha.

Transportation of iron & manganese ore through river (jetty) to nearest Sea port (Sea cargo option) may be explored or connecting Sea ports with Railway network from the mines to be improved further so that burden on existing road and rail network and also pollution thereof can be minimized.

Progress on development of dust free roads, implementation of SOTM, increased use of existing rail network, development of additional railway network/conveyor belt/ pipelines etc. shall be submitted periodically to MoEF&CC.

Responsibility : Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha

Time Period: 5 Years for developing railway/ conveyor belt facilities

- 12.5.4 Development of parking plazas for trucks with proper basic amenities/ facilities should be done inside mine as suggested in **Fig. 12.1**. This should be done within one year for existing mines and new mines should have since beginning.



**Fig. 12.1: Schematic Diagram of Suggested Parking Plazas Inside the Mining Lease Area with Connectivity to Main Road from Mine to Main Road**

Small capacity mines (in terms of lease area or production) not having enough space within the mine lease areas should develop parking plaza at a common place within the region with requisite facilities.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders

Time Period: 1 Year

- 12.5.5 Construction of NH 215 as minimum 4 lane road with proper drainage system and plantation and subsequent regular maintenance of the road as per IRC guidelines. Construction of other mineral carrying roads with proper width and drainage system along with road side plantation to be carried out.

Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines with PWD / NHAI

Time Period: 2 Years

- 12.5.6 Regular vacuum cleaning of all mineral carrying roads aiming at “Zero Dust Re-suspension” may be considered.

Responsibility: PWD / NHAI/ Mine Lease Holders

Time Period: 3 months for existing roads

- 12.5.7 Expansion of existing mines and new mines should be considered after conducting recent EIA Study (as per the provisions of EIA Notification 2006, as amended time to time) with proper justification on demand scenario for iron ore requirement and availability of pollution free transport network in the region.

Responsibility: IBM, Department of Steel & Mines and MoEF&CC, New Delhi

## 12.6 Mine-wise Allocation of Annual Production

In case the total requirement of iron ore exceeds the suggested limit for that year, permission for annual production by an individual mine may be decided depending on approved EC capacity (for total actual dispatch) and actual production rate of individual mine during last year or any other criteria set by the State Govt., i.e. Dept. of Steel & Mines.

Department of Steel and Mines in consultation with Indian Bureau of Mines-RO should prepare in advance mine-wise annual production scenario as suggested in **Table 12.6**, so that demand for iron ore can be anticipated, and actual production/dispatch does not exceed the suggested annual production.

**Table 12.6: Allocation of Production to Different Mines for 5 Years (as per approved Mining Plan)**

Mine Lease	EC Capacity (MTPA)	Suggested Annual Production (MT)				
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
		Yr 1	Yr 2	Yr 3	Yr 4	Yr 5
Mine 1	X1					
Mine 2	X2					
Mine 3	X3					
Mine n	Xn					
Total	160 + dX	105	129	153	177	201

**Next year allocation = Average of EC Capacity and Last year production**

## 12.7 Expansion of Existing Mines having Validity up to 2020

In view of implementation of MMDR Act 2015, wherein many non-captive mines are expected to be closed by March 2020, total iron ore production scenario has been prepared (**Section 2.4.7**). It is expected that the non-captive mines having validity till 2020 shall try to maximize their production (limited to EC capacity) in the remaining period. Further, depending upon availability of iron ore resources, these mines may also seek expansion of EC capacity.

It may be noted here that total EC capacity of existing 25 working mines having validity upto 2020 is about 85 MTPA, whereas actual production from these mines has been only 44.677 MT (52.6%) during 2015-16 and 57.07 MT (67.1%) during 2016-17. Also, it is expected that these mines would not even be able to achieve ore production as per existing EC capacity till March 2020. Therefore, these existing mines should go for production to the fullest extent to meet the requisite demand from the State. However, where EC limit is exhausted, application for expansion may be considered.

Further, the EC process (i.e. Grant of TOR, Baseline data collection, Mining plan/ scheme approval, Public hearing, preparation of EIA/EMP Report,



Appraisal by the EAC and grant of EC) takes about one year time. Under such circumstances, it is suggested that further applications for grant of TOR or grant of EC for expansion of production capacity of the mine should be considered for those existing mines, which have exhausted their capacity subject to consideration of all environmental aspects.

Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines and MoEF&CC, New Delhi

## **12.8 Sustained Iron Ore Production beyond 2020**

**12.8.1** Considering the implementation of MMDR Act 2015, total production of iron ore in Odisha State is anticipated to be about 111 MT during 2016-17 (actual production was – 102.663 MT), 136 MT during 2017-18, 146 MT during 2018-19 and 146 MT during 2019-20. Then there will be substantial drop in total production (to the tune of 73 MT during 2020-21 onwards) due to closure of mines, which are valid up to 2020 (**Section 2.4.7**).

Therefore, in order to maintain operation/sustained growth of downstream industries, iron ore mining in the region needs to be continued at a sustainable rate. The State Govt. through Department of Steel and Mines should initiate appropriate action to ensure continued availability of iron ore from the region, as per suggested sustainable annual production (**Section 12.2** and **Section 12.4**).

### **12.8.2 Reserves Estimation – Mining Plan and Exploration**

Appropriate actions (geo-technical investigation for qualitative and quantitative resource estimation & other preparations for auction of mines), may be initiated taken into account the existing working mines, and the mines which were operational at some point of time (but closed presently due to various reasons).

The total iron ore reserves/ resources available within the total lease area of each mine should be estimated by State Govt./NMET/ GSI (or any other approved agency) with respect to:

- Total lease area of mine (surface)
- Maximum depth to which resources could be available
- Resources below the ground water table (if intersected)
- Reserves are to be estimated as per UNFC code with respect to quantity and quality (% Fe content)
- Maximum mining rate and area for auction (after 2020) will be calculated based on total resources available and proposed life of mine leading to closure of mine in a stipulated time period

Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines, IBM and GSI

Time frame: 1 year for the mines to be auctioned for next 2 years

The above mentioned organizations shall ensure the compliance with



respect to timelines for implementations.

- 12.8.3** Depending upon availability of extractable iron ore resources within a mine, mining below the ground water table may be permitted after conducting necessary geological and hydro-geological study by GSI and requisite approval from the CGWB/CGWA (Central Ground Water Board/Authority). This can be explored at least in few mines on trial/pilot basis.

Further, within a mine, it will be desirable to operate one pit at a time, and next pit should be opened after extracting maximum possible resources from the first pit, so that the exhausted pit can be used for back filling/ storing of low grade iron ore. However, depending upon the quantity and/or quality of iron/ manganese ore, other mine pits in the same mine lease may also be opened for sustainable scientific mining, as per approved mining plan/scheme of mining by IBM.

The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should initiate the pilot project so that minerals are fully utilized.

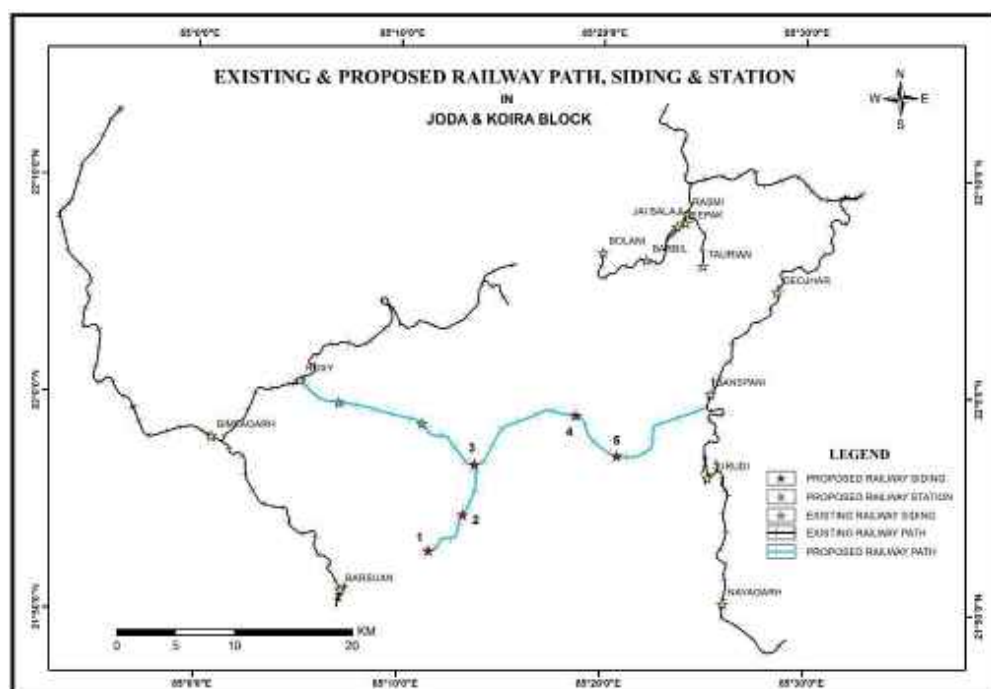
#### **12.8.4 Commercial Utilization of Low Grade Ore**

R&D studies towards utilization of low-grade iron ore should be conducted through research/academic institutes like IMMT, Bhubaneswar, NML, Jamshedpur, and concerned metallurgical departments in IITs, NITs etc., targeting full utilization of low-grade iron ore (Fe content upto 45% by 2020 and upto 40% by 2025). In fact, life cycle assessment of whole process including environmental considerations should be done for techno-economic and environmental viability.

R&D studies on utilization of mine wastewater having high concentration of Fe content for different commercial applications in industries such as cosmetics, pharmaceutical, paint industry should also be explored.

Responsibility: IBM, Dept. of Steel & Mines, Individual Mine Lease Holders

- 12.8.5** The mining activity in Joda-Koira sector is expected to continue for another 100 years, therefore, it will be desirable to develop proper rail network in the region. Rail transport shall not only be pollution free mode but also will be much economical option for iron ore transport. The rail network and/or conveyor belt system upto public railway siding needs to be created as detailed in **Section 10.6.1**. The total length of the conveyor belt system/ rail network to be developed from mines to nearest railway sidings by 11 mines in Joda region is estimated to be about 64 km. Similarly, in Koira region, total length of rail network/ conveyor system for 8 mines (under SOTM 1 & 2) is estimated to be around 95 km. Further, it is suggested to develop a rail network connecting Banspani (Joda region) and Roxy railway sidings in Koira region, as shown in **Fig. 12.2**.



**Fig. 12.2: Existing (Black in colour) and Proposed Rail Network (Blue in colour) Connecting Banspani and Roxy Railway Sidings**

Responsibility: Dept. of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha and Concerned Mines along with Indian Railways

Time Period: Maximum 7 years (by 2025)

The Department of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha should follow-up with the concerned Departments and railways so that proposed proper rail network is in place by 2025.

- 12.8.6 State Govt. of Odisha shall make all efforts to ensure exhausting all the iron & manganese ore resources in the existing working mines and from disturbed mining leases/zones in Joda and Koira region. The criteria suggested in **Section 12.8.2** shall be applicable while suggesting appropriate lease area and sustainable mining rate.

Responsibility: Dept. of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha

- 12.8.7 Large and medium mine leases contribute to better implementation of reclamation and rehabilitation plans to sustain the ecology for scientific and sustainable mining. The small leases do not possess scientific capability of environmentally sustainable mining. Therefore, new mine leases having more than 50 ha area should be encouraged, as far as possible. This will ensure inter-generational resource availability to some extent.

Responsibility: Dept. of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha



- 12.8.8 Further, regional carrying capacity study must be conducted for each of the regions (Joda, Koira & Bripada) on a regular interval of 5 years to ensure adoption of sustainable mining practices with expected/committed societal development in the region.

Responsibility: Department of Steel & Mines and MoEF&CC, New Delhi.

## **Environmental Protection Measures**

### **12.9 Mining Operations/Process Related**

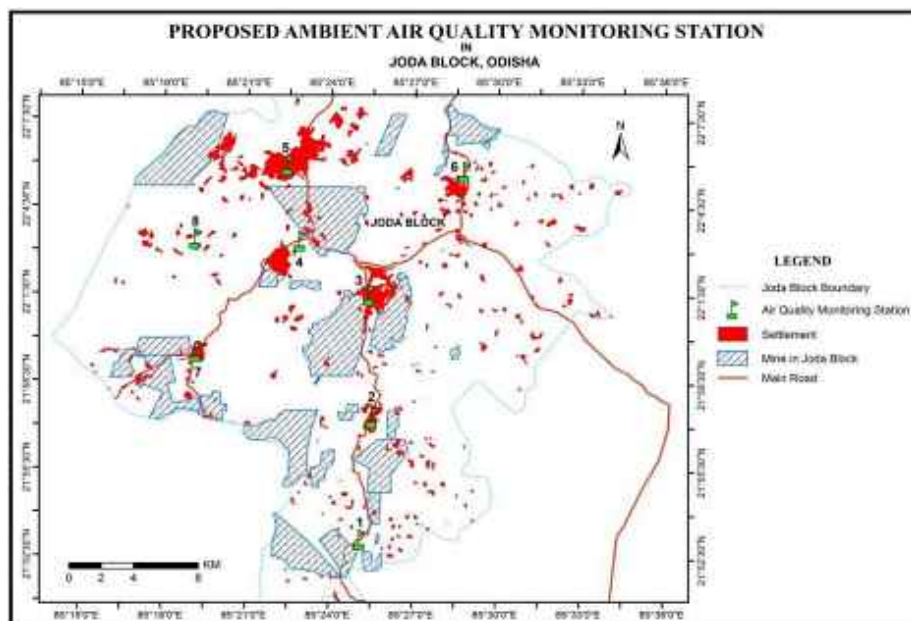
- 12.9.1 Appropriate mining process and machinery (viz. right capacity, fuel efficient) should be selected to carry out various mining operations that generate minimal dust/air pollution, noise, wastewater and solid waste. e.g. drills should either be operated with dust extractors or equipped with water injection system.
- 12.9.2 After commencement of mining operation, a study should be conducted to assess and quantify emission load generation (in terms of air pollution, noise, waste water and solid waste) from each of the mining activity (including transportation) on annual basis. Efforts should be made to further eliminate/minimize generation of air pollution/dust, noise, wastewater, solid waste generation in successive years through use of better technology. This shall be ensured by the respective mine lease holders.
- 12.9.3 Various machineries/equipment selected (viz. dumpers, excavators, crushers, screen plants etc.) and transport means should have optimum fuel/power consumption, and their fuel/power consumption should be recorded on monthly basis. Further, inspection and maintenance of all the machineries/equipment/ transport vehicles should be followed as per manufacturer's instructions/ recommended time schedule and record should be maintained by the respective mine lease holders.
- 12.9.4 Digital processing of the entire lease area using remote sensing technique should be carried out regularly once in 3 years for monitoring land use pattern and mining activity taken place. Further, the extent of pit area excavated should also be demarcated based on remote sensing analysis.

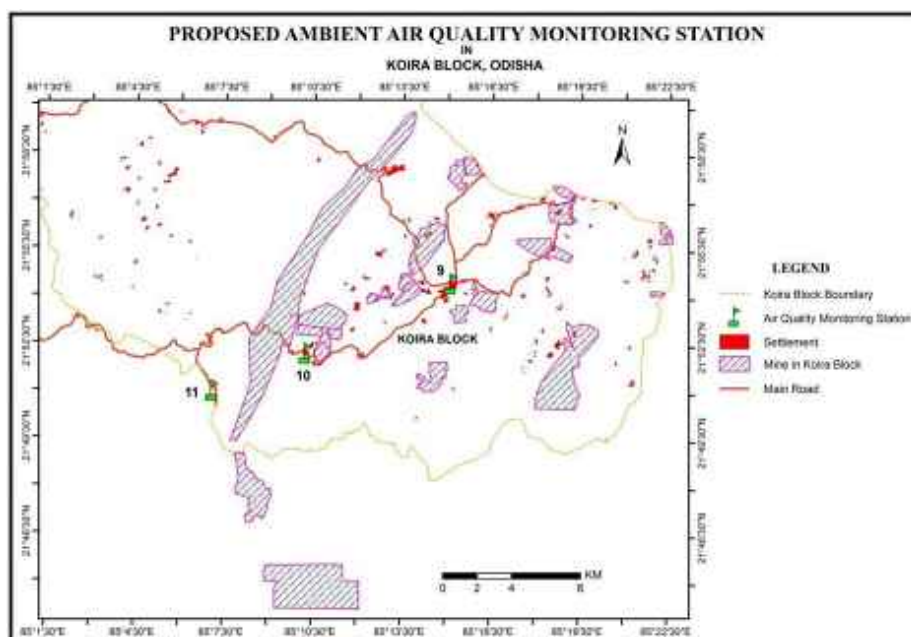
This should be done by ORSAC (Odisha Space Applications Centre, Bhubaneswar) or an agency of national repute or if done by a private agency, the report shall be vetted/ authenticated by ORSAC, Bhubaneswar. Expenses towards the same shall be borne by the respective mine lease holders.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders

## 12.10 Air Environment Related

- 12.10.1 Fugitive dust emissions from all the sources should be controlled regularly on daily basis. Water spraying arrangement on haul roads, loading and unloading and at other transfer points should be provided and properly maintained. Further, it will be desirable to use water fogging system to minimize water consumption. It should be ensured that the ambient air quality parameters conform to the norms prescribed by the CPCB in this regard.
- 12.10.2 The core zone of mining activity should be monitored on daily basis. Minimum four ambient air quality monitoring stations should be established in the core zone for SPM, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO monitoring. Location of air quality monitoring stations should be decided based on the meteorological data, topographical features and environmentally and ecologically sensitive targets and frequency of monitoring should be undertaken in consultation with the State Pollution Control Board (based on Emission Load Assessment Study). The number of monitoring locations may be more for larger capacity mines and working in larger area. Out of four stations, one should be online monitoring station in the mines having more than 3 MTPA EC Capacity.
- 12.10.3 Monitoring in buffer zone should be carried out by SPCB or through NABET accredited agency. In addition, air quality parameters (SPM, PM<sub>10</sub>, PM<sub>2.5</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> and CO) shall be regularly monitored at locations of nearest human habitation including schools and other public amenities located nearest to source of the dust generation as applicable. Further, 11 continuous air quality monitoring systems may be installed in Joida and Koira regions and one in Baripada/ Rairangpur region as suggested in **Section 10.7**, and shown in **Fig. 12.3**.





**Fig. 12.3: Suggested Online Air Quality Monitoring Stations in Joda and Koira Regions (Outside the Mine Lease Areas)**

12.10.4 Emissions from vehicles as well as heavy machinery should be kept under control and regularly monitored. Measures should be taken for regular maintenance of vehicles used in mining operations and in transportation of mineral.

The vehicles shall be covered with a tarpaulin and should not be overloaded.

Further, possibility of using closed container trucks should be explored for direct to destination movement of iron ore.

Air quality monitoring at one location should also be carried out along the transport route within the mine (periodically, near truck entry and exit gate).

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and SPCB

## 12.11 Noise and Vibration Related

12.11.1 Blasting operation should be carried out only during daytime. Controlled blasting such as Nonel, should be practiced. The mitigation measures for control of ground vibrations and to arrest fly rocks and boulders should be implemented.

12.11.2 Appropriate measures (detailed in Section 5.4) should be taken for control of noise levels below 85 dBA in the work environment. Workers engaged in operations of HEMM, etc. should be provided with ear plugs/muffs.

12.11.3 Noise levels should be monitored regularly (on weekly basis) near the major



sources of noise generation within the core zone. Further, date, time and distance of measurement should also be indicated with the noise levels in the report. The data should be used to map the noise generation from different activities and efforts should be made to maintain the noise levels with the acceptable limits of CPCB (CPCB, 2000).

- 12.11.4 Similarly, vibration at various sensitive locations should be monitored atleast once in month, and mapped for any significant changes due to successive mining operations.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders

## **12.12 Water/Wastewater Related**

- 12.12.1 In general, the mining operations should be restricted to above ground water table and it should not intersect groundwater table. However, if enough resources are estimated below the ground water table, the same may be explored after conducting detailed geological studies by GSI and hydro-geological studies by CGWB or NIH or institute of national repute, and ensuring that no damage to the land stability/ water aquifer system shall happen. The details/ outcome of such study may be reflected/incorporated in the EIA/EMP report of the mine appropriately.

- 12.12.2 Natural watercourse and/or water resources should not be obstructed due to any mining operations. Regular monitoring of the flow rate of the springs and perennial nallas should be carried out and records should be maintained. Further, regular monitoring of water quality of nallas and river passing thorough the mine lease area (upstream and downstream locations) should be carried out on monthly basis.

- 12.12.3 Regular monitoring of ground water level and its quality should be carried out within the mine lease area by establishing a network of existing wells and constructing new piezometers during the mining operation. The monitoring should be carried out on monthly basis.

- 12.12.4 In order to optimize water requirement, suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area should be undertaken in consultation with Central Ground Water Board (CGWB).

- 12.12.5 Suitable rainwater harvesting measures on long term basis should be planned and implemented in consultation with CGWB, to recharge the ground water source. Further, CGWB can prepare a comprehensive plan for the whole region.

- 12.12.6 Appropriate mitigation measures (viz. ETP, STP, garland drains, retaining walls, collection of runoff etc.) should be taken to prevent pollution of nearby river/other water bodies. Water quality monitoring study should be conducted by State Pollution Control Board to ensure quality of surface and ground



water sources on regular basis. The study can be conducted through NABL/ NABET approved water testing laboratory. However, the report should be vetted by SPCB.

- 12.12.7 Industrial wastewater (workshop and wastewater from the mine) should be properly collected, treated in ETP so as to conform to the discharge standards applicable.

Oil and grease trap should be installed before discharge of workshop effluents. Further, sewage treatment plant should be installed for the employees/colony, wherever applicable.

- 12.12.8 Mine lease holder should ensure that no silt originating due to mining activity is transported in the surface water course or any other water body. Appropriate measures for prevention and control of soil erosion and management of silt should be undertaken. Quantity of silt/soil generated should be measured on regular basis for its better utilization.

Erosion from dumps site should be protected by providing geo-textile matting or other suitable material, and thick plantation of native trees and shrubs should be carried out at the dump slopes. Further, dumps should be protected by retaining walls.

- 12.12.9 Trenches / garland drain should be constructed at the foot of dumps to arrest silt from being carried to water bodies. Adequate number of check dams should be constructed across seasonal/perennial nallas (if any) flowing through the mine lease areas and silt be arrested. De-silting at regular intervals should be carried out and quantity should be recorded for its better utilization, after proper soil quality analysis.

The water so collected in the reservoir within the mine should be utilized for the sprinkling on hauls roads, green belt development etc.

- 12.12.10 There should be zero waste water discharge from the mine. Based on actual water withdrawal and consumption/ utilization in different activities, water balance diagram should be prepared on monthly basis, and efforts should be made to optimize consumption of water per ton of ore production in successive years.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders, SPCB and CGWB

### **12.13 Land/ Soil/ Overburden Related**

- 12.13.1 The top soil should temporarily be stored at earmarked site(s) only and it should not be kept unutilized for long (not more than 3 years or as per provisions mentioned in the mine plan/ scheme). The topsoil should be used for land reclamation and plantation appropriately.



- 12.13.2 Fodder plots should be developed in the non-mineralised area in lieu of use of grazing land, if any.
- 12.13.3 Over burden/ low grade ore should be stacked at earmarked dump site(s) only and should not be kept active for long period. The dump height should be decided on case to case basis, depending on the size of mine and quantity of waste material generated. However, slope stability study should be conducted for larger heights, as per IBM approved mine plan and DGMS guidelines.
- The OB dump should be scientifically vegetated with suitable native species to prevent erosion and surface run off. In critical areas, use of geo textiles should be undertaken for stabilization of the dump. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue until the vegetation becomes self-sustaining. Proper records should be maintained regarding species, their growth, area coverage etc.
- 12.13.4 Catch drains and siltation ponds of appropriate size should be constructed to arrest silt and sediment flows from mine operation, soil, OB and mineral dumps. The water so collected can be utilized for watering the mine area, roads, green belt development etc. The drains should be regularly de-silted, particularly after monsoon and should be maintained properly. Appropriate documents should be maintained.
- Garland drain of appropriate size, gradient and length should be constructed for mine pit, soil, OB and mineral dumps and sump capacity should be designed with appropriate safety margin based on long term rainfall data.
- Sump capacity should be provided for adequate retention period to allow proper settling of silt material. Sedimentation pits should be constructed at the corners of the garland drains and de-silted at regular intervals.
- 12.13.5 Backfilling should be done as per approved mining plan/scheme. There should be no OB dumps outside the mine lease area. The backfilled area should be afforested, aiming to restore the normal ground level. Monitoring and management of rehabilitated areas should continue till the vegetation is established and becomes self-generating.
- 12.13.6 Hazardous waste such as, waste oil, lubricants, resin, and coal tar etc. should be disposed off as per provisions of Hazardous Waste Management Rules, 2016, as amended from time to time.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders

## **12.14 Ecology/ Biodiversity (Flora-Fauna) Related**

- 12.14.1 As per the Red List of IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature), six floral species and 21 faunal species have been reported to be under threatened, vulnerable & endangered category. Protection of these floral and faunal species should be taken by the State Forest & Wildlife Department on



priority, particularly in the mining zones, if any.

- 12.14.2 The mines falling within 5-10 km of the Karo-Karampada Elephant corridor buffer need to take precautionary measures during mining activities. The forest and existing elephant corridor routes are to be protected and conserved. Improvement of habitat by providing food, water and space for the elephants is required to be ensured to avoid Man-Elephant conflicts.

Though as per the records of State Forest Department, movement of elephants in the Karo-Karampada elephant corridor within 10 km distance from the mines in Joda and Koira is not observed, the Forest Department shall further record and ensure that elephant's movement is not affected due to mining activities.

- 12.14.3 All precautionary measures should be taken during mining operation for conservation and protection of endangered fauna namely elephant, sloth bear etc. spotted in the study area. Action plan for conservation of flora and fauna should be prepared and implemented in consultation with the State Forest and Wildlife Department within the mine lease area, whereas outside the mine lease area, the same should be maintained by State Forest Department.

- 12.14.4 Afforestation is to be done by using local and mixed species saplings within and outside the mining lease area. The reclamation and afforestation is to be done in such a manner like exploring the growth of fruit bearing trees which will attract the fauna and thus maintaining the biodiversity of the area. As afforestation done so far is very less, forest department needs to identify adequate land and do afforestation by involving local people in a time bound manner.

- 12.14.5 Green belt development carried out by mines should be monitored regularly in every season and parameters like area under vegetation/plantation, type of plantation, type of tree species /grass species/scrubs etc., distance between the plants and survival rate should be recorded.

- 12.14.6 Green belt is an important sink of air pollutants including noise. Development of green cover in mining area will not only help reducing air and noise pollution but also will improve the ecological conditions and prevent soil erosion to a greater extent. Further, selection of tree species for green belt should constitute dust removal/dust capturing plants since plants can act as efficient biological filters removing significant amounts of particulate pollution. Thus, the identified native trees in the mine area may be encouraged for plantation. Tree species having small leaf area, dense hair on leaf surface (rough surface), deep channels on leaves should be included for plantation.

- 12.14.7 Vetiver plantation on inactive dumps may be encouraged as the grass species has high strength of anchoring besides medicinal value.



- 12.14.8 Details of compensatory afforestation done should be recorded and documented by respective forest divisions, and State Forest Department should present mine-wise annual status, along with expenditure details.
- 12.14.9 Similarly, Wildlife Department is also required to record and document annual status of wildlife in the region and should identify the need for wildlife management on regional level.
- 12.14.10 Maintenance of the ecology of the region is prime responsibility of the State Forest and Wildlife Department. They need to periodically review the status and identify the need for further improvement in the region. The required expenditure may be met from the funds already collected in the form of compensatory afforestation and wildlife management. Further, additional fund, if required can be sought from DMF.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and State Forest & Wildlife Department

## 12.15 Socio-Economic Related

- 12.15.1 Public interaction should be done on regular basis and social welfare activities should be done to meet the requirements of the local communities.
- Further, basic amenities and infrastructure facilities like education, medical, roads, safe drinking water, sanitation, employment, skill development, training institute etc. should be developed to alleviate the quality of life of the people of the region.
- 12.15.2 Land outtees and land losers/affected people, if any, should be compensated and rehabilitated as per the national/state policy on Resettlement and Rehabilitation.
- 12.15.3 The socio-economic development in the region should be focused and aligned with the guidelines/initiatives of Govt. of India/ NITI Aayog / Hon'ble Prime Minister's Vision centring around prosperity, equality, justice, cleanliness, transparency, employment, respect to women, hope etc. This can be achieved by providing adequate and quality facilities for education, medical and developing skills in the people of the region. District administration in association with mine lease holders should plan for "**Samagra Vikas**" of these blocks well as other blocks of the district.

While planning for different schemes in the region, the activities should be prioritized as per Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojna (PMKKKY), notified by Ministry of Mines, Govt. of India, vide letter no. 16/7/2017-M.VI (Part), dated September 16, 2015 (Annexure II).

Responsibility: District Administration and Individual Mine Lease Holders



## **12.16 Road Transport Related**

- 12.16.1 All the mine lease holders should follow the suggested ore transport mode (SOTM), based on its EC capacity within next 5 years.
- 12.16.2 The mine lease holders should ensure construction of cement road of appropriate width from and to the entry and exit gate of the mine, as suggested in Chapter 10. Further, maintenance of all the roads should be carried out as per the requirement to ensure dust free road transport.
- 12.16.3 Transportation of ore should be done by covering the trucks with tarpaulin or other suitable mechanism so that no spillage of ore/dust takes place. Further, air quality in terms of dust, PM<sub>10</sub> should be monitored near the roads towards entry & exit gate on regular basis, and be maintained within the acceptable limits.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and Dept. of Steel & Mines

## **12.17 Occupational Health Related**

- 12.17.1 Personnel working in dusty areas should wear protective respiratory devices and they should also be provided with adequate training and information on safety and health aspects periodically.
- 12.17.2 Occupational health surveillance program for all the employees/workers (including casual workers) should be undertaken periodically (on annual basis) to observe any changes due to exposure to dust, and corrective measures should be taken immediately, if needed.
- 12.17.3 Occupational health and safety measures related awareness programs including identification of work related health hazard, training on malaria eradication, HIV and health effects on exposure to mineral dust etc., should be carried out for all the workers on regular basis. A full time qualified doctor should be engaged for the purpose.

Periodic monitoring (on 6 monthly basis) for exposure to respirable minerals dust on the workers should be conducted, and record should be maintained including health record of all the workers.

Review of impact of various health measures undertaken (at an interval of 3 years or less) should be conducted followed by follow-up of actions, wherever required. Occupational health centre should be established near mine site itself.

Responsibility: Individual Mine Lease Holders and District Administration (District Medical Officer)

## 12.18 Reporting of Environmental Sustainability Achievement

All the mines should prepare annual environmental sustainability report (ESR), highlighting the efforts made towards environmental protection with respect to different environmental components vis-à-vis production performance of the mine on monthly basis. The data collected as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions should be utilized to prepare the annual sustainability report.

The mines performing high with effective environmental safeguards may be suitably recognized/rewarded. “Star Rating Format” formulated by the Ministry of Mines along with environmental sustainability report may be used.

## 12.19 Environmental Monitoring Requirements at Regional Level

Apart from strict compliance and monitoring by individual mine lease holder, there is a need for simultaneous monitoring in each of the regions by competent expert agencies under the guidance/ supervision of concerned regulatory agency. Details of the studies required to be done on regular basis (continuously for 5 years) through responsible agency (organization of national/state repute) and time frame are suggested in **Table 12.7**.

**Table 12.7: Suggested Environmental Monitoring Requirements and Action Plans at Regional Level**

Sr. No.	Study Component/ Action Plan	Responsibility	Monitoring and Reporting Time Frame (Approx.)
1.	Environmental Quality Monitoring with respect to Air, Water, Noise and Soil Quality in each region (Joda, Koira and Baripada/Rairangpur) as per specified frequency shall be done by a third party (preferably Govt.) and/or laboratory approved/ recognized by NABET/ CPCB/ SPCB/ MoEF&CC.  All the water bodies (rivers, nallas, ponds etc.) shall be monitored. National/State level research/ academic institutes may be involved initially for couple of years to streamline the activity. The report shall be brought out annually by June each year. The study shall be conducted in consultation with MoEF&CC-RO.	SPCB	Continuous Annually
	Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SO <sub>x</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> within the mine having more than 3 MTPA EC Capacity	Respective Mine Lease Holders	Continuous Annually
	Installation of online ambient air quality monitor for PM <sub>10</sub> , PM <sub>2.5</sub> , SO <sub>x</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> in the Joda and Koira Region (total 11 locations as suggested in <b>Section 12.10.3</b> and <b>Fig. 12.3</b> )	SPCB	Continuous Annually

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2.	Status of flora and fauna in each of the regions shall be assessed on annual basis. Changes, if any, taking place in the region shall be brought out clearly. The study shall be conducted in consultation with State Forest and Wildlife Department.	State Forest & Wildlife Dept.	Annually in mining zone and once in 3 years in the region
3.	Socio-economic study incorporating developments taking place in each of the region, CSR initiatives made by the mining companies shall be conducted on annual basis. Further, micro level developmental needs shall be clearly brought out in the report for each region. The study shall be conducted in consultation with district administration.	Respective District Administration	Annually
4.	A detailed hydro-geological study in each of the regions shall be conducted in an integrated manner in consultation with Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board. Accordingly, all project proponents shall implement suitable conservation measures to augment ground water resources in the area.	SPCB	Once in 2 years
5.	The State Govt. shall ensure construction and maintenance of dust free common roads/ appropriate rail network for transport of ore from mines to the consumer end.	Dept. of Steel & Mines	12 months for road network and 5-7 years for rail network
6.	Construction and maintenance of dust free roads from respective mine to the main road	Respective Mine Lease Holders	Continuous 6 months
7.	Traffic/road inspection study addressing the condition of traffic/roads leading to different mines and connecting to different railway sidings shall be undertaken on annual basis. Further, detailed traffic study shall be undertaken on every 5 yearly basis to ensure adequacy of road/rail infrastructure in each of the regions. The study can be undertaken through national/ state level research/ academic institute (such as CSIR-CRRI, New Delhi).	Dept. of Steel & Mines	Continuous 6 months
8.	Assessment of landuse/ landcover changes in each of the regions, with particular focus on mining areas, afforestation activities, variation in flow path of various water bodies etc. using remote sensing data	ORSAC	Annually
9.	R&D Studies for utilization of low-grade iron ore	Dept. of Steel & Mines through R&D / Academic Institutes	Upto 45% by 2020 and upto 40% by 2025

The data so generated for the region should be made available on the website of Department of Steel & Mines and also at MoEF&CC website, so that it can be effectively utilized by Individual Mine Lease Holders for preparing EIA/ EMP reports. This will meet the requirement for separate one season baseline environmental quality data collection by the individual proponents, if the mine proposed is in the same study region.



Further, MoEF&CC (through EAC) can also utilize the data base available in evaluating the proposals for expansion of existing mines or new mines while granting ToR or EC to the mine, taking an holistic view of the region.

*State Govt. of Odisha should bring out an integrated environmental sustainability report for each of the regions (mainly for Joda and Koia region) incorporating ESR of individual mines and data collected in the region through various agencies, once in 5 years, to plan level of scientific and sustainable mining for the next 5 years.*

## **12.20 Institutional Mechanism for Implementation of Environmentally Sustainable Mining**

The present study is not a one-time study, but a process to ensure environmentally sustainable mining activities in the region on long term basis. Looking into the large-scale mining activities and long term perspective for mining vis-à-vis environmentally sustainable mining and upliftment of people of the region, there is a need to create an agency, who will integrate all the aspects relating to sustainable mining in the region on long term basis. It could be a SPV of Govt. of Odisha or a cell within the overall control and supervision of Dept. of Steel & Mines, with members from IBM, GSI, OSPCB, MoEF&CC-RO and other concerned Departments and Mine Owners (EZMA), District Administration.

It is found that the strong database available for the region needs to be taken into account to map and establish environmental quality of the region on daily, monthly, seasonal and annual basis. Further, the efforts and initiatives of the mines towards environmental protection as well as upliftment of the people of the region are required to be integrated, and a systematic plan at the block/regional level needs to be framed for the overall benefit of the local society, region, district, state and the country as a whole.

It will be desirable to have proper environmental quality data management and analysis by NEERI or any other agency for next 5 years (six monthly compliance reports followed by field verification) ensuring sustainable mining practices in the region leading to an overall development of the region.

District Mineral Funds should be utilized appropriately for various developmental activities/needs of the region. Further, an environmental sustainability report incorporating environmental status of region coupled with social upliftment may be brought out by SPCB or any other authorized agency on annual basis. This report can be used for supporting the regional EIA study, and also need for environmental quality monitoring by individual mine seeking environmental clearance for new mine/ expansion of mine, including public hearing.

Since, outcome of the above study reports shall be in the overall interest of all the stakeholders (including local population) of the region, further planning for the region shall warrant cooperation and assistance of all the stakeholders (mine operators, industries, transporters, State & Central Government Offices, MoEF&CC, CPCB, SPCB, Dept. of Steel & Mines, IBM, IMD, NGOs and local people) in sharing the relevant data/



information/ reports/documents etc. to continuously improve upon the environmentally sustainable development plan for economic growth in mining sector as well as for improvement in quality of life of the people of the region.

At present, in order to ensure the implementation of various recommendations of the report prepared by CSIR-NEERI, it is proposed that a High Level Committee may be constituted under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary of the Govt. of Odisha. The composition of the committee may be as follows:

- **Chairman** - Chief Secretary, Govt. of Odisha
- **Vice-Chairman** - Principal Secretary, Dept. of Steel & Mines, Govt. of Odisha
- **Member Secretary** – Director Mines, Directorate of Mines, Govt. of Odisha
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  - Member Secretary, State Pollution Control Board, Bhubaneswar
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  - Director, Department of Mines, Govt. of Odisha
  - Regional Director, Geological Survey of India, Bhubaneswar
  - Regional Director, Central Ground water Board/Authority, Bhubaneswar
  - Chief Executive, Odisha Space Applications Centre, Bhubaneswar
  - District Collectors of Respective Districts (Keonjhar & Sundargarh)
  - President, Eastern Zone Mining Association (EZMA)
  - NGOs working on Social Development Activities (one each from Joda and Koira region)
  - Opted Members from CSIR Research Institutes like NEERI, Nagpur, CIMFR, Dhanbad, IMMT, Bhubaneswar, NML, Jamshedpur, CRRI, New Delhi.

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## Executive Summary

As per the recent National Steel Policy of Govt. of India, steel production will be enhanced to 300 MTPA in 2030 from current production of 115 MTPA to increase per capita consumption from 65kg to 160kg against the world average 218kg. For the production of 300 MTPA, the country needs high-quality ore around 450 MTPA in form of calibrated ore, sinter and pellet to meet the requisite demand. To catering 450 MPTA, around 750-800 MPTA ores are to be mined.

M/s. JSW Steel Ltd. Mines Division, Odisha was interested to carry out the beneficiation studies of iron ores from their captive mines i.e., Nuagaon and Narayanposhi. CSIR-IMMT, Bhubaneswar has taken the responsibility to carry out characteristics and beneficiation studies to achieve the concentrate as sinter and pellet feed material.

The mineralogical and chemical analysis of Nuagaon iron ore mines was carried out. The Fe content in the bulk sample is 60.27%. The alumina, silica and LOI of the sample are 4.46%, 3.36% and 5.31% respectively. The Bond work index was carried out as per the standard procedure. The Bond work index of the bulk sample is 9.7 kWh/tonne. After desliming by using screw scrubber, the Bond work index was enhanced to 11.00 kWh/tonne. The desliming study of ore was carried out using screw scrubber to classify 100 micron particles as screw scrubber overflow. The water and solid ratio was maintained around 7:3. The overflow percentage with respect to feed was 40%. The Fe content of underflow of screw scrubber could be enhanced to 63.61%. The underflow of screw scrubber was also treated in gravity separation process using jig and spiral concentrator to enhance the Fe content. As grinding system is not available in this circuit, the jig and spiral concentrator tailings cannot be rejected due to high Fe content. Hence the screw scrubber underflow product was considered as one of the products. The Fe content in overflow of screw scrubber is 55.31%. The overflow was treated in magnetic separator to recover iron values from slimes. The Fe content in magnetic concentrate is 61.99%. This is the second product of the process. The overall yield of the process is 82.65% with 63.17% Fe, 1.73% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 2.59% SiO<sub>2</sub> and 4.57% LOI.

The mineralogical and chemical analysis of Narayanposhi iron ore mines was carried out. The Fe content in the bulk sample is 60.76%. The alumina, silica and LOI of the sample are 4.16%, 2.75% and 6.18% respectively. The Bond work index was carried out as per the standard procedure. The Bond work index of the bulk sample is 11.5 kWh/tonne. After desliming by using screw scrubber, the Bond work index was enhanced to 12.40 kWh/tonne. The desliming study of ore was carried out using screw scrubber to classify 100 micron particles as screw scrubber overflow. The water and solid ratio were maintained around 7:3. The overflow percentage with respect to feed was 19.10%. The Fe content of underflow of screw scrubber could be enhanced to 62.47%. Hence it was considered as one of the products. The Fe content in overflow of screw scrubber is 53.61%. The overflow was treated in rougher and scavenger magnetic separators to recover iron values from slimes. The Fe content in rougher magnetic concentrate is 62.15% and 58.66 % Fe in scavenger magnetic concentrate. Magnetic concentrate is the second product of the process. The overall yield of the process is 91.93% with 62.32% Fe, 2.92% Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, 1.81% SiO<sub>2</sub> and 5.86% LOI.

In overall study of beneficiation of screw scrubber overflow was done by magnetic separation process but in commercial plant, the hydrocyclone provision should be there to make further classification before magnetic separator in case of the low grade ore contains less than 58% Fe.

The concentrate and tailings of Nuagaon iron ore sample were taken for the settling study to provide the basic data for design of thickeners. A commercial anionic flocculent was used for settling of fine particles in the present study. The settling study of the concentrate was carried out at different solid concentration from 20 to 35% at 5% interval. The settling study of the tailings were carried out at the solid concentration of 5-10%. The pressure filtration of concentrates and the tailings were carried out using pilot scale filter press. During filter press operation, the cycle time was 22 minutes for filtration of concentrate and 35 minutes for the tailings. It is possible to achieve around 16% moisture in the filter cake for the concentrate and around 21-22% moisture for the tailings. Similarly, the settling and filtration studies of Narayanposhi iron ore sample was carried out.



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# Chapter 1

## Introduction

### 1.1 Background

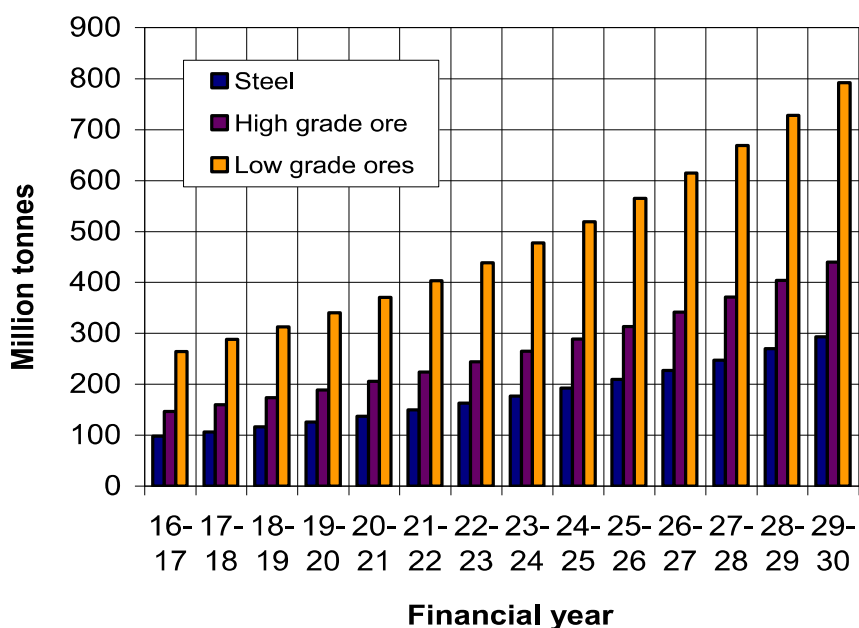
Iron ores are valuable natural resources being finite and non-renewable. Iron ore is one of the basic raw materials for iron and steel industries. The production of iron and steel has significantly expanded in recent years, particularly in China and India. It is predicted that the steel production may reach more than 2600 million tonnes in 2030. The recycle in form of iron scrap may meet around 650 million tonnes per annum. The remaining more than 3200 million tonnes per annum will be met through fresh iron ore. This has resulted in a large increase in the demand for iron ore. The quality of iron ore deposits, however, has deteriorated worldwide because of long-term mining, and the existing mines are having increasing difficulty in producing ore with a high grade of iron ore by simple crushing and screening. It is great concern for steel industries to either receive suitable quality iron ore in form of lumpy or sinter/pellet.

Australia and Brazil are among the world's largest iron ore producers and hold a large portion of the world's iron ore reserves. India is the 4<sup>th</sup> largest iron ore producer next to Australia, Brazil and China. India produced 209 million tonne during 2019-20 financial years. As per the recent National Steel Policy of Govt. of India, steel production will be enhanced to 300 MTPA in 2030 from current production of 115 MTPA to increase per capita consumption from 65kg to 160kg against the world average 218kg. For the production of 300 MTPA, the country needs high-quality ore around 450 MTPA in form of calibrated ore, sinter and pellet to meet the requisite demand. To catering 450 MPTA, around 750-800 MPTA ores are to be mined as shown in Fig.1.1.

### 1.2 Status of Iron Ore in India

India has 33 billion tonnes of primary iron ore resources like hematite and magnetite based minerals. Out of this, around 10.5 billion tonnes BMQ is available in India as on 1.4.2015 as per Mineral Year Book 2018 published by IBM, Nagpur. Remaining resources comes under hematite category. India's 98% magnetite reserves/resources in form of magnetite or BMQ are located in five States, namely, Karnataka (7,802 million tonnes or 72%) followed by Andhra Pradesh (1,392 million tonnes or 13%), Rajasthan (617 million tonnes or 6%),

Tamil Nadu (507 million tonnes or 5%) and Goa (226 million tonnes or 2%). Similarly, the total reserves/resources of haematitic ore as on 1.4.2015 have been estimated at 22.5 billion tonnes. Major reserves/resources of hematitic ore are located in Odisha (7,559 million tonnes or 34%), Jharkhand (5,286 million tonnes or 23%), Chhattisgarh (4,858 million tonnes or 22%), Karnataka (2,467 million tonnes or 11%) and Goa (1,189 million tonnes or 5%). The threshold value of hematite iron ore is 45% Fe whereas 35% for siliceous hematite ore available in State of Goa.



**Fig. 1.1** Production of steel, high grade ores and low grade ores for beneficiation

### 1.3 Characteristics of Indian Ore

Indian hematitic iron ore deposits are soft and friable in nature because it is associated with goethite. During mining, it has been reported that the ratio between fines and lump ores is 2:1. Additionally, generation of fines happens due to mechanised mining and also preparation of sized ores by crushing and screening. Hence 50-70% fines (both high and low grades) are generated during mining and preparation of ore activities. The country is not endowed with high-grade requisite iron ore resources. It is, therefore, imperative to achieve the best use of available low-grade iron ore resources through scientific methods of beneficiation and pelletisation. Challenges and solutions are needed to be focussed for upgradation of Indian low-grade hematite iron ore in association of goethite, kaolinite and gibbsite minerals. The recovery of micro fines of iron phase minerals from slimes/tailings

from iron ore washing/beneficiation plants should be taken seriously to maximize the utilization of these resources for long-term sustainability. Nature of iron phase minerals and associated gangue minerals decide the process flowsheet of iron ore beneficiation to be adopted. Utilization of low-grade iron ores through beneficiation and pelletisation is closely interlinked with the environmental impact on the surrounding of the mines. Both aspects have to be properly coordinated to facilitate and ensure a sustainable development of beneficiation and pelletisation processes for utilization of iron ores in harmony with the environment.

### **1.4 Problems and Challenges of the Indian Iron Ore**

In general, Indian hematite ore contains a good amount of clay minerals, which affects the process fluid dynamics due to their swelling properties. It increases the viscosity of the slurry; hence it affects the grinding as well as separation units. These ores are more fragile in nature due to presence of goethite phase. As a result, the ultra fine generation in the grinding circuit is more and ultimately it increases the Blaine number which has negative impact in the pelletisation plant. Percentage of goethite increases when Fe content of the ore decreases and other gangues minerals increases simultaneously. As per commercial plant observation, below 55% Fe content of ore does not respond well to the conventional beneficiation process.

### **1.5 Present Practice**

At present practice in India, the ROM ore is crushed and classified into different size fractions either in dry or wet process. Most of the mines are operated in a dry process using hard ore by selective mining to cater the calibrated iron ore need of iron and steel industries. It is crushed to below 40/30 mm or 18mm size and classified at 10 mm/5mm size to provide the suitable size of calibrated ore (40/30+10 mm) or (-18+5 mm) to blast furnace/DRI operation respectively if the ore meets requisite metallurgical, physical and chemical properties. Whatever fine ore is generated due to crushing and classification processes, it may be utilized in sintering plant of integrated steel plants if it meets the required specification. The low grade ore is subjected to the physical beneficiation to recover the iron values, otherwise, it is dumped in mine site as rom fine dumps as shown in Fig.1.2. In the same time, percentage of low-grade fines increases day-by-day due to depletion of high-

grade iron ore. It also creates environmental impact in air and water body in the surrounding of the mine. Utilization of these fines is the need of hour to maximize the iron recovery through suitable beneficiation process which should hold up the economic feasibility and environmental sustainability. Some of the iron ore mining industries are still making the washing of coarse particles and putting the slimes in the pond as shown in Fig. 1.3. These slimes also contain good amount of Fe values.



**Fig. 1.2** Iron ore low grade dump fines



**Fig. 1.3** Iron ore slimes pond

## **1.6 Appropriate Approach for Iron Ore Beneficiation**

- ❖ Percentage of goethite increases when Fe content of the ore decreases and simultaneously other gangues minerals increases. When the ore contains less than 55% Fe, it has been noted that goethite percentage is more than 50%. Hence this ore does not respond well to the conventional beneficiation process using gravity and magnetic separation techniques using physical properties. As the Indian hematite ore contains good amount of clay, it should be removed at the beginning of the process

using scrubbing equipment like screw scrubber/screw classifier, reflux classifier or drum scrubber. Hence the effect of slimes in the grinding and separation units in the process can be minimised.

- ❖ During grinding of the ore, proper classification unit with closed circuit grinding is very indispensable to reduce the generation of ultra-fine.
- ❖ Grinding product and desliming product should be treated separately to avoid the selectivity of the particles during separation process.
- ❖ If more goethite presents in the ore or liberated goethite is more, reduction roasting process may be adopted to maximise the recovery of the iron values.

### **1.7 Objective of the Project**

M/s. JSW Steel Ltd., Mines Division, Odisha is planning to set up Washing and Desliming Iron Ore Plant to generate concentrates for sinter and pellet feed material from 58-60% Fe from Nuagaon and Narayanposhi mines.

The scopes of the work involved in this study:

- (i)** Sample preparation
- (ii)** Size analysis of as received sample
- (iii)** Detail chemical analysis of as received sample
- (iv)** Fe analysis of each size fractions
- (v)** Washing study by screw scrubber
- (vi)** Desliming study by hydrocyclone
- (vii)** Detail chemical analysis of screw scrubber product, hydrocyclone underflow and overflow
- (viii)** Settling study of cyclone overflow and underflow
- (ix)** Filtration study of hydrocyclone underflow
- (x)** Material (solid and water ) balance of process
- (xi)** Report preparation

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## Chapter 2

# Characterization, Beneficiation and Dewatering Studies of Nuagaon Sample

### 2.1 Introduction

Around 1 tonnes of Iron ore below 10 mm sample was received from Nuagaon Iron ore mines, Barbil, Odisha to carry out the desliming and beneficiation study to develop the suitable process flowsheet for production of high-grade iron ore concentrate. Around 100 kg representative sample was taken by standard coning and quartering method for size analysis, chemical analysis, bond work index, mineralogical studies and bulk density of bulk sample. The remaining sample was processed for desliming and beneficiation studies.

### 2.2 Characterisation Study

#### 2.2.1 Size & Fe Analysis of Bulk Sample

The total sample of around 1 tonnes was thoroughly mixed and representative sample was drawn by coning and quartering method for size analysis. Then the size analysis with respective Fe analysis of bulk sample was carried out and the result is given in Table 2.1. The remaining sample was subjected to beneficiation studies.

**Table 2.1**  
Size and Fe analysis of bulk sample

Size, mm	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
+10	3.50	3.50	63.34	63.34
+6	14.25	17.75	63.99	63.86
+3	12.65	30.40	64.18	63.99
+2	4.79	35.19	63.94	63.99
+1	9.11	44.30	63.52	63.89
+0.850	5.14	49.44	61.99	63.69
+0.500	3.80	53.24	61.71	63.55
+0.300	3.67	56.91	62.11	63.46
+0.210	4.40	61.31	61.71	63.33
+0.150	2.81	64.12	62.06	63.28
+0.100	2.03	66.15	61.15	63.21
+0.075	1.38	67.53	62.27	63.19
+0.045	3.71	71.24	61.71	63.12

-0.045	28.76	100.00	53.17	60.26
Total	100.00		60.26	
Bulk			60.27	

### 2.2.2 Detail Chemical Analysis

The detailed chemical analysis, LOI along with the trace elements of the bulk sample was carried out. The result is given in the Table 2.2. The major impurity is quartzite and aluminum oxide. The hematite percent in the ore is about 86.19 %.

**Table 2.2**  
Detail chemical analysis of the bulk sample

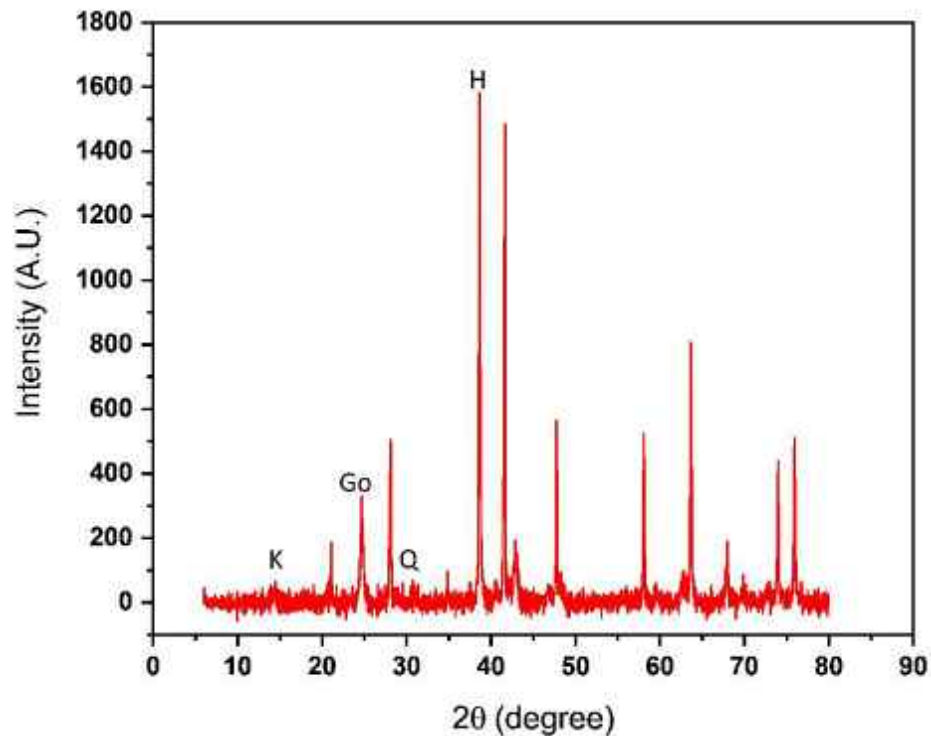
Details	Percentage
Fe (T)	60.27
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	86.19
SiO <sub>2</sub>	3.36
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.46
CaO	0.13
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.006
CuO	0.005
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.066
MgO	0.032
MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.029
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.01
NiO	0.004
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.004
PbO	0.008
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.126
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.018
ZnO	0.014
LOI	5.31

### 2.3 Mineralogical Study

Mineralogical study of the bulk sample was carried out by using X-ray diffraction study. This study gives the qualitative mineralogical identification of different phases present with their textures.

### 2.3.1 XRD Study

XRD study was carried out on the representative bulk sample to determine the major minerals present in the sample. The XRD result is shown in Fig. 2.1 It indicates that the bulk sample have hematite as the major mineral phase and other minerals are goethite, quartz and kaolinite.



H: Hematite, Go: Goethite, Q: Quartz, K: Kaolinite

**Fig. 2.1** XRD study of bulk sample

### 2.4 Sequential Heating Analysis of Bulk Sample

The sequential heating at different temperature was carried out using muffle furnace for bulk sample to determine the association of minerals like goethite, gibbsite, kaolinite and overall LOI content. The result of sequential heating is given in Table 2.3. Based on weight loss at different temperatures, percentage of goethite, gibbsite and kaolinite were calculated. The percentage of water loss during 108°C to 450°C is used to calculate the percentage of goethite and gibbsite mineral. The percentage of water loss during 450°C to 850°C is used to calculate the percentage of kaolinite mineral. The percentage of water loss during 850°C to 950°C is used to calculate the percentage of carbonate minerals.

Mineralogical characteristic study carried out by using both heating cycle and chemical analysis is given Table 2.4.

**Table 2.3**

LOI at different temperature by sequential heating cycle of bulk sample

400°C	850°C	950°C	Total LOI, %
4.11	1.15	0.05	5.31

**Table 2.4**

Mineralogical characteristics study by using heating cycle and chemical analysis

Heating Cycle Analysis	<b>Hematite, %</b>	<b>Goethite, %</b>	<b>Kaolinite, %</b>	<b>Gibbsite, %</b>
	55.86	33.92	8.24	1.92
Chemical Analysis	<b>Fe(T), %</b>	<b>LOI, %</b>	<b>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, %</b>	<b>SiO<sub>2</sub>, %</b>
	60.27	5.31	4.46	3.36

## 2.5. Estimation of Bond Work Index

### 2.5.1 Sample Preparation

Around 30 kg of representative bulk sample was taken and screened at 3.36 mm size. The +3.36 mm size was crushed to below 3.36 mm size by using roll crusher. Then, it was thoroughly mixed and the representative sample was drawn for grindability study for determination of Bond Work Index (BWI).

### 2.5.2 Ball Mill Grindability Process

Grindability study was carried out as per the standard procedure described by Bond. The Bond ball mill work index determination is carried out in a standard test mill and under standard conditions. The test mill has an internal diameter of 12 inch and length is also 12 inch. It has a smooth lining with rounded corners, no lifters except for a 4" X 8" hand hole lid for charging.

It has a revolution counter and runs at 70 rpm. The grinding charge consists of 285 iron balls weighing 20.125 kg. It consists of about 43 numbers of 1.45" balls, 67 numbers of 1.17" balls, 10 numbers of 1" balls, 71 numbers of 0.75" balls and 94 numbers 0.61" balls with a calculated surface area of 842 sq inch.

The standard feed was prepared by passing all through 3.36 mm size. It was packed by shaking in a 1000 cc graduated cylinder, and the weight of 700 cc was placed in the mill

and ground dry at 250 percent circulating load. After the first grinding period of 100 revolutions, the mill was dumped; the ball charge was screened out and 700 cc of material was screened on 150 mesh (100 micron) with coarser protecting sieves if necessary. The undersize was weighed and fresh unsorted feed was added to oversize to bring its weight back to that of original charge. Then it was returned on to the balls in the mill and ground for the number of revolutions calculated from the results of the previous period to produce sieve undersize equal to  $1/3.5$  of the total charge in the mill. The grinding period cycles were continued until the net grams of sieve undersize produced per mill revolution reaches equilibrium and reverses its direction of increase or decrease. Then the undersize product and circulating load were screen analyzed, and the average of the last three net grams per revolution ( $G_{bp}$ ) was the mill grindability. When  $F$  is the size in microns which 80 percent of the new ball mill feed passes,  $P$  is the microns which 80 percent of the last cycle sieve undersize product passes, and  $P_1$  is the opening in microns of sieve size tested (100 micron), then the ball mill work index  $W_i$  is calculated from the following revised equation;

$$W. I. = 44.5 / \{(P_i)^{0.23} \times (G_{bp})^{0.82} \times 10 (1 / \sqrt{P} - 1/\sqrt{F})\} \quad (2.1)$$

### 2.5.3 Bond Work Index of Bulk Sample

The representative iron ore bulk sample was taken for grindability study as per Bond's method. The size analysis of the crushed product for grindability study was carried and the results are given in the Table 2.5. It was found that  $d_{80}$  of the feed material was 1860 micron. The grindability study was carried for 100 micron test sieve. The weight of the 700 cc of material was 1630 gm. For 250 percent circulating load, 466 gm of -100 micron particles are to be produced at equilibrium revolution. To reach the equilibrium revolution a number of tests were carried out. At the equilibrium stage,  $G_{bp}$  was 2.27.

The size analysis of -100 micron product was carried out. The size analysis of product is given in the Table 2.6. The overall grindability result of bulk Sample is given in Table 2.7. The particle size distribution of feed and product is depicted in Fig. 2.2 and 2.3 respectively. The  $d_{80}$  of the ball mill product was 78.5 micron. Then according to Equation, W.I. was calculated and it was found 8.8 kWh/short ton. It was converted to normal tonne and WI value is 9.7 kWh/tonne.

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_i &= (44.5)/((P_1)^{0.23} \times (G_{bp})^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{P} - 10/\sqrt{F})) \\
 &= (44.5)/((100)^{0.23} \times (2.27)^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{78.5} - 10/\sqrt{1860})) \\
 &= 8.8 \text{ kWh/short ton} \\
 &= 8.8 \times 1.1 = \mathbf{9.7 \text{ kWh/tonne}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The bond work index of the sample is determined to be 9.7 kWh/tonne.

**Table 2.5**  
Feed size analysis

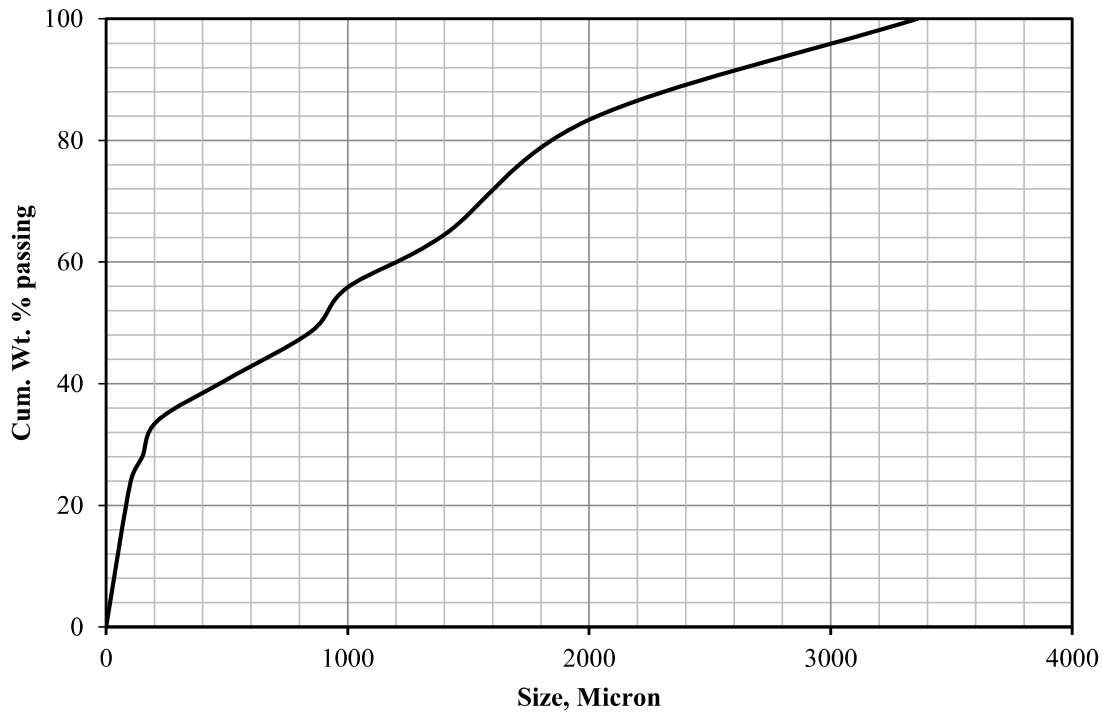
Size, micron	Cum. Wt., % Passing
3360	100.00
2000	83.40
1400	64.51
1000	55.85
850	48.64
500	40.71
212	33.92
150	27.97
100	23.80

**Table 2.6**  
Size analysis of ground product

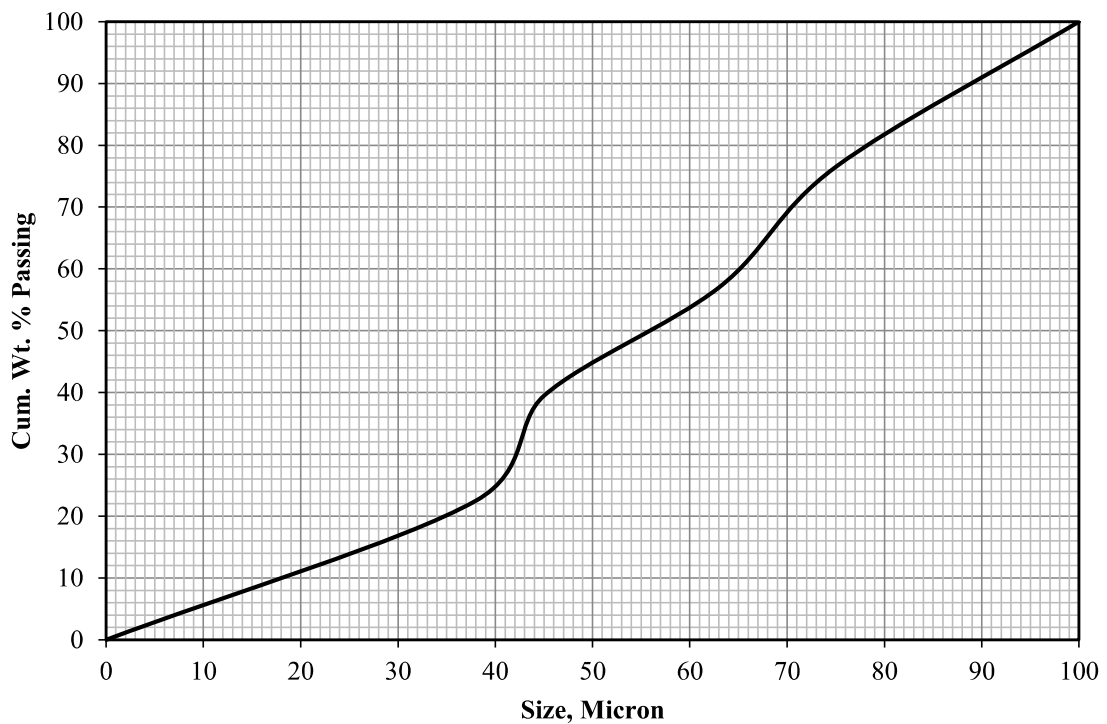
Size, micron	Cum Wt., % Passing
100	100.00
75	76.50
63	57.00
45	39.50
38	22.50

**Table 2.7**  
Results of gram per revolution

No. of revolutions	100micron produced (g)	100micron in the feed (g)	Net -100micron produced (g)	Grindability (g/rev.)
100	632	268	364	3.640
100	458	103.9	354	3.558
110	398	75.3	323	2.937
136	414	65.4	349	2.555
156	436	68.1	368	2.361
167	452	71.7	380	2.276
172	462	74.3	388	2.252
173	471	76.0	395	2.280



**Fig. 2.2** Particle size distribution of feed



**Fig. 2.3** Particle size distribution of product

#### 2.5.4 Bond Work Index of Screw Scrubber Underflow Sample

The representative screw scrubber underflow sample was taken for grindability study as per Bond's method. The size analysis of the crushed product for grindability study was carried and the result is given in the Table 2.8. It was found that  $d_{80}$  of the feed material was 1870 micron. The grindability study was carried for 100 micron test sieve. The weight of the 700 cc of material was 1610 gm. For 250 percent circulating load, 460 gm of below 100 micron particles are to be produced at equilibrium revolution. To reach the equilibrium revolution a number of tests were carried out. At the equilibrium stage,  $G_{bp}$  was 1.972.

The size analysis of below 100 micron product was carried out. The size analysis of product is given in the Table 2.9. The overall grindability result of screw scrubber underflow is given in Table 2.10. The particle size description of feed and product is depicted in Fig. 2.4 and 2.5 respectively. The  $d_{80}$  of the ball mill product was 80 micron. Then according to equation, W.I. was calculated and it was found 10.0 kWh/short ton. It was converted to normal tonne and WI value is 11.0 kWh/tonne.

$$\begin{aligned} W_i &= (44.5)/((P_1)^{0.23} \times (G_{bp})^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{P} - 10/\sqrt{F})) \\ &= (44.5)/((100)^{0.23} \times (1.972)^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{80} - 10/\sqrt{1870})) \\ &= 10.0 \text{ kWh/short ton} = 10.0 \times 1.1 = \mathbf{11.0 \text{ kWh/tonne}} \end{aligned}$$

The bond work index of the sample is determined to be 11.0 kWh/tonne.

**Table 2.8**  
Feed size analysis

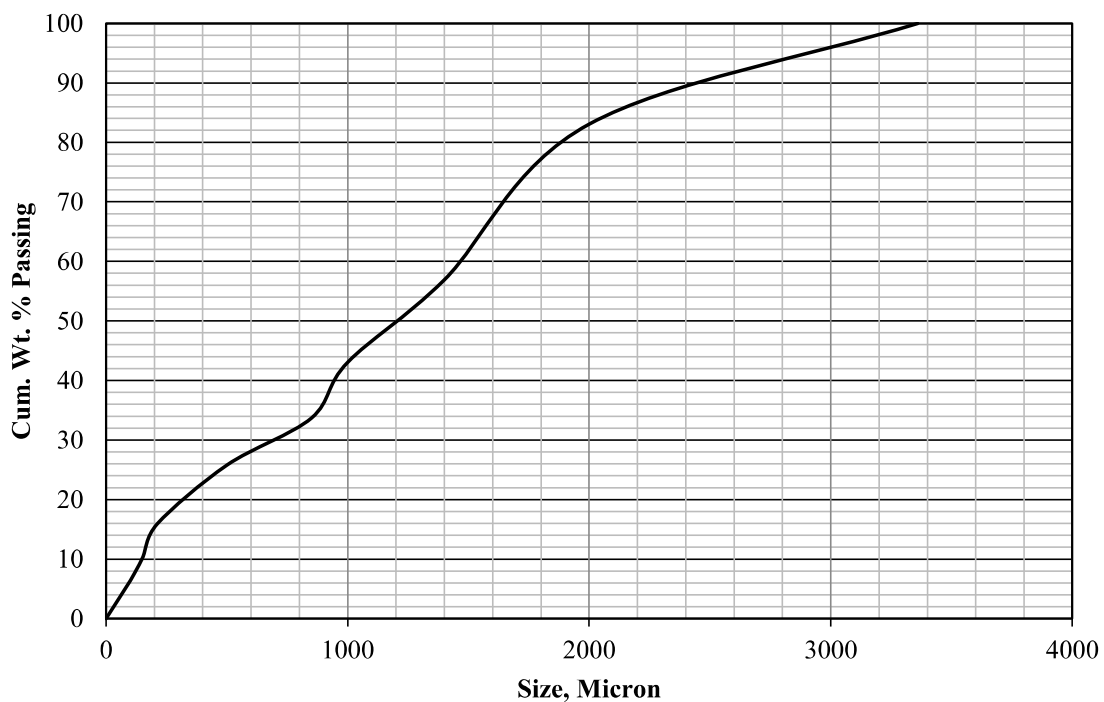
Size, micron	Cum. Wt., % Passing
3360	100.00
2000	83.09
1400	56.91
1000	43.09
850	33.70
500	25.80
212	15.93
150	10.12
100	6.42
-100	0.00

**Table 2.9**  
Size analysis of ground product

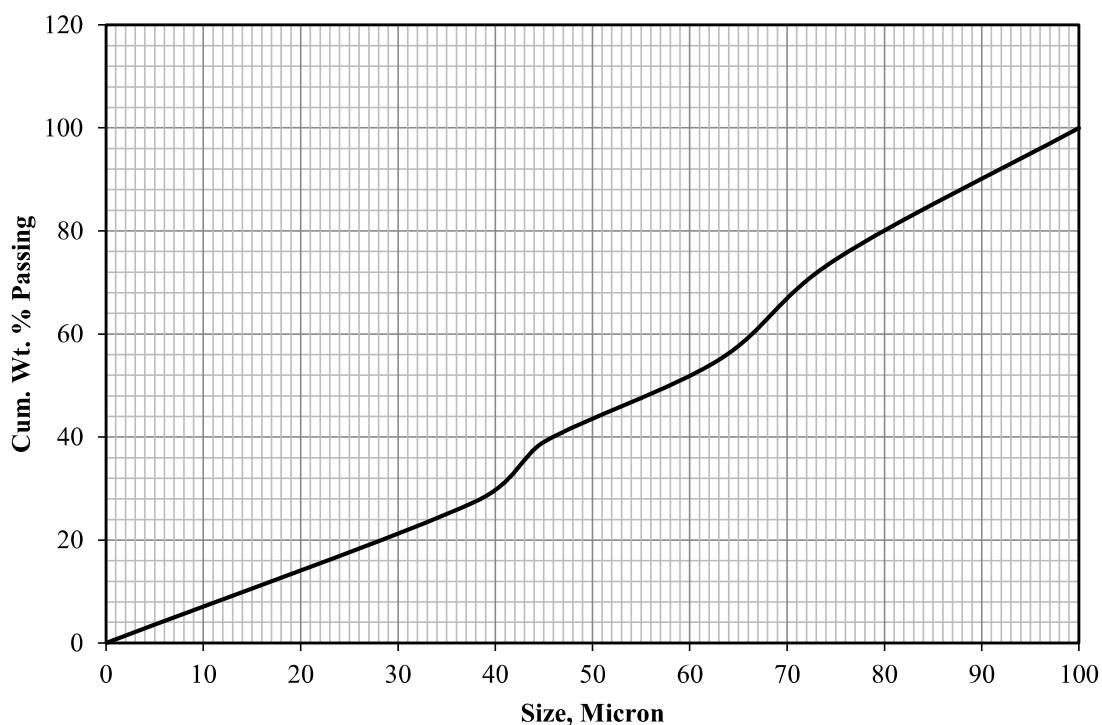
Size, micron	Cum Wt., % Passing
100	100.00
75	74.50
63	55.00
45	39.00
38	27.50
-38	0.00

**Table 2.10**  
Results of gram per revolution

No. of revolutions	100micron produced (g)	100micron in the feed (g)	Net -100micron produced (g)	Grindability (g/rev.)
100	332	156	176	1.760
243	512	32.2	480	1.972
208	458	49.6	408	1.960
212	462	44.4	418	1.967
211	461	44.8	416	1.970
211	461	44.7	416	1.972
211	460	44.7	415	1.970
211	460	44.6	415	1.968
210	460	44.8	415	1.977



**Fig. 2.4** Particle size distribution of feed



**Fig. 2.5** Particle size distribution of product

## 2.6 Bulk Density

Bulk density is the weight of material in air per unit volume. It is measured by the help of a square sized metal container having length of each side 300 mm. Bulk density is evaluated by weighing a precisely measured known volume of ore sample. Natural moisture content is determined as per IS: 2720 (part 2) -1973. The bulk density of -10 mm sized sample is  $1.997 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and its bulk density after being tapped is  $2.242 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

## 2.7 Beneficiation Studies

The beneficiation study of the iron ore sample was carried out based on their mineralogy. According to size analysis studies, it contains good number of fine particles which may be iron phase minerals along with clay particles. In general, the fine clay particles are coated on the surface of the coarse particles. These clay minerals are responsible to increase the viscosity of slurry due to their swelling characteristics during the beneficiation process. Hence, it is essential to remove at the beginning of the process by scrubbing technique and discard as the reject. Hence the remaining materials can be processes smoothly for up-

gradation of iron values by physical beneficiation. As it contains 28.76% of below 45 microns and the top size is below 10mm, hence for attrition of particles, screw scrubber process is most suitable. This equipment also classifies simultaneously the fine particles in a single stage. The laboratory screw scrubber was used for desliming the slime particles at the feed rate of 200 kg/hr using water to solid ratio of 70:30. The screw scrubber gives two products i.e., overflow (slimes) and underflow (coarse particles). The sample was fed to the screw scrubber. The Fe content of scrubber underflow could be achieved to 63.61% with overall yield of 60.00% and overflow fraction contained 55.31% Fe with overall yield of 40.00%. The result of screw scrubber is given in the Table 2.11. The result shows that screw scrubber underflow is one of the final product and overflow need to be further processed. Attempt was made to enhance the grade of scrubber underflow by further process.

**Table 2.11**  
Screw scrubber study of bulk sample

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	60.00	60.00	63.61	63.61
Overflow	40.00	100.00	55.31	60.29
Total	100.00		60.29	

The underflow of screw scrubber was further classified into two different size fractions viz. (-10+1mm, and -1mm). The Fe content of -10+1 mm size could be achieved to 63.95% with overall yield of 36.16%. The Fe content of -1 mm size could be achieved to 63.10% with overall yield of 23.84%. The result of classified sample is given in Table 2.12. The result shows -10+1 mm is having slightly more higher Fe value compared to -1mm size fraction.

**Table 2.12**  
Size classification of screw scrubber underflow

Size, mm	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
-10+1	36.16	36.16	63.95	63.95
-1	23.84	60.00	63.10	63.61
Total	60.00		63.61	

The -10+1 mm size fraction of sample was processed in the batch type laboratory jig (Supplied by All Minerals, Germany). In each batch around 50kg sample was taken during

experiment. It is a hydraulic jig operated with pneumatic control pulsating system. The pulse frequency was kept 60 cycle per minute and air flow rate 0.3 to 0.4 bar. The screen aperture used for bed was 1 mm size. After 30 minutes the material was collected from the chamber in layer by layer from top to bottom at particular thickness. The concentrate (Layer 1, Layer 2 and Layer 3) obtained by jiggling of -10+1 mm fraction contains 64.68% Fe with yield of 39.15% and tailings contains 46.88% Fe with yield of 1.68%. The jiggling study of -10+1 mm sample is given in the Table 2.13.

**Table 2.13**  
Jiggling study on -10+1 mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Layer 1	28.09	28.09	65.26	65.26
Layer 2	8.07	36.16	63.51	64.87
Layer 3	2.99	39.15	62.36	64.68
Layer 4	1.68	40.82	46.88	63.95
Total	36.16		63.95	

The -1 mm size samples was processed in the spiral concentrator. Roughing and cleaning operations were carried out to enrich the concentrate grade. In both operations of roughing and scavenging, 30% solid concentration was maintained. The capacity of spiral concentrator is 1 tonne per hour. The Fe content of rougher concentrate could be achieved to 64.36% with overall yield of 19.51%. The Fe contains of scavenging concentrate, scavenging tailings and tailing fines could achieved 62.65%, 59.82% and 54.87% with overall yield of 4.33%, 3.94 % 1.18% respectively. The result of spiral concentrator is given in the Table 2.14.

**Table 2.14**  
Spiral study of -1mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Rougher Concentrate	19.51	19.51	64.36	64.36
Scavenging Concentrate	4.33	23.84	62.65	64.05
Scavenging Tailings	3.94	27.78	59.82	63.45
Tailing Fines	1.18	28.97	54.87	63.10
Total	23.84		63.10	

The -10+1 mm size was further classified in two different size fractions viz. (-10+5 mm, and -5+1mm). The Fe content of -10+5 mm size could be achieved to 64.5% with overall

yield of 18.12%. The Fe content of -5+1 mm size could be achieved to 63.40% with overall yield of 18.04%. The result of classified sample is given in Table 2.15.

**Table 2.15**  
Size classification of -10+1 mm fraction

Size, mm	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
-10+5	18.12	18.12	64.50	64.50
-5+1	18.04	36.16	63.40	63.95
Total	36.16		63.95	

The -10+5 mm and -5+1 mm size fraction of samples were processed in the batch type laboratory jig. In each batch around 50kg sample was taken for experiment. The pulse frequency was kept 60 cycle per minute and air flow rate 0.3 to 0.4 bar. The screen aperture used for bed was 1 mm size. After 30 minute the material was collected from the chamber in layers from top to bottom at particular thickness. The concentrate (Layer 1, Layer 2 and Layer 3) obtained by jigging of -10+5 mm fraction contains 65.23% Fe with yield of 17.44% and tailings contains 46.10% Fe with yield of 0.69%. The jigging study of -10+5 mm sample is given in Table 2.16. The concentrates (Layer 1, Layer 2 and Layer 3) obtained by jigging of -5+1 mm fraction contains 64.62% Fe with yield of 16.80% and tailings contains 46.81% Fe with yield of 1.24%. The jigging study of -5+1 mm sample is given in Table 2.17.

**Table 2.16**  
Jigging study on -10+5 mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Layer 1	13.88	13.88	65.51	65.51
Layer 2	2.53	16.41	64.70	65.39
Layer 3	1.03	17.44	62.71	65.23
Layer 4	0.69	18.12	46.10	64.50
Total	18.12		64.50	

**Table 2.17**  
Jigging study on -5+1 mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Layer 1	12.91	12.91	65.1	65.10
Layer 2	2.09	15.00	63.5	64.88
Layer 3	1.80	16.80	62.52	64.62
Layer 4	1.24	18.04	46.81	63.40
Total	18.04		63.40	

The overflow of screw scrubber is to be deslimed by hydrocyclone to remove the ultrafine gangue minerals directly. The screw scrubber overflow sample was fed to the rougher hydrocyclone. The hydrocyclone gives two products i.e., overflow (very ultrafine slimes particle) and underflow (fine coarse particles). The Fe content of hydrocyclone underflow could be achieved to 60.71% Fe with overall yield of 20.93% and overflow fraction contained 49.39% Fe with overall yield of 19.07%. The rougher hydrocyclone overflow sample was fed to the scavenging hydrocyclone at the density 1040 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Fe content of scavenger hydrocyclone underflow could be achieved to 56.98% Fe with overall yield of 6.54% and overflow fraction contained 45.43% Fe with overall yield of 12.52%. The rougher and scavenging hydrocyclone study are given in Table 2.18 and 2.19.

**Table 2.18**

Rougher hydrocyclone study of screw scrubber overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	20.93	20.93	60.71	60.71
Overflow	19.07	40.00	49.39	55.31
Total	40.00		55.31	

**Table 2.19**

Scavenging hydrocyclone study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	6.54	6.54	56.98	56.98
Overflow	12.52	19.07	45.43	49.39
Total	19.07		49.39	

If the overflow of hydrocyclone contains ultrafine hematite particles and are not the discardable, then the screw scrubber overflow will be beneficiated directly using WHIMS/HGMS.

The overflow of screw scrubber was fed to HGMS (supplied by LONGI). The magnetic intensity of LONGI is 12000 gauss. The feed density was kept at 1.06 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Fe content of the rougher magnetic fraction of LONGI could be achieved to 61.99% Fe with overall yield of 22.65% whereas non-magnetic fraction contains 45.04% Fe with overall yield of 13.12%. The rougher non-magnetic fraction was fed to the scavenging LONGI. The Fe content of the scavenging magnetic fraction of LONGI could be achieved to 56.10% Fe with overall yield of 1.04% and non-magnetic fraction contains 41.02% Fe with overall

yield of 2.60%. The rougher and scavenging magnetic separation results are given in Table 2.20 and 2.21.

**Table 2.20**  
LONGI study of screw scrubber overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Concentrate	22.65	22.65	61.99	61.99
Middlings	4.23	26.88	51.45	60.33
Tailings	13.12	40.00	45.04	55.31
Total	40.00		55.31	

**Table 2.21**  
LONGI scavenging study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Concentrate	3.15	3.15	56.10	56.10
Middlings	2.10	5.25	43.51	51.06
Tailings	7.87	13.12	41.02	45.04
Total	13.12		45.04	

The rougher and scavenging hydrocyclone underflow were blended together and given in Table 2.22. The blended material fed to LONGI. The intensity of magnetic separator (Longi) having 12000 gauss in pilot scale. The result of rougher LONGI study is given in the Table 2.23. The Fe content of the rougher magnetic fraction could be enhanced to 63.83%Fe with overall yield of 19.21%. The rougher middling could be achieved 62.97%Fe with overall Yield of 2.59% and non-magnetic fraction from rougher tailings contains 44.80%Fe with overall yield of 5.67%. The rougher tailings of LONGI was further fed to scavenger stage of LONGI. The Fe content of the scavenging magnetic fraction could be enhanced to 58.69%Fe with overall yield of 2.46%. The scavenging middling contains 45.31%Fe with overall Yield of 0.45% and non-magnetic fraction from scavenging tailings contains 32.39%Fe with overall yield of 2.77%. The result of scavenger LONGI is given in the Table 2.24.

**Table 2.22**  
Blending of hydrocyclone underflows

Details	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Rougher hydrocyclone underflow	20.93	20.93	60.71	60.71
Scavenging hydrocyclone underflow	6.54	27.48	56.98	59.82
Total	27.48		59.82	

**Table 2.23**  
LONGI study of blended product

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Concentrate	19.21	19.21	63.83	63.83
Middlings	2.59	21.80	62.97	63.73
Tailings	5.67	27.48	44.80	59.82
Total	27.48		59.82	

**Table 2.24**  
LONGI scavenging study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Concentrate	2.46	2.46	58.69	58.69
Middlings	0.45	2.90	45.31	56.63
Tailings	2.77	5.67	32.39	44.80
Total	5.67		44.80	

The overflow of hydrocyclone was fed to LONGI. The magnetic intensity of LONGI is 12000 gauss. The result of rougher LONGI study is given in the Table 2.25. The Fe content of the rougher magnetic fraction could be enhanced to 53.35%Fe with overall yield of 3.37%. The rougher middling could be achieved 48.52%Fe with overall Yield of 0.72% and non-magnetic fraction from rougher tailings contains 42.00%Fe with overall yield of 8.43%. The rougher tailings of LONGI was further fed to scavenger LONGI. The Fe content of the scavenging magnetic fraction could be enhanced to 47.47%Fe with overall yield of 1.92%. The scavenging middling contains 42.27%Fe with overall Yield of 0.55% and non-magnetic fraction from scavenging tailings contains 40.21%Fe with overall yield of 5.96%. The result of scavenger LONGI is given in the Table 2.26.

**Table 2.25**  
LONGI study of hydrocyclone overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Concentrate	3.37	3.37	53.35	53.35
Middlings	0.72	4.09	48.52	52.50
Tailings	8.43	12.52	42.00	45.43
Total	12.52		45.43	

**Table 2.26**  
LONGI scavenging study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Concentrate	1.92	1.92	47.47	47.47
Middlings	0.55	2.47	42.27	46.31
Tailings	5.96	8.43	40.21	42.00
Total	8.43		42.00	

Based on the above study and considering on the quality and quantity on the final product, following process were carried out. The beneficiation study was carried out by using screw scrubbing of the ROM sample followed by the magnetic separation of the screw scrubber overflow. The results are given in the Table 2.27 and Table 2.28. The overall product is given in the Table 2.29 and the overall reject is given in the Table 2.30. The chemical analysis of the product and reject are given in the Table 2.31 and 2.32 respectively and the process flowsheet is shown in Figure 2.8.

**Table 2.27**  
Scrubbing study of bulk sample

Details	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	60.00	60.00	63.61	63.61
Overflow	40.00	100.00	55.31	60.29
Total	100.00		60.29	

**Table 2.28**  
Magnetic separation study of screw scrubber overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	22.65	22.65	61.99	61.99
Middling	4.23	26.88	51.45	60.33
Non-Mag	13.12	40.00	45.04	55.31
Total	40.00		55.31	

**Table 2.29**  
Overall products

Details	Wt., %	Fe, %
Screw Scrubber underflow	60.00	63.61
Rougher MS Conc.	22.65	61.99
Total	82.65	63.17

**Table 2.30**  
Overall rejects

<b>Details</b>	<b>Wt., %</b>	<b>Fe, %</b>
Rougher Middling	4.23	51.45
Rougher Tailings	13.12	45.04
Total	17.35	46.60

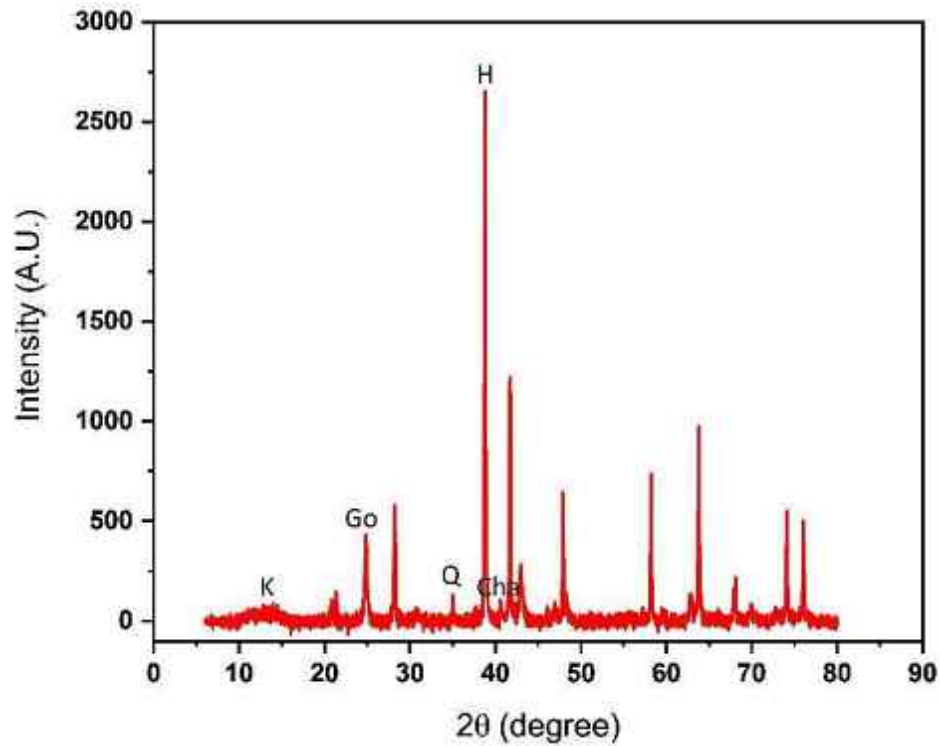
**Table 2.31**  
Chemical analysis of the product

<b>Details</b>	<b>Scrubber U/F</b>	<b>Magnetic Conc.</b>	<b>Overall</b>
Fe (T)	63.61	61.99	63.17
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	90.96	88.65	90.33
SiO <sub>2</sub>	2.23	3.55	2.59
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	1.61	2.06	1.73
LOI	4.37	5.09	4.57

**Table 2.32**  
Chemical analysis of the reject

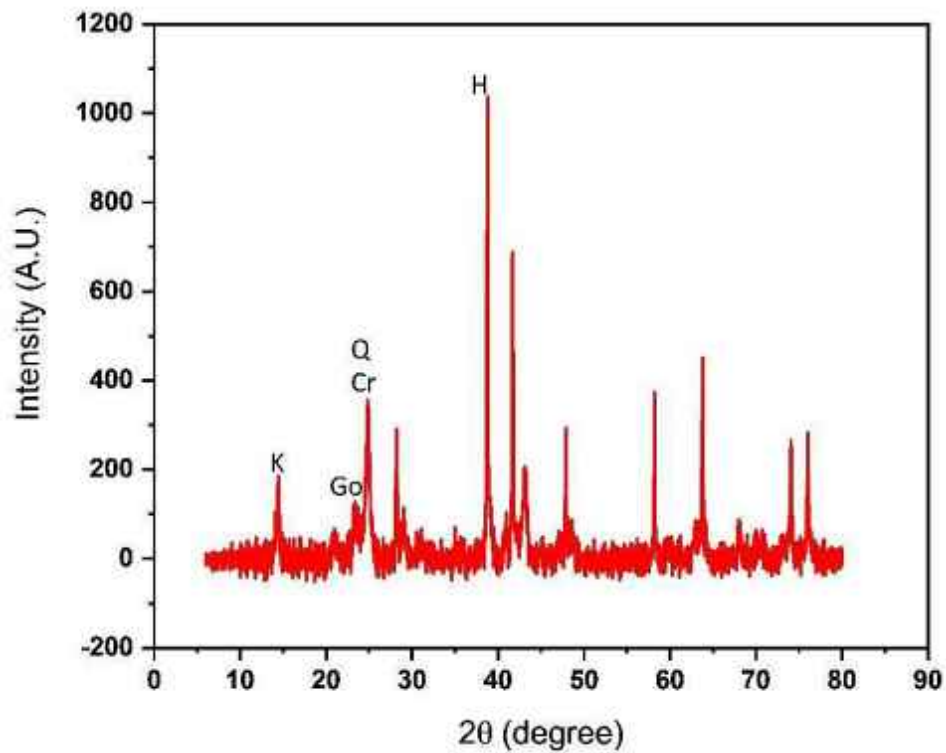
<b>Details</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Fe (T)	46.60
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	66.64
SiO <sub>2</sub>	7.03
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17.46
LOI	8.80

XRD study was carried out on the product and reject sample to determine the major minerals present in the samples. The XRD results are shown in Fig. 2.6 and 2.7. It indicates that the product sample have hematite as the major mineral phase and other minerals are goethite, quartz and kaolinite; while the reject sample have hematite as the major mineral phase and other minor minerals are quartz, goethite, cristobalite and quartz.



H: Hematite, Go: Goethite, Q: Quartz, K: Kaolinite; Ch: Chantallite

**Fig. 2.6** XRD study of product sample



H: Hematite, Go: Goethite, Q: Quartz, K: Kaolinite, Cr: Cristobalite

**Fig. 2.7** XRD study of reject sample

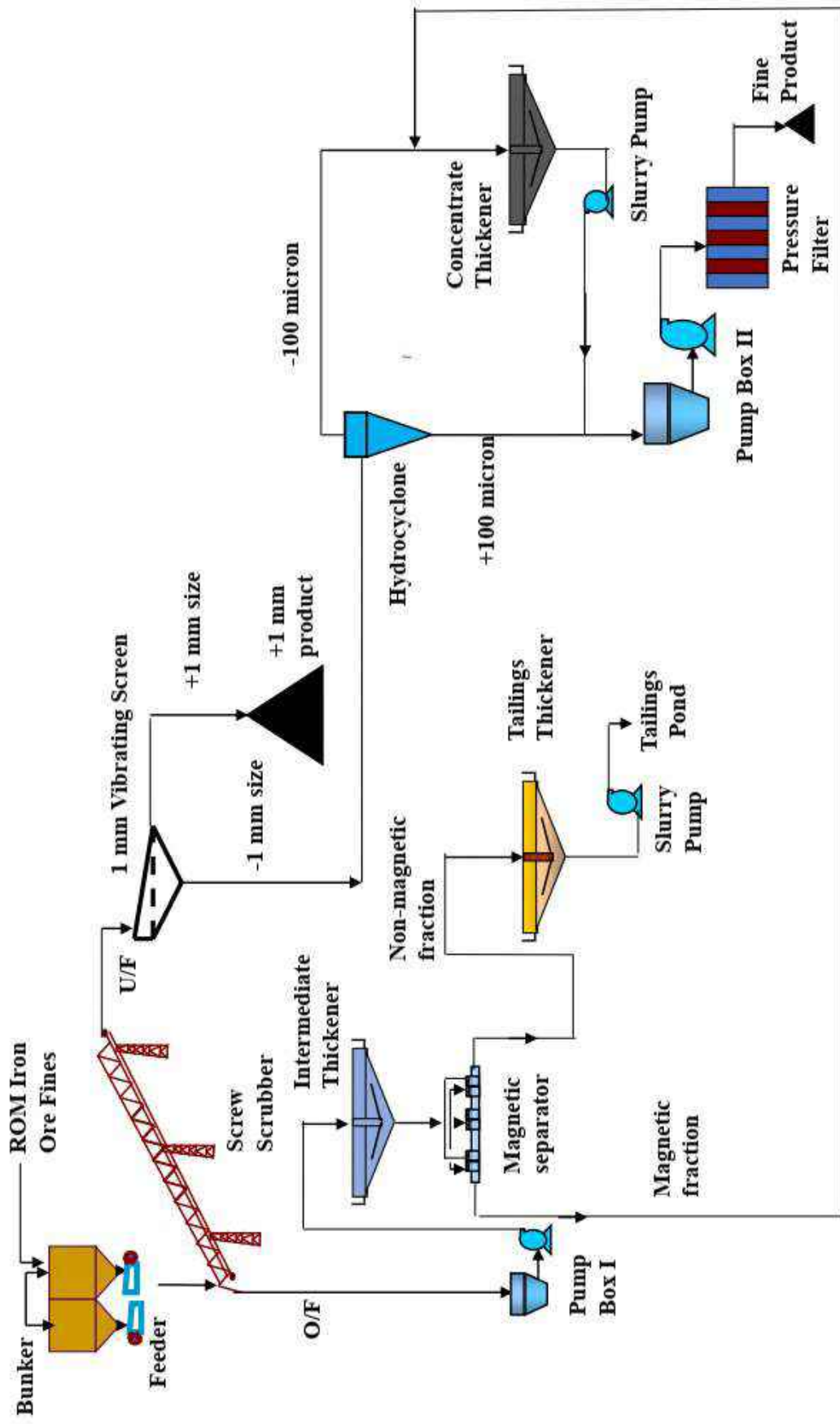


Fig. 2.8 Process flowsheet for washing of low grade iron ore of Nuagaon

## 2.8 Pressure Filtration Study

The pressure filtration study of magnetic separation concentrate and magnetic separation tailings were carried out by using Diemme Filter press and the results are given in Table 2.32 and Table 2.33 respectively.



**Fig. 2.9** Pilot scale pressure filter set up

**Table 2.32**  
Pressure filtration result of magnetic separation concentrate

Parameters	Exp. 1
Solid % in feed	60
Feeding time, min	11
Feeding pressure, bar	6
Air purging time, min	9
Air purging pressure, bar	7
Squeezing time, min	5
Squeezing pressure, bar	11
Total filtration time, min	22
Weight of cake (Wet), Kg	66
Cake Thickness, mm	25
Filtrate (water)	35
Cake moisture, %	16

**Table 2.33**

Pressure filtration result of magnetic separation tailings

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Exp. 1</b>
Solid % in feed	30
Feeding time, min	15
Feeding pressure, bar	7
Air purging time, min	10
Air purging pressure, bar	8
Squeezing time, min	10
Squeezing pressure, bar	13
Total filtration time, min	35
Weight of cake (Wet), Kg	25
Cake Thickness, mm	18
Filtrate (water)	40
Cake moisture, %	21.6

## 2.9 Settling Studies

### 2.9.1 Materials Preparation

After processing of the iron ore, the tailing and concentrate samples were taken for the settling study to provide the basic data for design of thickeners for tailings and concentrate.

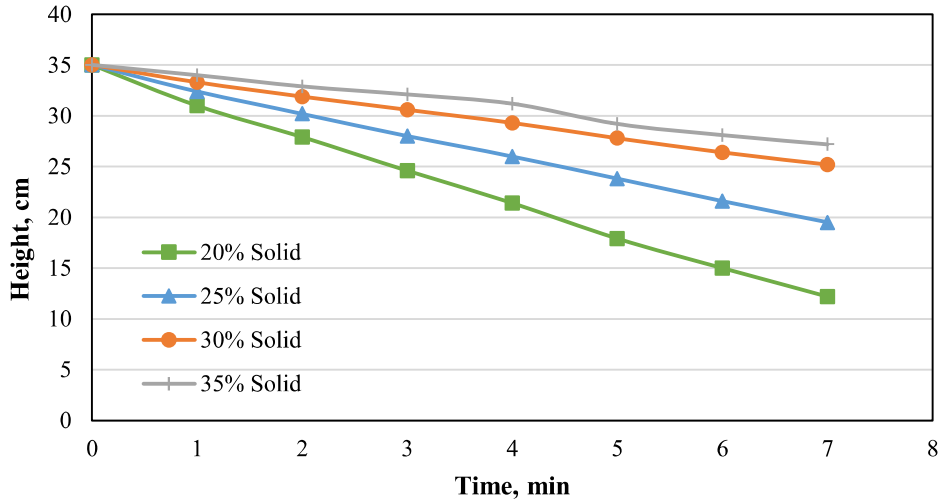
### 2.9.2 Experimental Method

The settling study was carried out in a graduated measuring cylinder of 1 liter capacity. Different solid concentration like 20% to 35% in increment of 5% of concentrate and 5% to 10% in the increment of 2.5% tailing samples are prepared. The pH of the concentrate sample was maintained at 6.5 and the pH of tailing is 6.5. This is due to pH as the received in the process. The interface height was observed against the time intervals. The interface level with respect to time was recorded in each case.

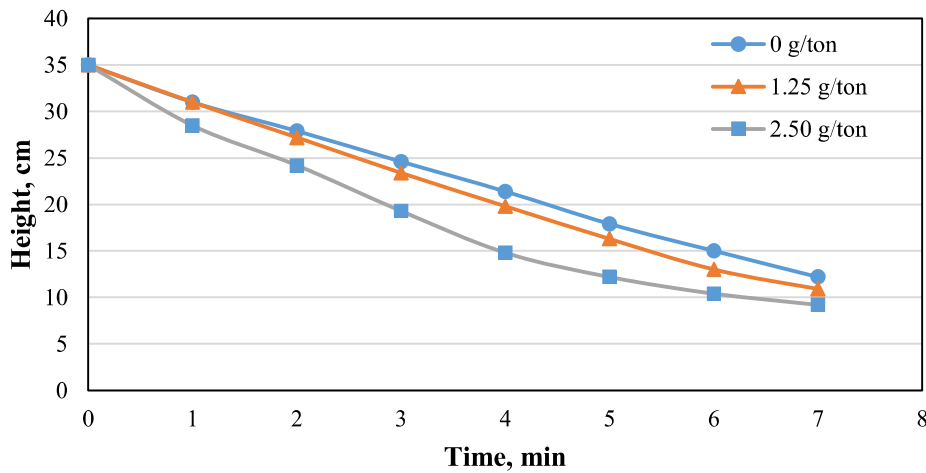
### 2.9.3 Results and Discussion

The settling study was carried out on concentrate sample at different solids concentration of 20%, 25%, 30% & 35%. The pH of the sample was kept at 6.5 as the sample was received from the process at the same pH. The results of experiments were shown in Figures 2.10 to 2.14. It has been observed that the settling rate decreases with increasing of solid percentage. In case of 20% of solid concentration, the settling rate is 2.0 m/hr. Different

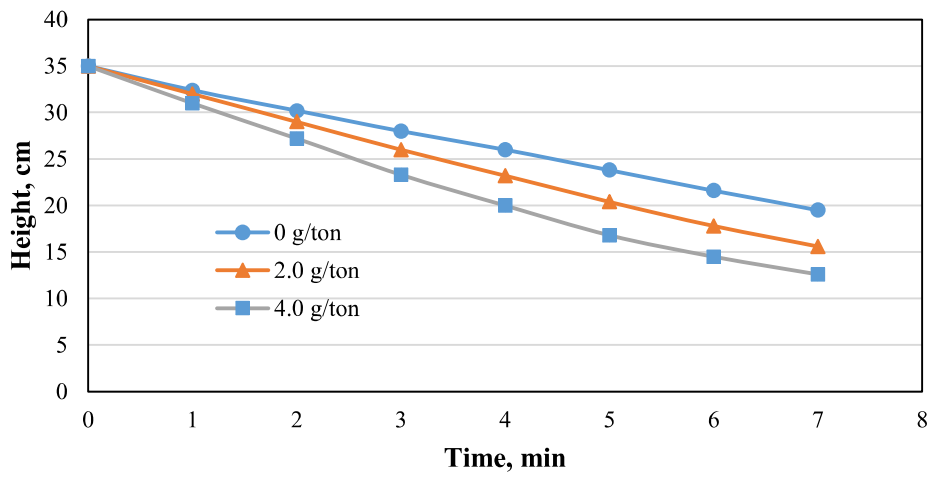
doses of flocculent was used to enhance the settling rate of solid. Very low doses of flocculent is required at lower solid concentration to get satisfactory results to design the conventional thickener. At higher solid concentration, the flocculent dosage requirement is little high.



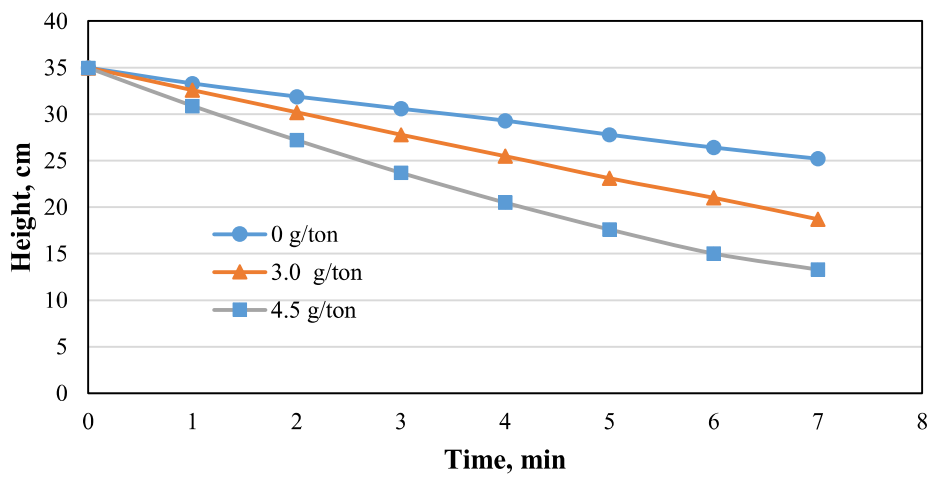
**Fig. 2.10** Settling study of iron ore concentrate at different solid concentration



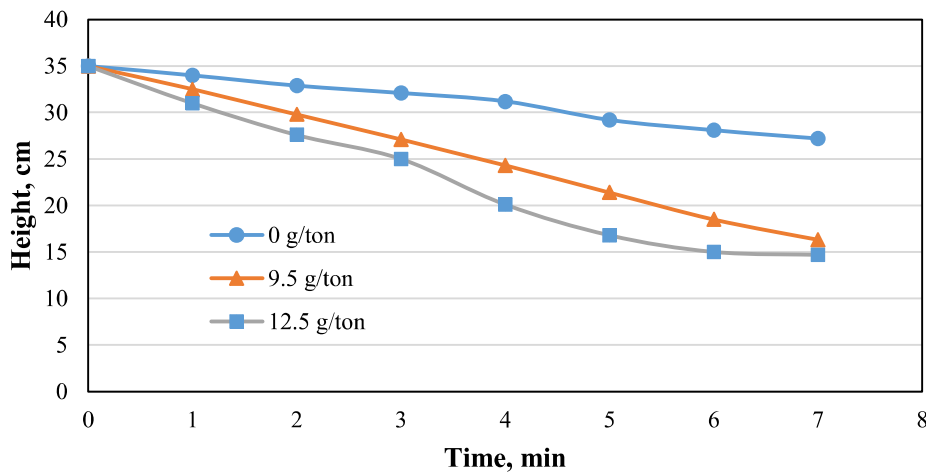
**Fig. 2.11** Iron ore concentrate settling study at 20% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent



**Fig. 2.12** Iron ore concentrate settling study of 25% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent.

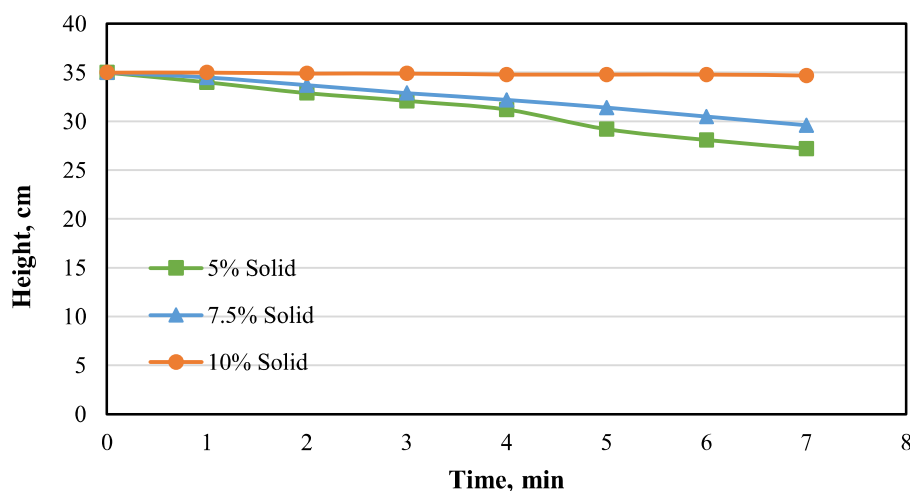


**Fig. 2.13** Iron ore concentrate settling study of 30% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent.

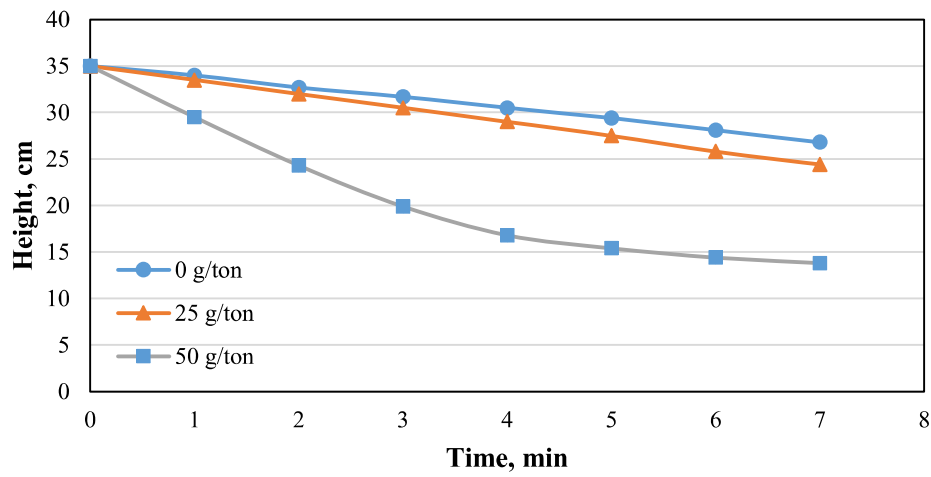


**Fig. 2.14** Iron ore concentrate settling study of 35% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent

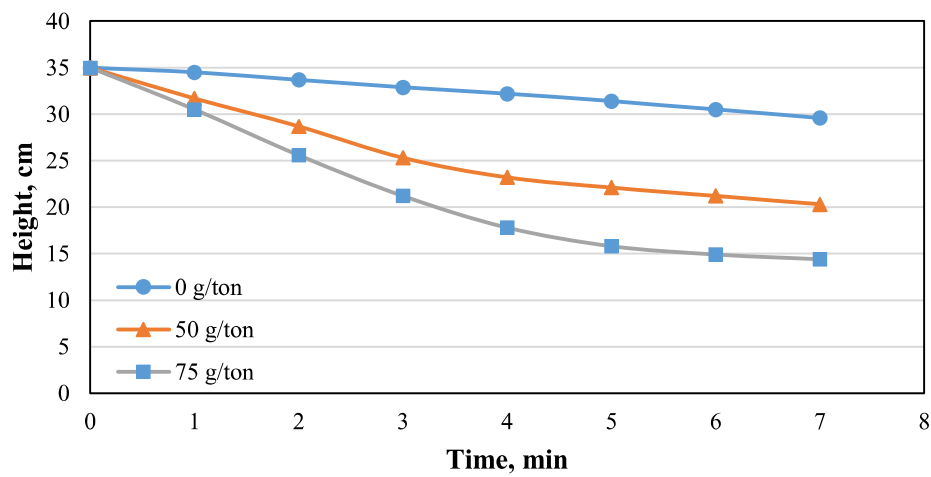
Similarly settling studies of iron ore tailings were carried out at different concentration of 5%, 7.5% and 10%. The tests were carried out without and with addition of flocculent. The tests results are shown in Figure 2.15 to 2.18. It has been observed that the settling rate decreases with increasing of solid percentage. In case of 5% of solid concentration, the settling rate is 2 m/hr whereas in case 15 %, the settling rate is 0.8 m/hr. The flocculent rate was varied from 6.52 gm/tonne to 30 gm/tonne of solid. The settling rate with flocculent is very high at lower solid concentration. It indicates that after 5% solid concentration, the flocculent may require at lower dosage to enhance the settling rate. At higher solid concentration, the flocculent dosage requirement is high. At 10% solid concentration, the settling rate is very poor even after adding the flocculent.



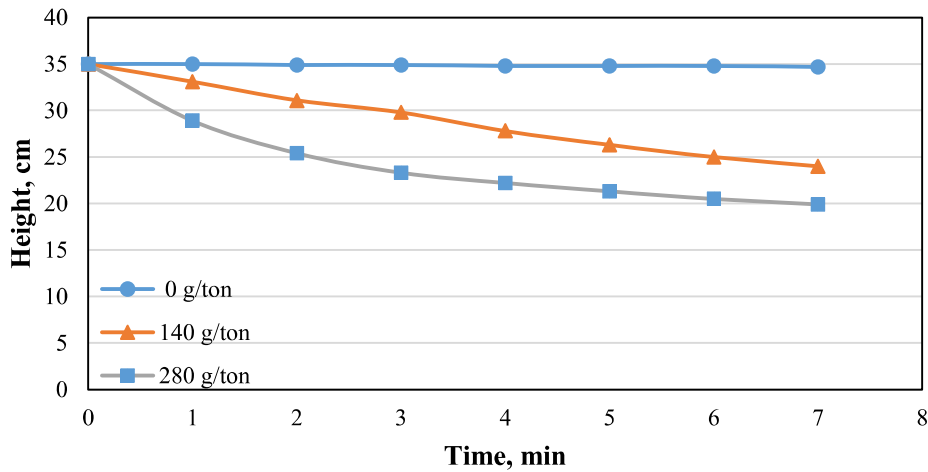
**Fig. 2.15** Iron ore tailings settling study of different solid concentration



**Fig. 2.16** Iron ore tailings settling study at 5% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent



**Fig. 2.17** Iron ore tailings settling study at 7.5% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent



**Fig. 2.18** Iron ore tailings settling study at 10% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent

### 2.10 Conclusions

The results of settling studies indicate the following observations;

1. The settling rate in case of tailings sample is very slow due to presence of ultra-fine clay minerals. Because of its surface charge, those try to remain in dispersion mode. The flocculent helps to neutralize the surface charge and make agglomerates the ultra-fine particles, as a result, the settling rate enhances.
2. The settling rate for conventional thickener design is required around 20 cm within 5-6 minutes. The above results are matching these phenomena.
3. For concentrate sample, small dose of flocculants was required to be added as there was less clay mineral compared to the tailings.

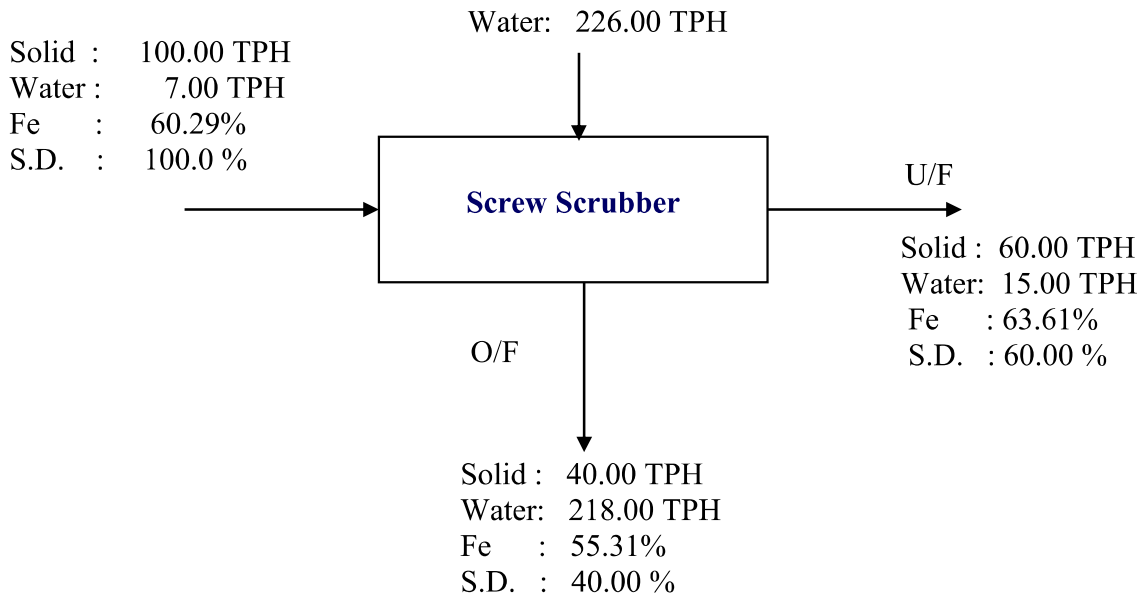
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## Annexure I.A

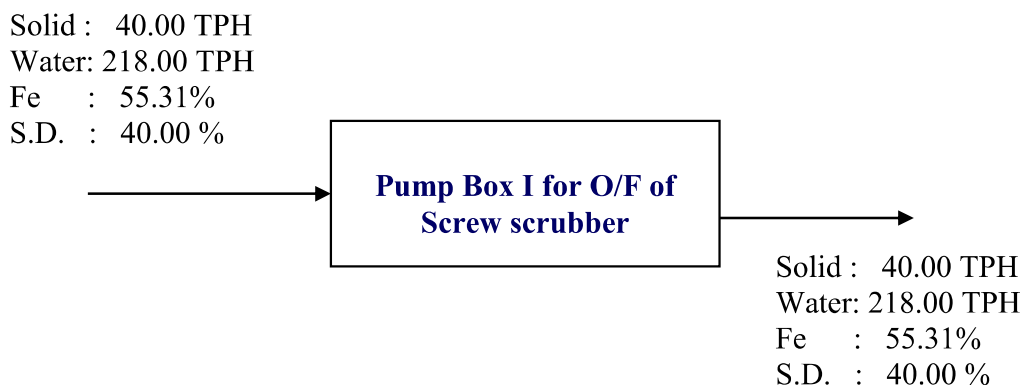
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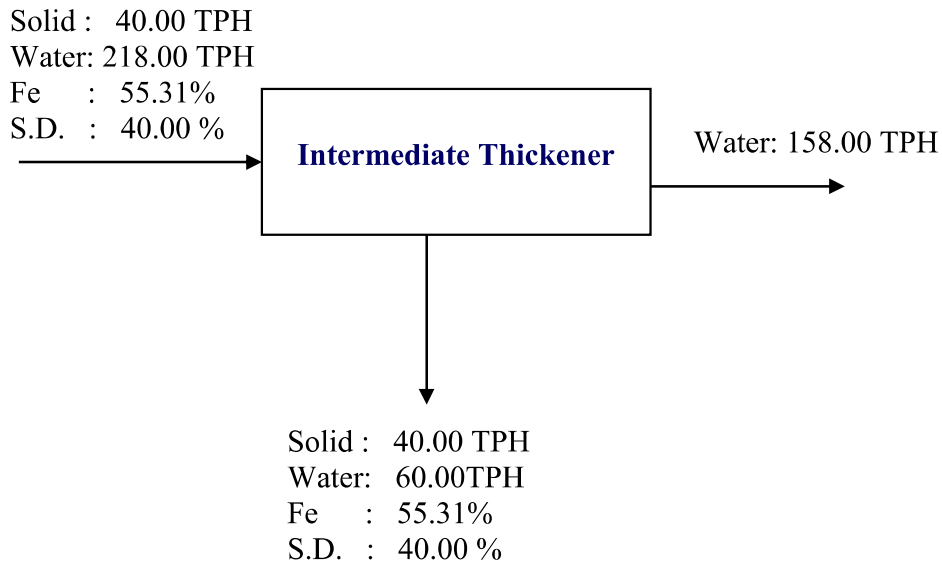
#### 1. Screw Scrubber



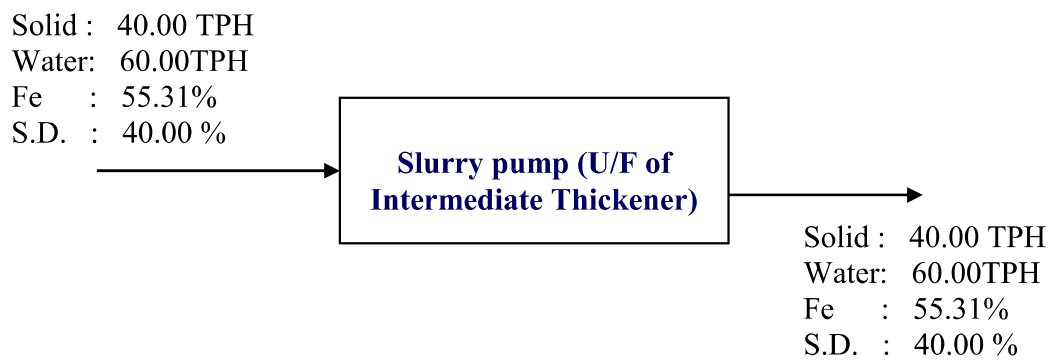
#### 2. Pump Box I (O/F of Screw scrubber)



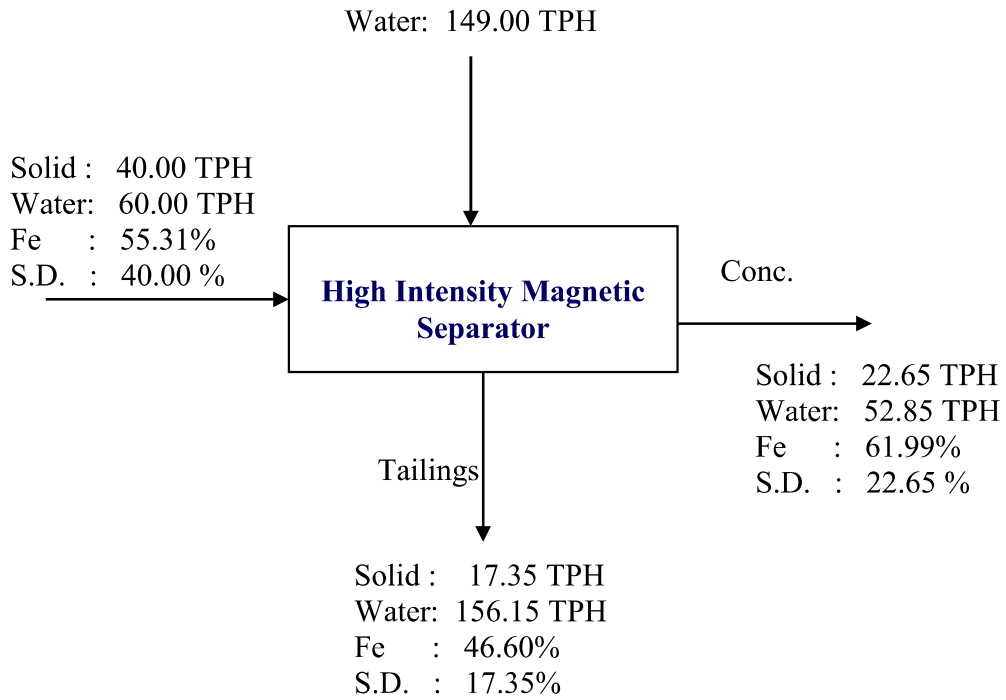
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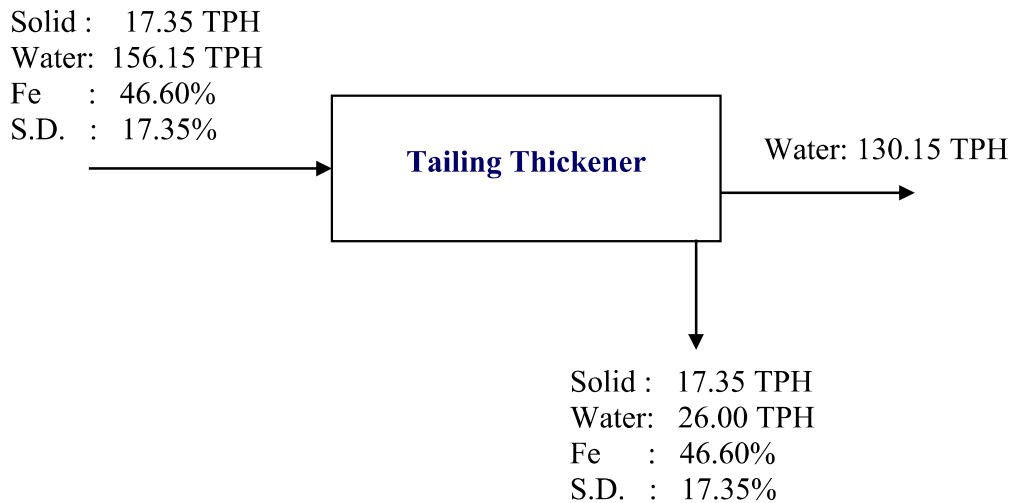
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### 5. High Intensity Magnetic Separator

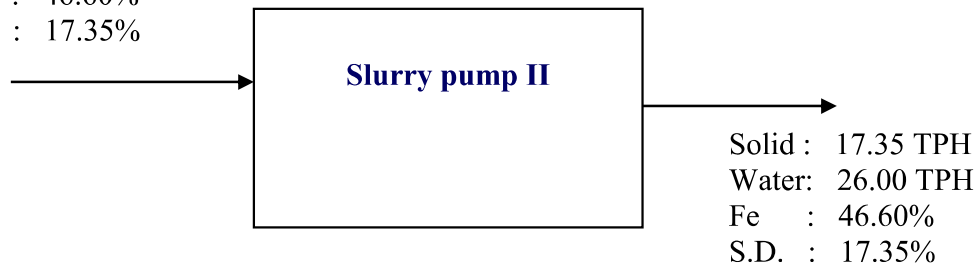


### 6. Tailing Thickener



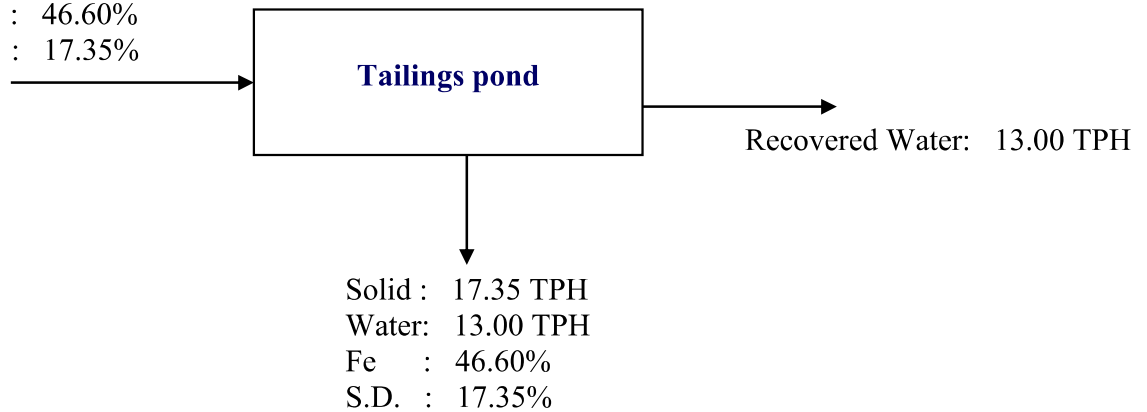
### 7. Slurry Pump II

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Water: 26.00 TPH  
Fe : 46.60%  
S.D. : 17.35%

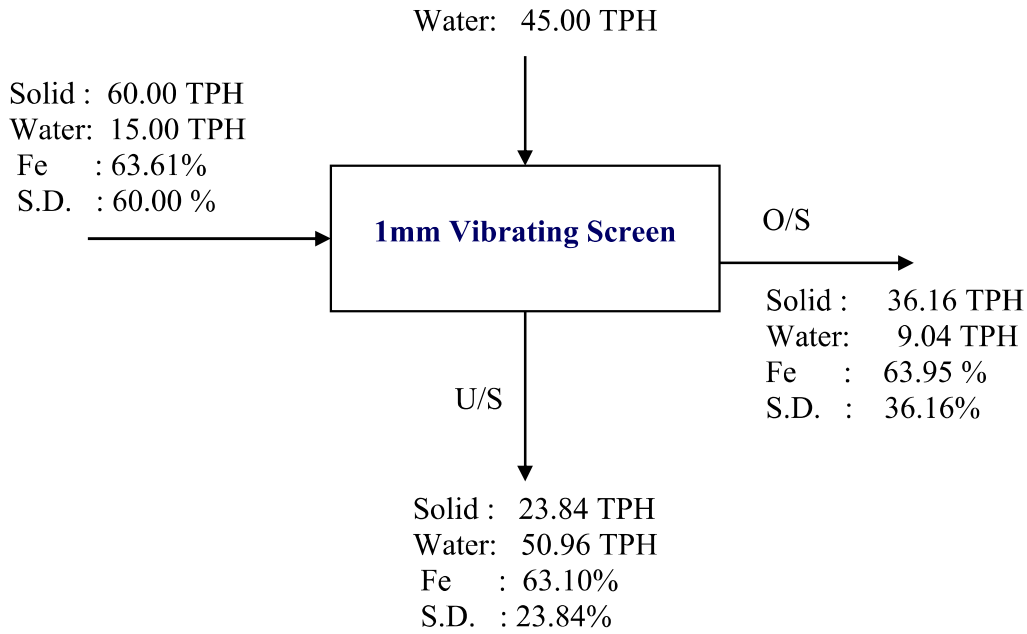


### 8. Tailings Pond

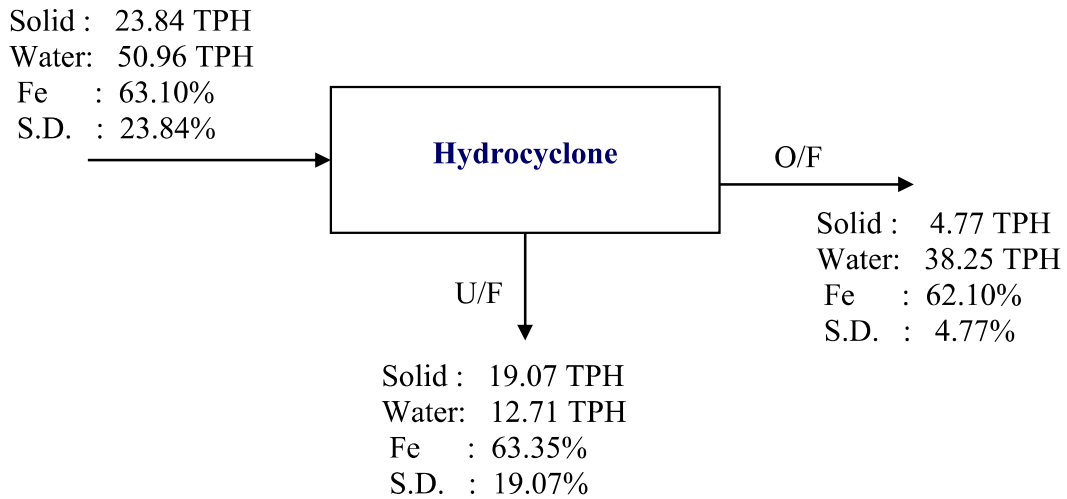
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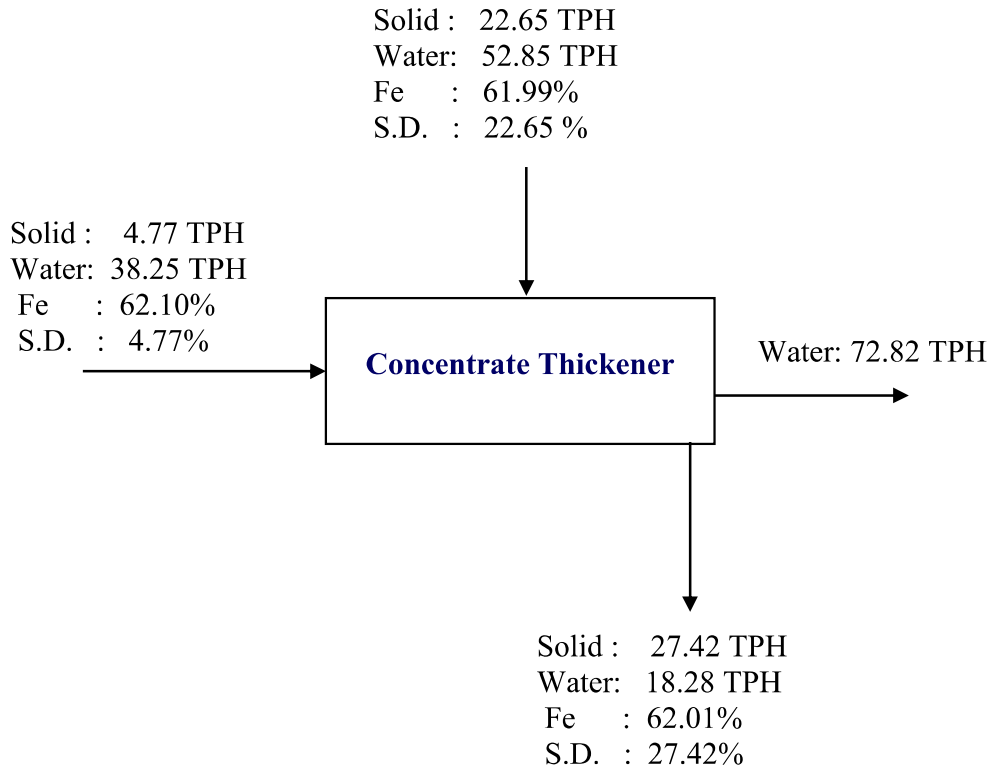
### 9. Vibrating Screen (1 mm size)



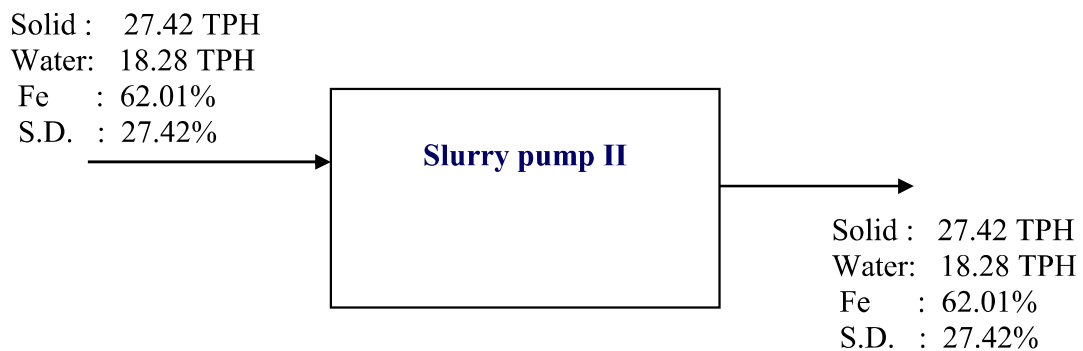
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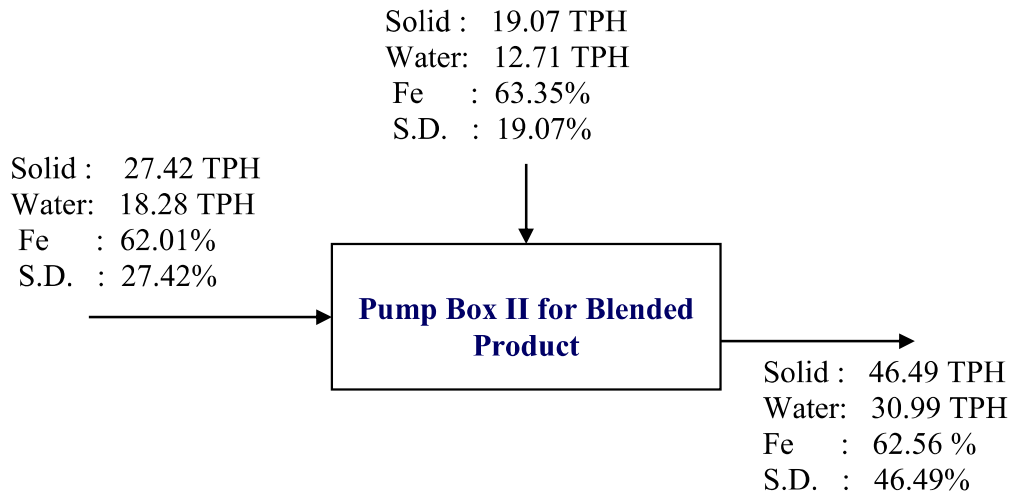
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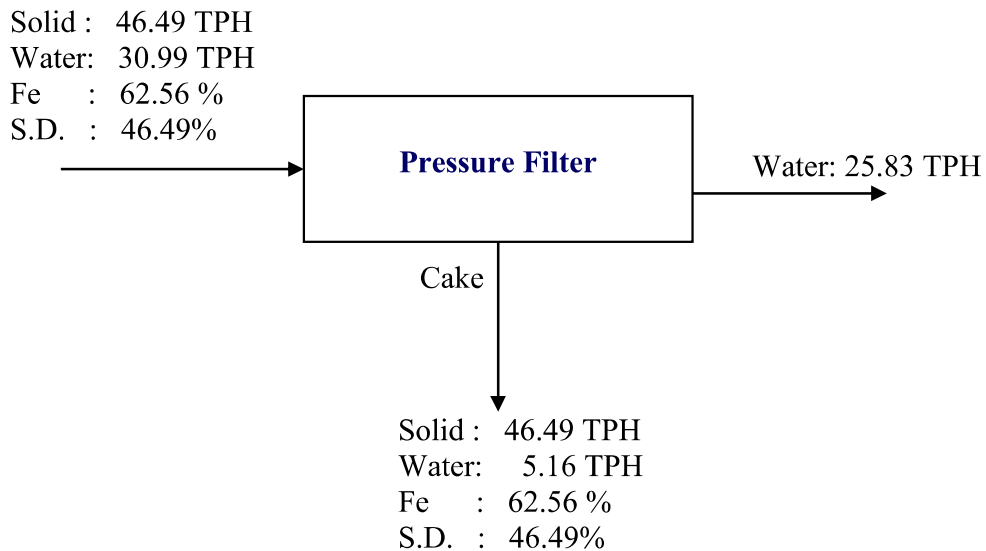
### 12. Slurry Pump II for Concentrate Thickener



### 13. Pump Box II (Blended Product)



### 14. Pressure Filter





## Water Balance

### A. Water Handling

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water Addition, TPH
1	Bulk Sample	7.00
2	Screw Scrubber	226.00
3	Vibrating Screen	45.00
4	Magnetic Separator	149.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>427.00</b>

### B. Water Recovered

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water recovered, TPH
1	Intermediate Thickener	158.00
2	Concentrate Thickener	72.82
3	Pressure Filter	25.83
4	Tailings Thickener	130.15
5	Tailing Pond	13.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>399.80</b>

### C. Water Contains in Products

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water Contain, TPH
1	Pressure Filter	5.16
2	Vibrating screen	9.04
3	Tailing pond	13.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>27.20</b>

### D. Make up water

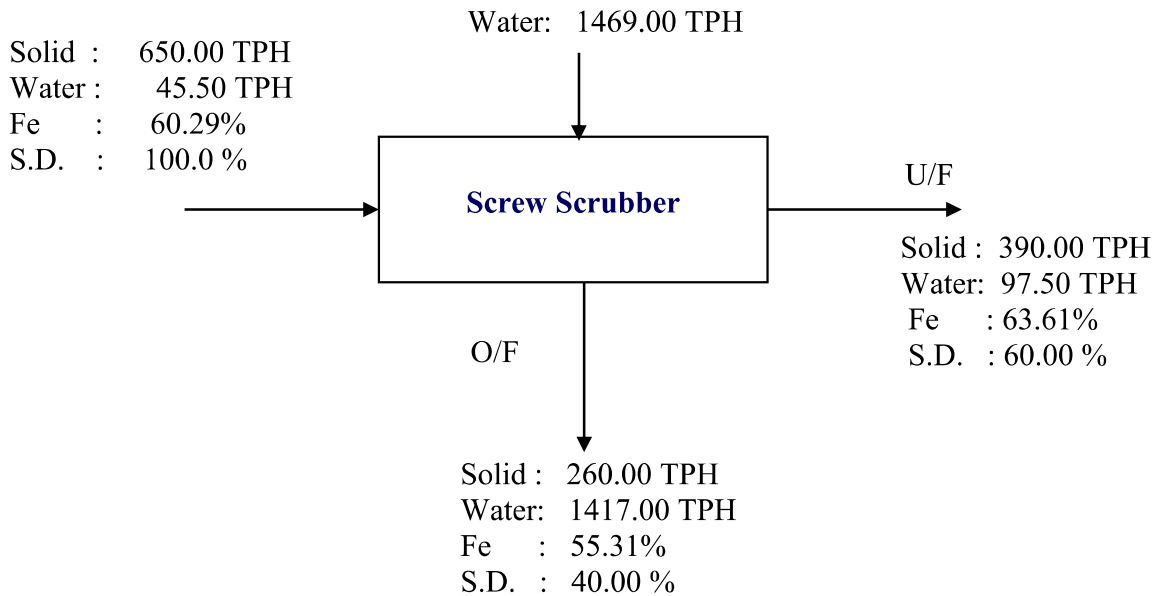
Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water Contain, TPH
1	Water content in products	14.20
2	Water content in tailings	13.00
3	1% of handling loss	4.27
<b>Total</b>		<b>31.47</b>

## Annexure I.B

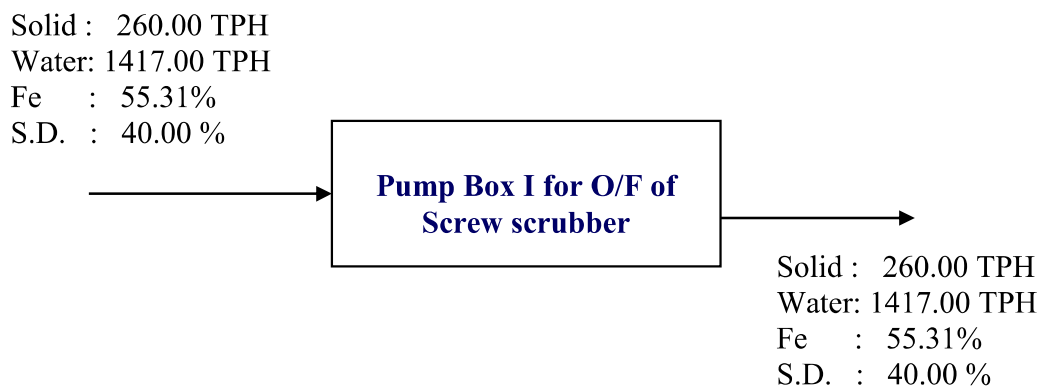
### Material Balance of Process (Nuagaon Iron ore)

**Basis: 650 TPH**

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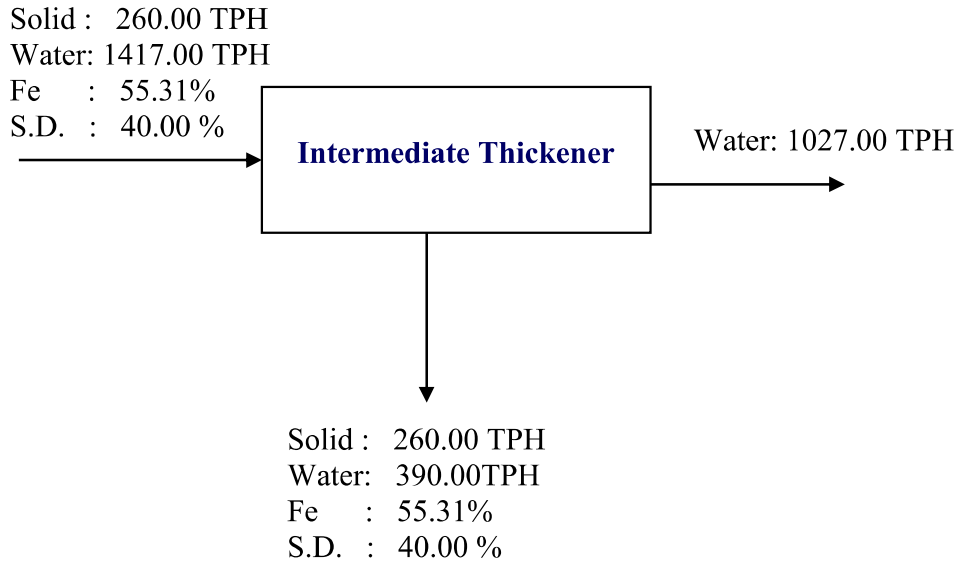


#### 2. Pump Box I (O/F of Screw scrubber)

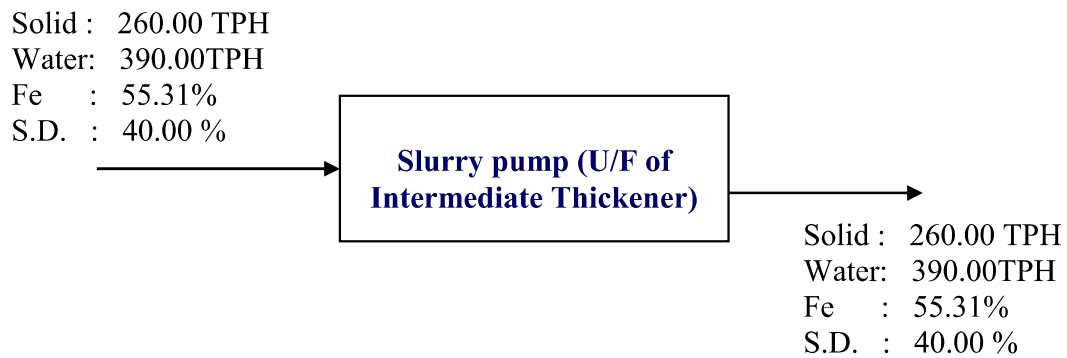




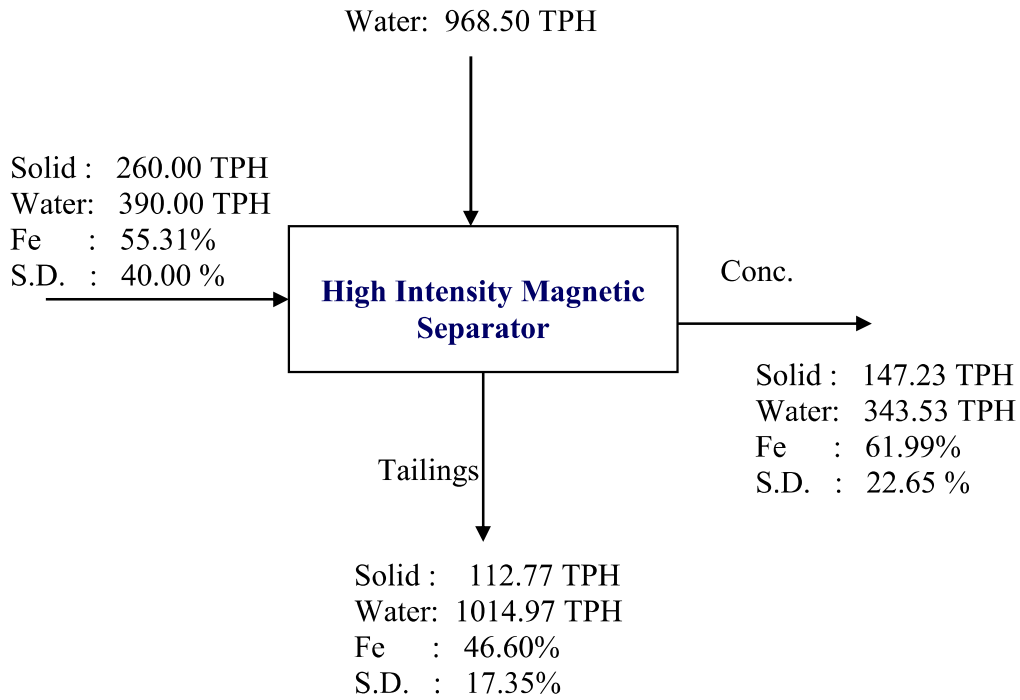
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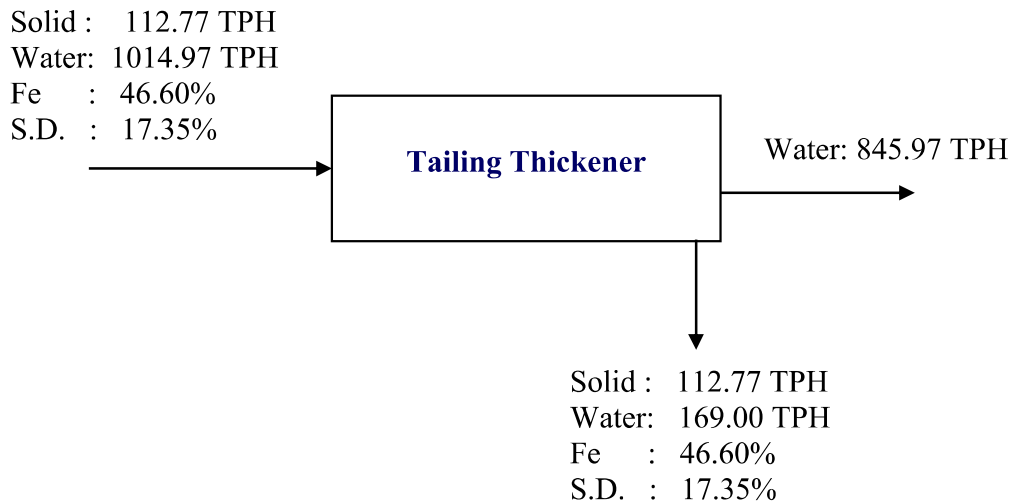
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### 5. High Intensity Magnetic Separator

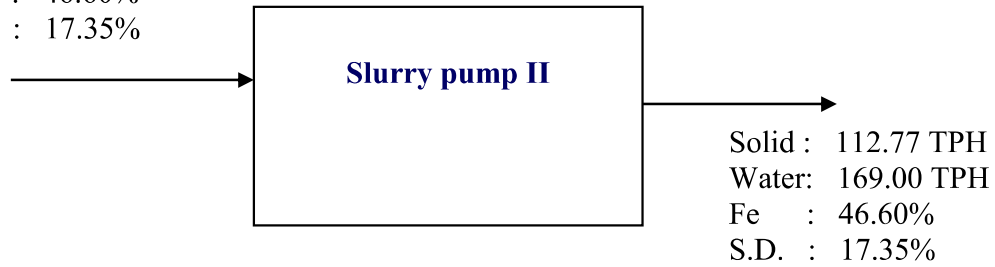


### 6. Tailing Thickener



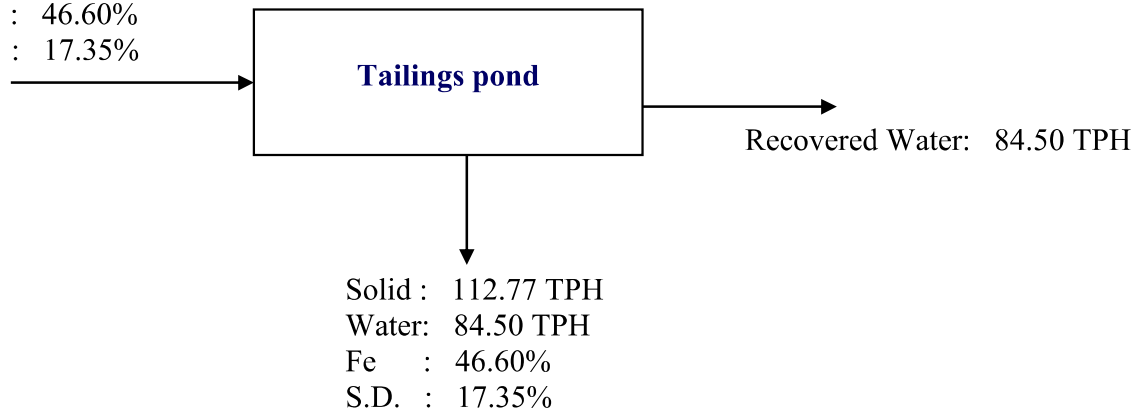
### 7. Slurry Pump II

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Water: 169.00 TPH  
Fe : 46.60%  
S.D. : 17.35%

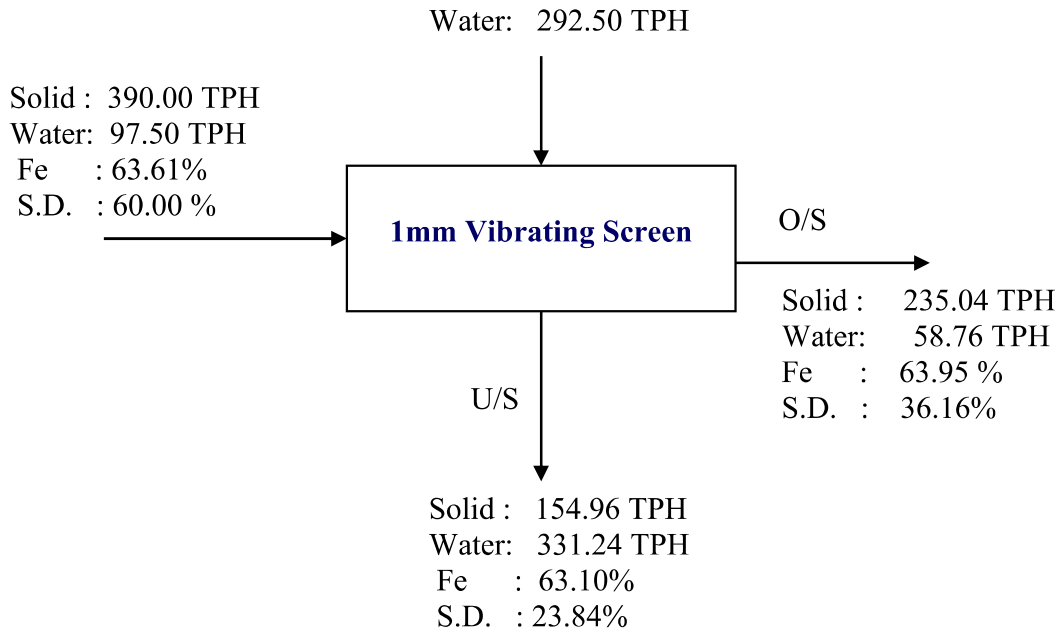


### 8. Tailings Pond

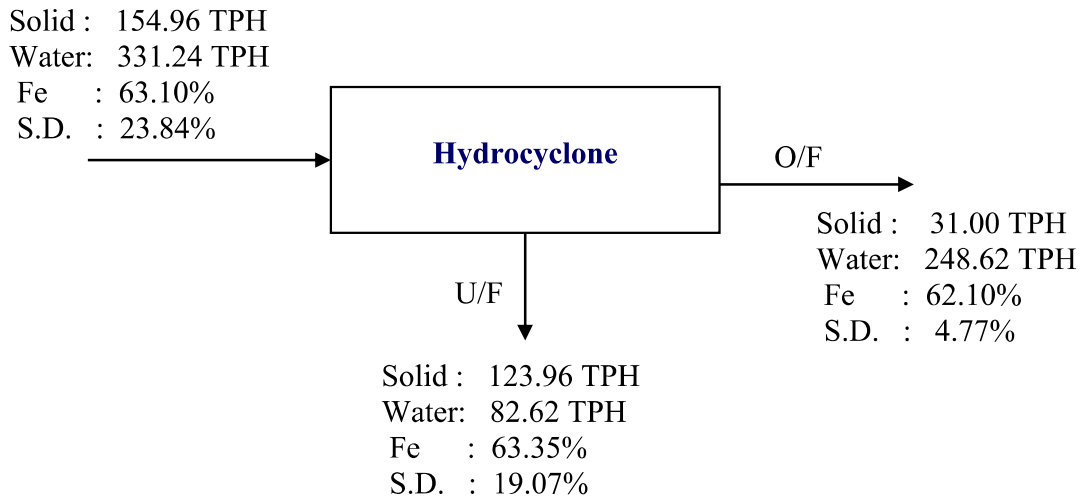
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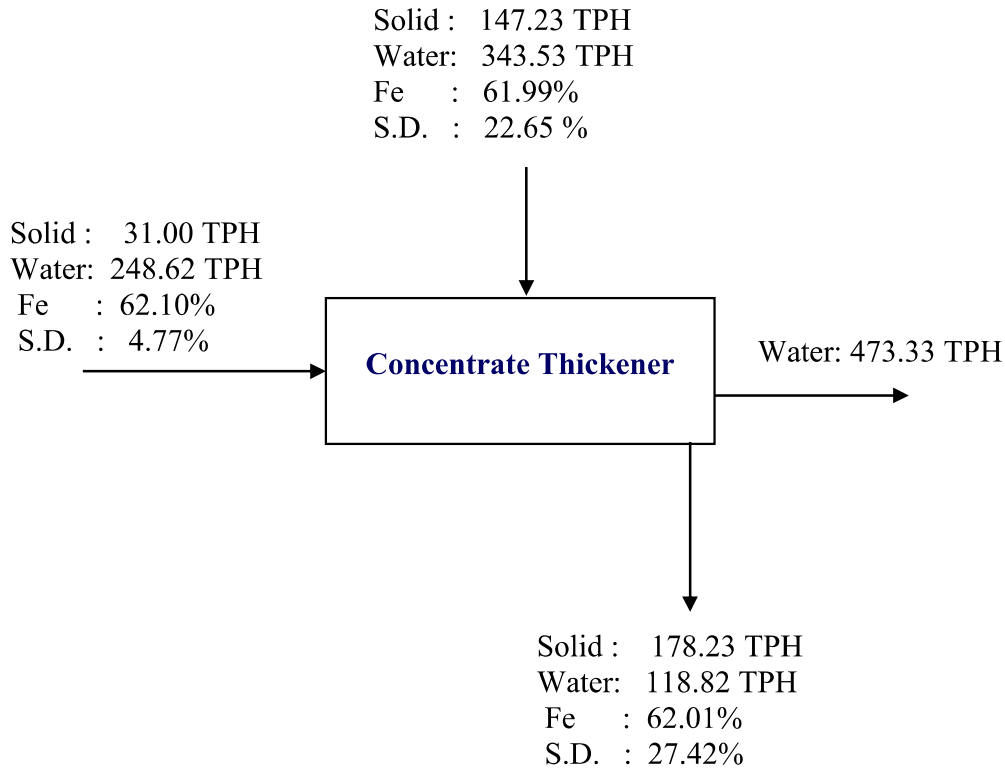
### 9. Vibrating Screen (1 mm size)



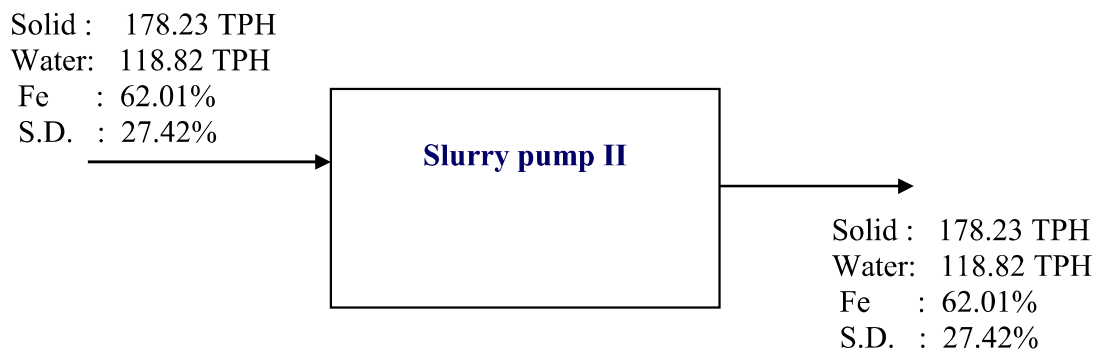
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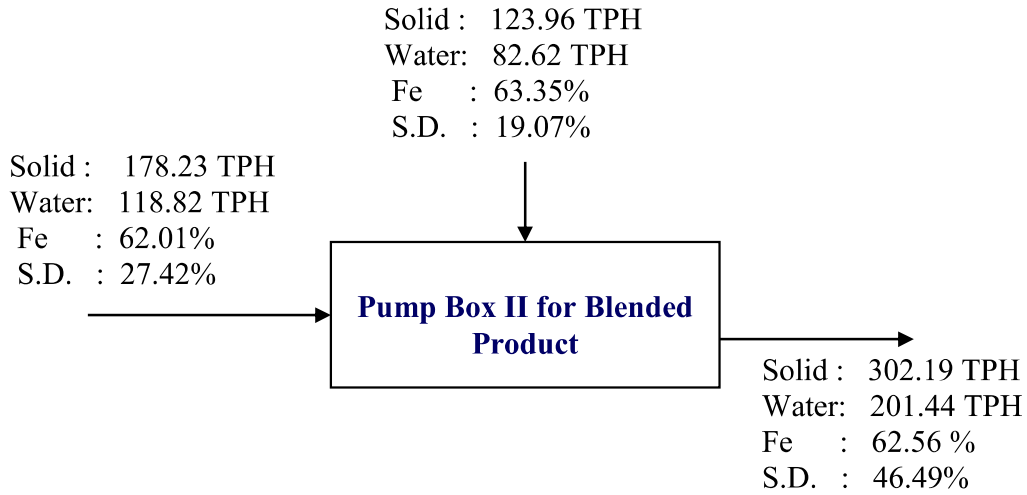
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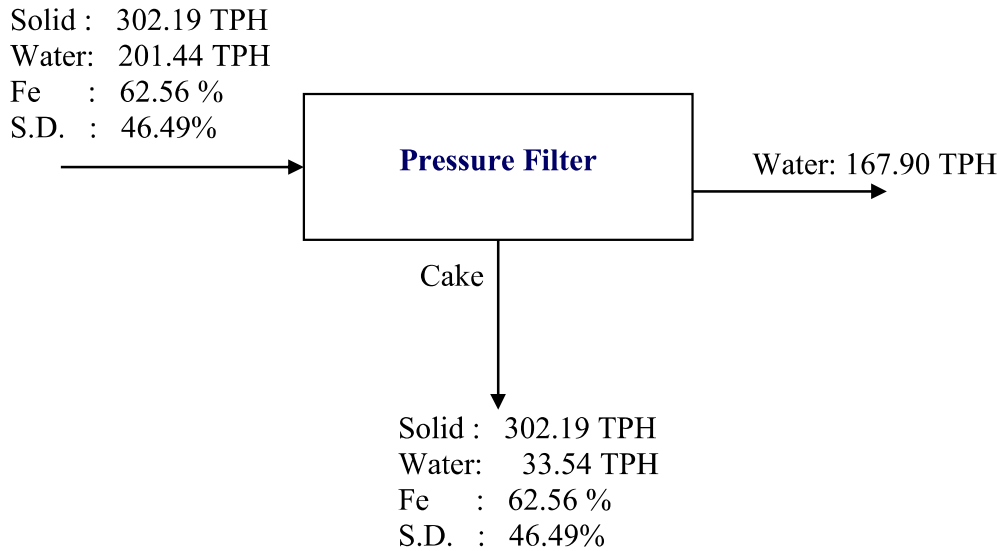
### 12. Slurry Pump II for Concentrate Thickener



### 13. Pump Box II (Blended Product)



### 14. Pressure Filter





## Water Balance

### A. Water Handling

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water Addition, TPH
1	Bulk Sample	45.50
2	Screw Scrubber	1469.00
3	Vibrating Screen	292.50
4	Magnetic Separator	968.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>2775.50</b>

### B. Water Recovered

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water recovered, TPH
1	Intermediate Thickener	1027.00
2	Concentrate Thickener	473.33
3	Pressure Filter	167.90
4	Tailings Thickener	845.97
5	Tailing Pond	84.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>2598.7</b>

### C. Water Contains in Products

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water Contain, TPH
1	Pressure Filter	33.54
2	Vibrating screen	58.76
3	Tailing pond	84.50
<b>Total</b>		<b>176.8</b>

### D. Make up water

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water Contain, TPH
1	Water content in products	92.30
2	Water content in tailings	84.50
3	1% of handling loss	27.76
<b>Total</b>		<b>204.56</b>

# Chapter 3

## Characterization, Beneficiation and Dewatering Studies of Narayanposhi Sample

### 3.1 Introduction

Around 1 tonnes of Iron ore below 10 mm sample was received from Narayanposhi Iron ore mines, Barbil, Odisha to carry out the desliming and beneficiation study to develop the suitable process flowsheet for production of high-grade iron ore concentrate. Around 100 kg representative sample was taken by standard coning and quartering method for size analysis, chemical analysis, bond work index, mineralogical studies and bulk density of bulk sample. The remaining sample was processed for desliming and beneficiation studies.

### 3.2 Characterisation Study

#### 3.2.1 Size & Fe Analysis of Bulk Sample

The total sample of around 1 tonnes was thoroughly mixed and representative sample was drawn by coning and quartering method for size analysis. Then the size analysis with respective Fe analysis of bulk sample was carried out and the result is given in Table 3.1. The remaining sample was subjected to beneficiation studies.

**Table 3.1**  
Size and Fe analysis of bulk sample

Size, mm	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
+10	9.48	9.48	63.05	63.05
+6	20.03	29.51	62.83	62.90
+3	17.30	46.81	61.70	62.46
+2	7.09	53.90	61.51	62.33
+1	13.20	67.09	61.13	62.10
+0.850	5.68	72.77	60.03	61.93
+0.500	3.84	76.62	61.64	61.92
+0.300	3.03	79.65	61.43	61.90
+0.210	2.93	82.58	60.14	61.84
+0.150	1.79	84.37	60.24	61.80
+0.100	1.24	85.61	60.34	61.78
+0.075	0.45	86.06	60.56	61.78
+0.045	0.98	87.04	60.22	61.76
-0.045	12.96	100.00	54.21	60.78
Total	100.00		60.78	
Bulk			60.76	

### 3.2.2 Detail Chemical Analysis

The detailed chemical analysis, LOI along with the trace elements of the bulk sample was carried out. The result is given in the Table 3.2. The major impurity is quartzite and aluminum oxide. The hematite percent in the ore is about 86.88 %.

**Table 3.2**  
Detail chemical analysis of the bulk sample

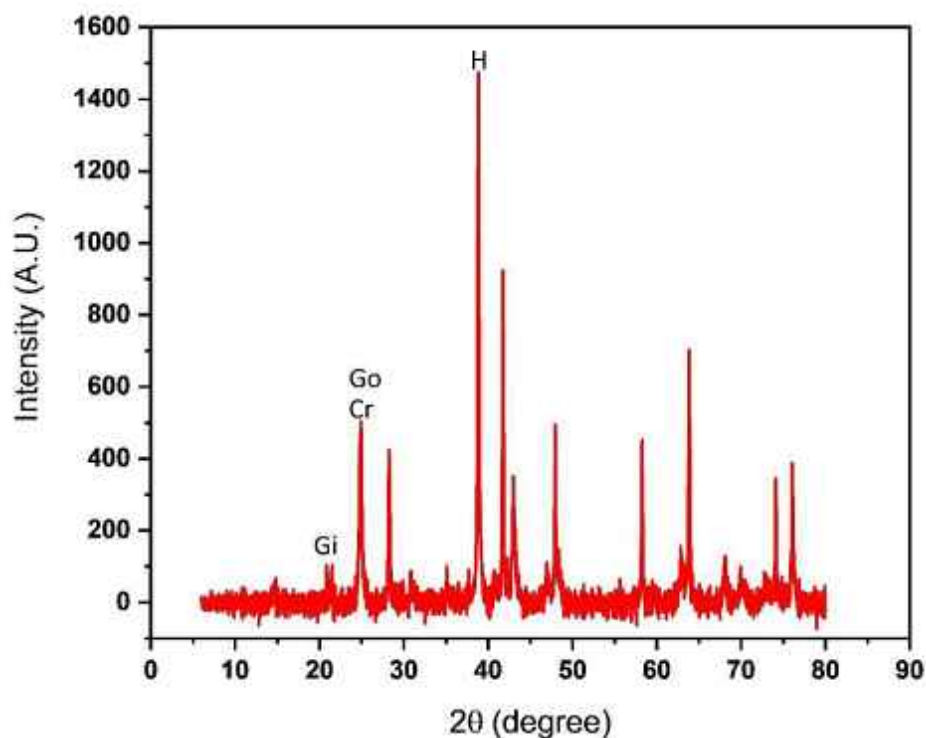
<b>Details</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Fe (T)	60.76
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	86.88
SiO <sub>2</sub>	2.75
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	4.16
CaO	0.014
Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	0.020
CuO	0.006
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.057
MgO	0.048
MnO <sub>2</sub>	0.072
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.015
NiO	0.004
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.004
PbO	0.006
TiO <sub>2</sub>	0.004
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.013
ZnO	0.014
LOI	6.18

### 3.3 Mineralogical Study

Mineralogical study of the bulk sample was carried out by using X-ray diffraction study. This study gives the qualitative mineralogical identification of different phases present with their textures.

#### 3.3.1 XRD Study

XRD study was carried out on the representative bulk sample to determine the major minerals present in the sample. The XRD result is shown in Fig. 3.1 It indicates that the bulk sample have hematite as the major mineral phase and other minerals are goethite, gibbsite and chromite.



H: Hematite, Go: Goethite, Gi: Gibbsite, Cr: Chromite

**Fig. 3.1** XRD study of bulk sample

### 3.4 Sequential Heating Analysis of Bulk Sample

The sequential heating at different temperature was carried out using muffle furnace for bulk sample to determine the association of minerals like goethite, gibbsite, kaolinite and overall LOI content. The result of sequential heating is given in Table 3.3. Based on weight loss at different temperatures, percentage of goethite, gibbsite and kaolinite were calculated. The percentage of water loss during 108°C to 450°C is used to calculate the percentage of goethite and gibbsite mineral. The percentage of water loss during 450°C to 850°C is used to calculate the percentage of kaolinite mineral. The percentage of water loss during 850°C to 950°C is used to calculate the percentage of carbonate minerals. Mineralogical characteristic study carried out by using both heating cycle and chemical analysis is given Table 3.4.

**Table 3.3**

LOI at different temperature by sequential heating cycle of bulk sample

400°C	850°C	950°C	Total LOI, %
5.42	0.71	0.05	6.18

**Table 3.4**

Mineralogical characteristics study by using heating cycle and chemical analysis

Heating Cycle Analysis	<b>Hematite, %</b>	<b>Goethite, %</b>	<b>Kaolinite, %</b>	<b>Gibbsite, %</b>
	48.16	43.32	5.12	2.97
Chemical Analysis	<b>Fe(T), %</b>	<b>LOI, %</b>	<b>Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, %</b>	<b>SiO<sub>2</sub>, %</b>
	60.76	6.18	4.16	2.75

### 3.5. Estimation of Bond Work Index

#### 3.5.1 Sample Preparation

Around 30 kg of representative bulk sample was taken and screened at 4.36 mm size. The +3.36 mm size was crushed to below 3.36 mm size by using roll crusher. Then, it was thoroughly mixed and the representative sample was drawn for grindability study for determination of Bond Work Index (BWI).

#### 3.5.2 Ball Mill Grindability Process

Grindability study was carried out as per the standard procedure described by Bond. The Bond ball mill work index determination is carried out in a standard test mill and under standard conditions. The test mill has an internal diameter of 12 inch and length is also 12 inch. It has a smooth lining with rounded corners, no lifters except for a 4" X 8" hand hole lid for charging.

It has a revolution counter and runs at 70 rpm. The grinding charge consists of 285 iron balls weighing 20.125 kg. It consists of about 43 numbers of 1.45" balls, 67 numbers of 1.17" balls, 10 numbers of 1" balls, 71 numbers of 0.75" balls and 94 numbers 0.61" balls with a calculated surface area of 842 sq inch.

The standard feed was prepared by passing all through 3.36 mm size. It was packed by shaking in a 1000 cc graduated cylinder, and the weight of 700 cc was placed in the mill

and ground dry at 250 percent circulating load. After the first grinding period of 100 revolutions, the mill was dumped; the ball charge was screened out and 700 cc of material was screened on 150 mesh (100 micron) with coarser protecting sieves if necessary. The undersize was weighed and fresh unsorted feed was added to oversize to bring its weight back to that of original charge. Then it was returned on to the balls in the mill and ground for the number of revolutions calculated from the results of the previous period to produce sieve undersize equal to  $1/3.5$  of the total charge in the mill. The grinding period cycles were continued until the net grams of sieve undersize produced per mill revolution reaches equilibrium and reverses its direction of increase or decrease. Then the undersize product and circulating load were screen analyzed, and the average of the last three net grams per revolution ( $G_{bp}$ ) was the mill grindability. When  $F$  is the size in microns which 80 percent of the new ball mill feed passes,  $P$  is the microns which 80 percent of the last cycle sieve undersize product passes, and  $P_1$  is the opening in microns of sieve size tested (100 micron), then the ball mill work index  $W_i$  is calculated from the following revised equation;

$$W. I. = 44.5 / \{ (P_i)^{0.23} \times (G_{bp})^{0.82} \times 10 (1 / \sqrt{P} - 1/\sqrt{F}) \} \quad (3.1)$$

### 3.5.3 Bond Work Index of Bulk Sample

The representative iron ore bulk sample was taken for grindability study as per Bond's method. The size analysis of the crushed product for grindability study was carried and the results are given in the Table 3.5. It was found that  $d_{80}$  of the feed material was 2100 micron. The grindability study was carried for 100 micron test sieve. The weight of the 700 cc of material was 1610 gm. For 250 percent circulating load, 460 gm of -100 micron particles are to be produced at equilibrium revolution. To reach the equilibrium revolution a number of tests were carried out. At the equilibrium stage,  $G_{bp}$  was 1.867.

The size analysis of -100 micron product was carried out. The size analysis of product is given in the Table 3.6. The overall grindability result of bulk Sample is given in Table 3.7. The particle size distribution of feed and product is depicted in Fig. 3.2 and 3.3 respectively. The  $d_{80}$  of the ball mill product was 79.5 micron. Then according to Equation, W.I. was calculated and it was found 10.2 kWh/short ton. It was converted to normal tonne and WI value is 11.3 kWh/tonne.

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_i &= (44.5)/((P_1)^{0.23} \times (G_{bp})^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{P} - 10/\sqrt{F})) \\
 &= (44.5)/((100)^{0.23} \times (1.867)^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{79.5} - 10/\sqrt{2100})) \\
 &= 10.2 \text{ kWh/short ton} \\
 &= 10.2 \times 1.1 = \mathbf{11.5 \text{ kWh/tonne}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The bond work index of the sample is determined to be 11.5 kWh/tonne.

**Table 3.5**  
Feed size analysis

Size, micron	Cum. Wt., % Passing
3360	100.00
2000	77.76
1000	52.80
850	40.25
500	31.68
300	25.09
212	17.27
150	12.80
100	9.69

**Table 3.6**  
Size analysis of ground product

Size, micron	Cum Wt., % Passing
100	100.00
75	75.00
63	53.00
45	35.75
38	24.25

**Table 3.7**  
Results of gram per revolution

No. of revolutions	100micron produced (g)	100micron in the feed (g)	Net -100micron produced (g)	Grindability (g/rev.)
100	398	156	242	2.420
174	410	38.6	371	2.130
197	420	39.7	380	1.926
218	448	40.7	407	1.868
223	460	43.4	417	1.866
223	461	44.6	416	1.869
222	460	44.7	415	1.867
223	460	44.6	415	1.865

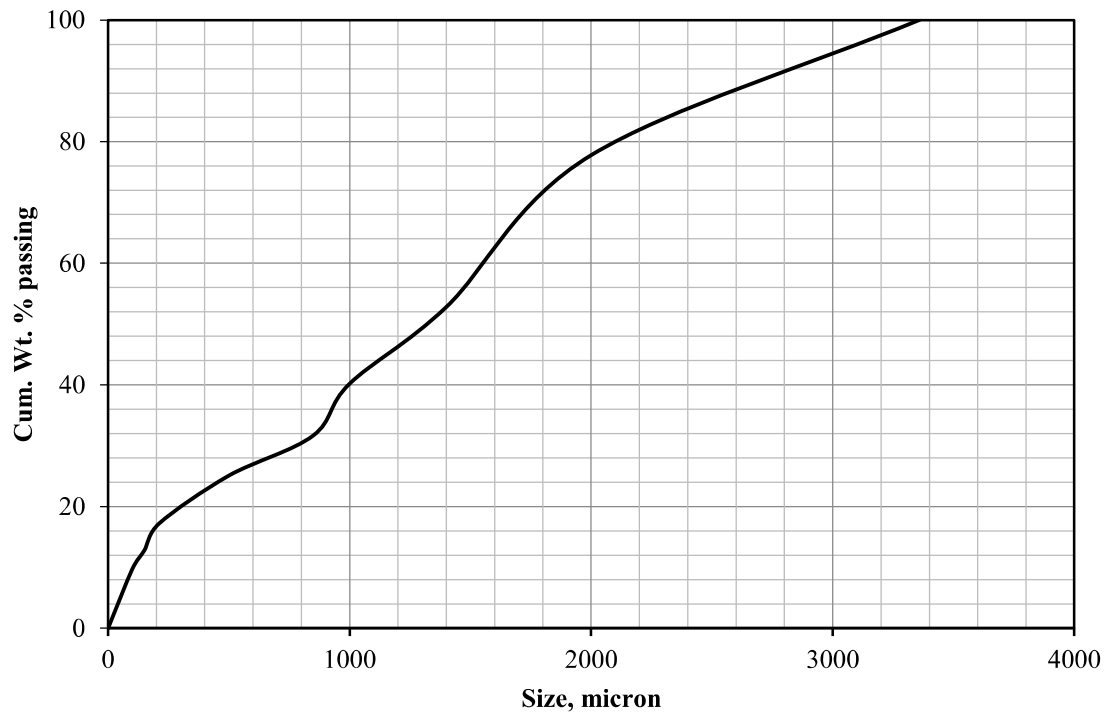


Fig. 3.2 Particle size distribution of feed

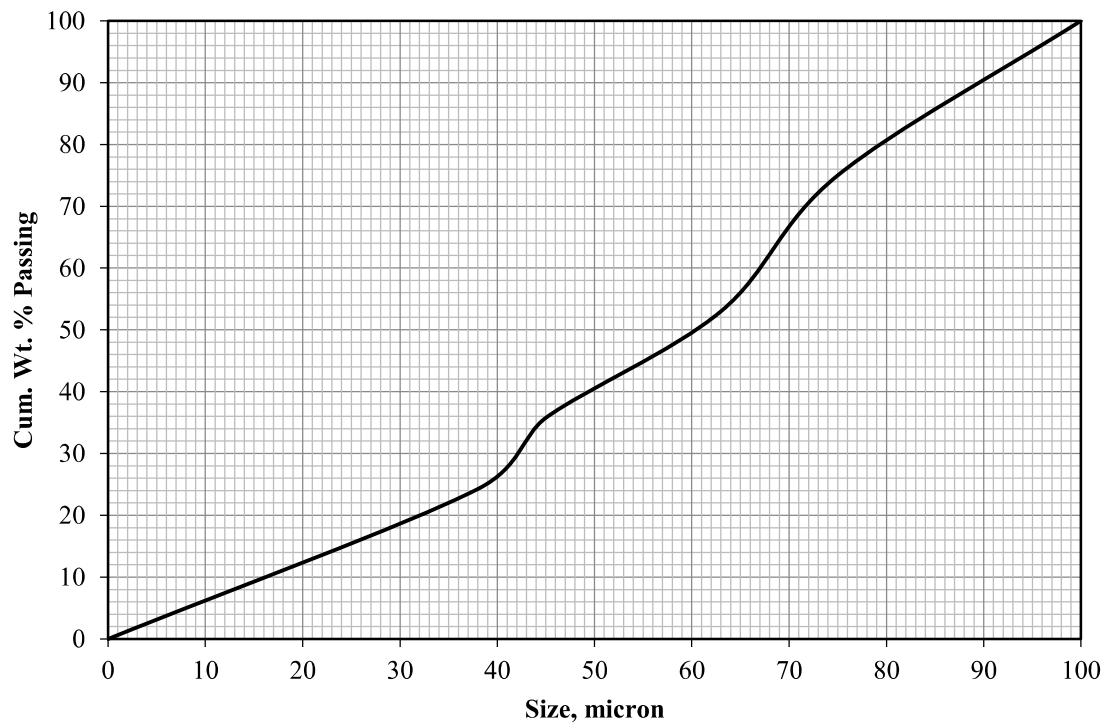


Fig. 3.3 Particle size distribution of product

### 3.5.4 Bond Work Index of Screw Scrubber Underflow Sample

The representative screw scrubber underflow sample was taken for grindability study as per Bond’s method. The size analysis of the crushed product for grindability study was carried and the result is given in the Table 3.8. It was found that  $d_{80}$  of the feed material was 2030 micron. The grindability study was carried for 100 micron test sieve. The weight of the 700 cc of material was 1580 gm. For 250 percent circulating load, 452 gm of below 100 micron particles are to be produced at equilibrium revolution. To reach the equilibrium revolution a number of tests were carried out. At the equilibrium stage,  $G_{bp}$  was 1.647.

The size analysis of below 100 micron product was carried out. The size analysis of product is given in the Table 3.9. The overall grindability result of screw scrubber underflow is given in Table 3.10. The particle size description of feed and product is depicted in Fig. 3.4 and 3.5 respectively. The  $d_{80}$  of the ball mill product was 78.5 micron. Then according to equation, W.I. was calculated and it was found 11.3 kWh/short ton. It was converted to normal tonne and WI value is 12.4 kWh/tonne.

$$\begin{aligned}
 W_i &= (44.5)/((P_1)^{0.23} \times (G_{bp})^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{P} - 10/\sqrt{F})) \\
 &= (44.5)/((100)^{0.23} \times (1.647)^{0.82} (10/\sqrt{78.5} - 10/\sqrt{2030})) \\
 &= 11.3 \text{ kWh/short ton} = 11.3 \times 1.1 = \mathbf{12.4 \text{ kWh/tonne}}
 \end{aligned}$$

The bond work index of the sample is determined to be 12.4 kWh/tonne.

**Table 3.8**  
Feed size analysis

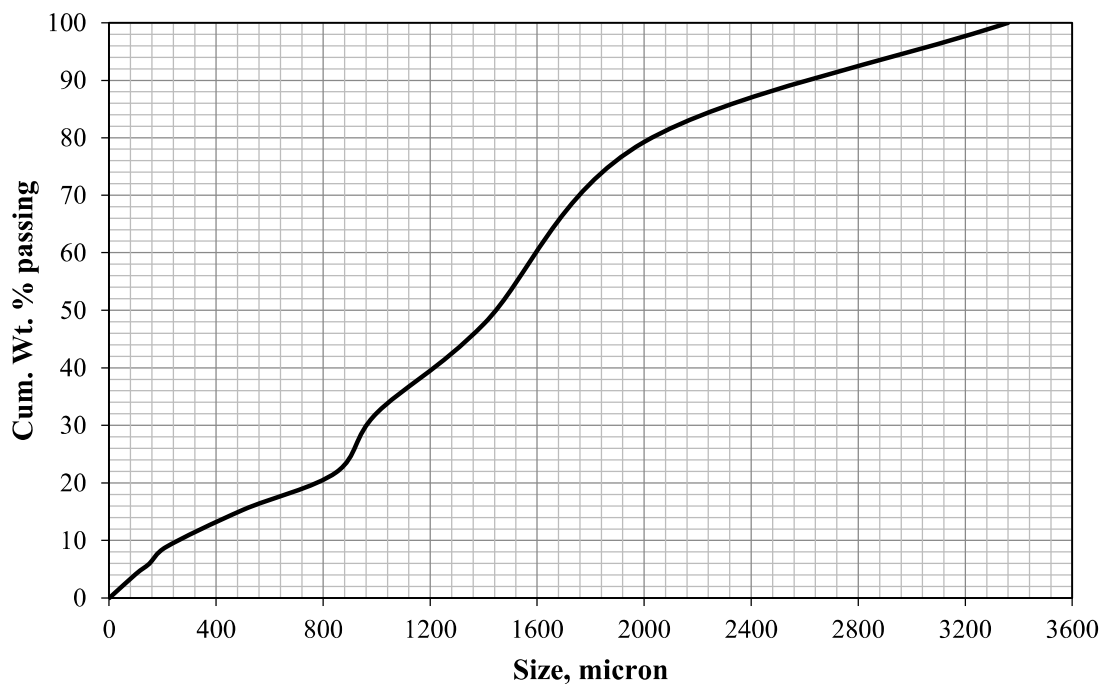
Size, micron	Cum. Wt., % Passing
3360	100.00
2000	79.24
1400	47.59
1000	32.15
850	21.90
500	15.32
212	8.86
150	5.95
100	4.18

**Table 3.9**  
Size analysis of ground product

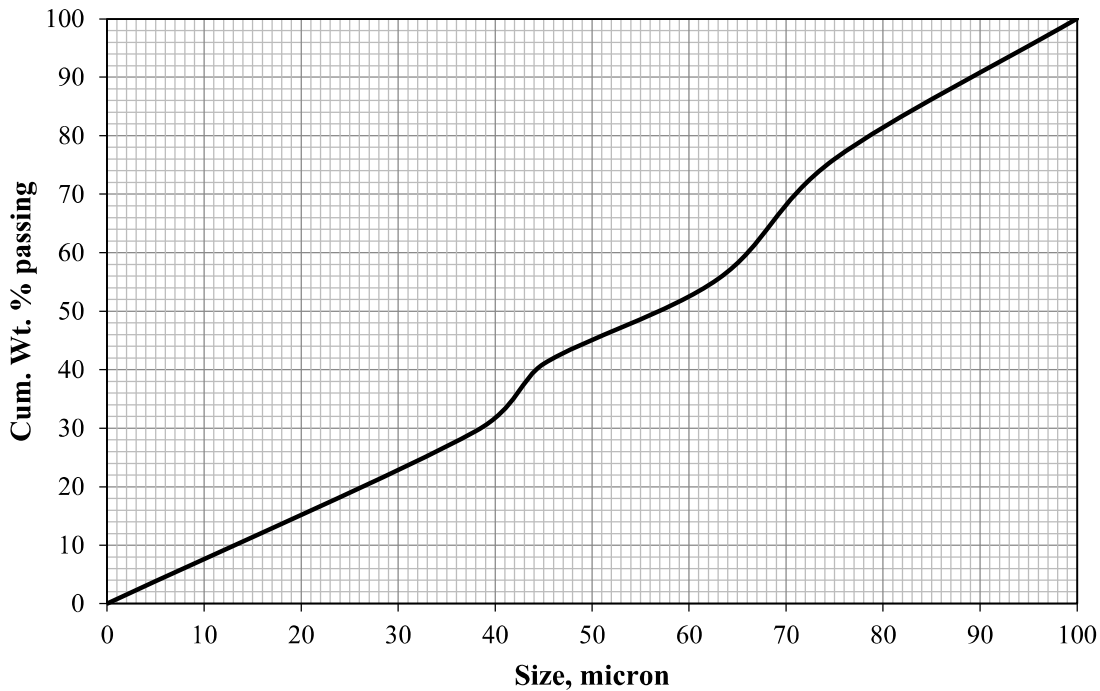
Size, micron	Cum Wt., % Passing
100	100.00
75	76.00
63	55.50
45	41.00
38	29.50

**Table 3.10**  
Results of gram per revolution

No. of revolutions	100micron produced (g)	100micron in the feed (g)	Net -100micron produced (g)	Grindability (g/rev.)
100	268	66	202	2.020
218	604	11.2	593	2.717
157	488	25.2	463	2.947
146	316	20.4	296	2.019
217	396	13.2	383	1.762
247	428	16.6	411	1.665
261	450	17.9	432	1.658
261	450	18.8	431	1.651
262	451	18.8	432	1.647
263	451	18.9	432	1.644



**Fig. 3.4** Particle size distribution of feed



**Fig. 3.5** Particle size distribution of product

### 3.6 Bulk Density

Bulk density is the weight of material in air per unit volume. It is measured by the help of a square sized metal container having length of each side 300 mm. Bulk density is evaluated by weighing a precisely measured known volume of ore sample. Natural moisture content is determined as per IS: 2720 (part 2) -1973. The bulk density of -10 mm sized sample is  $1.982 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and its bulk density after being tapped is  $3.178 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

### 3.7 Beneficiation Studies

The beneficiation study of the iron ore sample was carried out based on their mineralogy. According to size analysis studies, it contains good number of fine particles which may be iron phase minerals along with clay particles. In general, the fine clay particles are coated on the surface of the coarse particles. These clay minerals are responsible to increase the viscosity of slurry due to their swelling characteristics during the beneficiation process. Hence, it is essential to remove at the beginning of the process by scrubbing technique and discard as the reject. Hence the remaining materials can be processes smoothly for up-gradation of iron values by physical beneficiation. As it contains 12.96% of below 45

microns and the top size is below 10mm, hence for attrition of particles, screw scrubber process is most suitable. This equipment also classifies simultaneously the fine particles in a single stage. The laboratory screw scrubber was used for desliming the slime particles at the feed rate of 200 kg/hr using water to solid ratio of 70:30. The screw scrubber gives two products i.e., overflow (slimes) and underflow (coarse particles). The sample was fed to the screw scrubber. The Fe content of scrubber underflow could be achieved to 62.47% with overall yield of 80.90% and overflow fraction contained 53.61% Fe with overall yield of 19.10%. The result of screw scrubber is given in the Table 3.11. The result shows that screw scrubber underflow is one of the final product and overflow need to be further processed. Attempt was made to enhance the grade of scrubber underflow by further process.

**Table 3.11**  
Screw scrubber study of bulk sample

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	80.90	80.90	62.47	62.47
Overflow	19.10	100.00	53.61	60.78
Total	100.00		60.78	

The underflow of screw scrubber was further classified into two different size fractions viz. (-10+1mm, and -1mm). The Fe content of -10+1 mm size could be achieved to 62.64% with overall yield of 59.42%. The Fe content of -1 mm size could be achieved to 62.01% with overall yield of 21.48%. The result of classified sample is given in Table 3.12. The result shows -10+1 mm is having slightly more higher Fe value compared to -1mm size fraction.

**Table 3.12**  
Size classification of screw scrubber underflow

Size, mm	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
-10+1	59.42	59.42	62.64	62.64
-1	21.48	80.90	62.01	62.47
Total	80.90		62.47	

The -10+1 mm size fraction of sample was processed in the batch type laboratory jig (Supplied by All Minerals, Germany). In each batch around 50kg sample was taken during experiment. It is a hydraulic jig operated with pneumatic control pulsating system. The pulse frequency was kept 60 cycle per minute and air flow rate 0.3 to 0.4 bar. The screen

aperture used for bed was 1 mm size. After 30 minutes the material was collected from the chamber in layer by layer from top to bottom at particular thickness. The concentrate (Layer 1, Layer 2 and Layer 3) obtained by jigging of -10+1 mm fraction contains 63.19% Fe with yield of 65.79% and tailings contains 55.40% Fe with yield of 4.94 %. The jigging study of -10+1 mm sample is given in the Table 3.13.

**Table 3.13**  
Jigging study on -10+1 mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Layer 1	51.93	51.93	64.14	64.14
Layer 2	7.49	59.42	60.23	63.65
Layer 3	6.37	65.79	58.89	63.19
Layer 4	4.94	70.73	55.40	62.64
Total	59.42		62.44	

The -1 mm size samples was processed in the spiral concentrator. Roughing and cleaning operations were carried out to enrich the concentrate grade. In both operations of roughing and scavenging, 30% solid concentration was maintained. The capacity of spiral concentrator is 1 tonne per hour. The Fe content of rougher concentrate could be achieved to 63.22% with overall yield of 18.13%. The Fe contains of scavenging concentrate, scavenging tailings and tailing fines could achieved 60.18%, 59.17% and 52.33% with overall yield of 3.36 %, 2.53 % 0.90% respectively. The result of spiral concentrator is given in the Table 3.14.

**Table 3.14**  
Spiral study of -1mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Rougher Concentrate	18.13	18.13	63.22	63.22
Scavenging Concentrate	3.36	21.48	60.18	62.75
Scavenging Tailings	2.53	24.01	59.17	62.37
Tailing Fines	0.90	24.91	52.33	62.01
Total	21.48		62.01	

The -10+1 mm size was further classified in two different size fractions viz. (-10+5 mm, and -5+1mm). The Fe content of -10+5 mm size could be achieved to 63.12% with overall yield of 30.17%. The Fe content of -5+1 mm size could be achieved to 62.14% with overall yield of 29.25 %. The result of classified sample is given in Table 3.15.

**Table 3.15**  
Size classification of -10+1 mm fraction

Size, mm	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
-10+5	30.17	30.17	63.12	63.12
-5+1	29.25	59.42	62.14	62.64
Total	59.42		62.64	

The -10+5 mm and -5+1 mm size fraction of samples were processed in the batch type laboratory jig. In each batch around 50kg sample was taken for experiment. The pulse frequency was kept 60 cycle per minute and air flow rate 0.3 to 0.4 bar. The screen aperture used for bed was 1 mm size. After 30 minute the material was collected from the chamber in layers from top to bottom at particular thickness. The concentrate (Layer 1, Layer 2 and Layer 3) obtained by jigging of -10+5 mm fraction contains 62.74% Fe with yield of 28.06% and tailings contains 53.23% Fe with yield of 2.11%. The jigging study of -10+5 mm sample is given in Table 3.16. The concentrates (Layer 1, Layer 2 and Layer 3) obtained by jigging of -5+1 mm fraction contains 62.74 % Fe with yield of 27.41 % and tailings contains 53.23% Fe with yield of 1.84%. The jigging study of -5+1 mm sample is given in Table 3.17.

**Table 3.16**  
Jigging study on -10+5 mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Layer 1	22.15	22.15	64.12	64.12
Layer 2	3.19	25.35	60.08	63.26
Layer 3	2.72	28.06	59.07	62.74
Layer 4	2.11	30.17	53.23	62.14
Total	30.17		62.14	

**Table 3.17**  
Jigging study on -5+1 mm size fraction material

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Layer 1	18.89	18.89	64.12	64.12
Layer 2	5.09	23.98	60.08	63.26
Layer 3	3.43	27.41	59.07	62.74
Layer 4	1.84	29.25	53.23	62.14
Total	29.25		62.14	

The overflow of screw scrubber is to be deslimed by hydrocyclone to remove the ultrafine gangue minerals directly. The screw scrubber overflow sample was fed to the rougher hydrocyclone. The hydrocyclone gives two products i.e., overflow (very ultrafine slimes particle) and underflow (fine coarse particles). The Fe content of hydrocyclone underflow could be achieved to 57.52% Fe with overall yield of 11.33% and overflow fraction contained 47.90% Fe with overall yield of 7.77%. The rougher hydrocyclone overflow sample was fed to the scavenging hydrocyclone at the density 1040 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Fe content of scavenger hydrocyclone underflow could be achieved to 54.45% Fe with overall yield of 1.26% and overflow fraction contained 46.63% Fe with overall yield of 6.51%. The rougher and scavenging hydrocyclone study are given in Table 3.18 and 3.19.

**Table 3.18**

Rougher hydrocyclone study of screw scrubber overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	11.33	11.33	57.52	57.52
Overflow	7.77	19.10	47.90	53.61
Total	19.10		53.61	

**Table 3.19**

Scavenging hydrocyclone study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	1.26	1.26	54.45	54.45
Overflow	6.51	7.77	46.63	47.90
Total	7.77		47.90	

If the overflow of hydrocyclone contains ultrafine hematite particles and are not the discardable, then the screw scrubber overflow will be beneficiated directly using WHIMS/HGMS.

The rougher and scavenging hydrocyclone underflow were blended together and given in Table 3.20. The blended material fed to LONGI. The intensity of magnetic separator (Longi) having 12000 gauss in pilot scale. The result of rougher LONGI study is given in the Table 3.21. The Fe content of the rougher magnetic fraction could be enhanced to 62.15% Fe with overall yield of 8.22%. The rougher middling could be achieved 57.44% Fe with overall Yield of 1.00 % and non-magnetic fraction from rougher tailings contains 45.10% Fe with overall yield of 3.37%. The rougher tailings of LONGI was further fed to scavenger stage of LONGI. The Fe content of the scavenging magnetic fraction could be

enhanced to 56.39% Fe with overall yield of 1.00%. The scavenging middling contains 44.79% Fe with overall Yield of 0.26% and non-magnetic fraction from scavenging tailings contains 39.79%Fe with overall yield of 2.11%. The result of scavenger LONGI is given in the Table 3.22.

**Table 3.20**  
Blending of hydrocyclone underflows

Details	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Rougher hydrocyclone underflow	11.33	11.33	57.52	57.52
Scavenging hydrocyclone underflow	1.26	12.59	54.45	57.21
Total	12.59		57.21	

**Table 3.21**  
LONGI study of blended product

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	8.22	8.22	62.15	62.15
Middling	1.00	9.22	57.44	61.64
Non-Mag	3.37	12.59	45.10	57.21
Total	12.59		57.21	

**Table 3.22**  
LONGI scavenging study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	1.00	1.00	56.39	56.39
Middling	0.26	1.26	44.79	54.00
Non-Mag	2.11	3.37	39.79	45.10
Total	3.37		45.10	

The overflow of hydrocyclone was fed to HGMS (supplied by LONGI). The magnetic intensity of LONGI is 12000 gauss. The feed density was kept at 1.06 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. The Fe content of the rougher magnetic fraction of LONGI could be achieved to 57.78 % Fe with overall yield of 1.81% whereas non-magnetic fraction contains 41.58% Fe with overall yield of 4.24 %. The rougher non-magnetic fraction was fed to the scavenging LONGI. The Fe content of the scavenging magnetic fraction of LONGI could be achieved to 43.21% Fe with overall yield of 0.82% and non-magnetic fraction contains 41.12% Fe with overall yield of 3.06%. The rougher and scavenging magnetic separation results are given in Table 3.23 and 3.24.

**Table 3.23**  
LONGI study of hydrocyclone overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	1.81	1.81	57.78	57.78
Middling	0.46	2.27	49.28	56.06
Non-Mag	4.24	6.51	41.58	46.63
Total	6.51		46.63	

**Table 3.24**  
LONGI scavenging study

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	0.82	0.82	43.21	43.21
Middling	0.35	1.18	41.76	42.78
Non-Mag	3.06	4.24	41.12	41.58
Total	4.24		41.58	

Based on the above study and considering on the quality and quantity on the final product, following process were carried out. The beneficiation study was carried out by using screw scrubbing of the ROM sample followed by the Magnetic separation of the screw scrubber overflow and scavenging magnetic separation of rougher non-magnetic fraction. The results are given in the Table 3.25 to Table 3.27. The overall product is given in the Table 3.28 and the overall reject is given in the Table 3.29. The process flowsheet is shown in Figure 3.7. The chemical analysis of the product and reject are given in Table 3.30 and 3.31 respectively.

**Table 3.25**  
Scrubbing study of bulk sample

Details	Wt., %	Cum Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Underflow	80.90	80.90	62.47	62.47
Overflow	19.10	100.00	53.61	60.78
Total	100.00		60.78	

**Table 3.26**  
Rougher magnetic separation study of screw scrubber overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	10.03	10.03	61.36	61.36
Middling	1.46	11.49	54.87	60.54
Non-Mag	7.61	19.10	43.14	53.60
Total	19.10		53.61	

**Table 3.26**

Rougher magnetic separation study of screw scrubber overflow

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	8.22	8.22	62.15	62.15
Middling	1.46	9.68	55.87	61.18
Non-Mag	9.42	19.10	45.80	53.61
Total	19.10		53.61	

**Table 3.27**

Scavenging magnetic separation study of rougher non-magnetic fraction

Details	Wt., %	Cum. Wt., %	Fe, %	Cum. Fe, %
Mag	2.81	2.81	58.66	58.66
Middling	0.61	3.42	45.66	56.34
Non-Mag	7.46	10.88	42.94	47.15
Total	10.88		47.15	

**Table 3.28**

Overall products

Details	Wt., %	Fe, %
Screw Scrubber underflow	80.90	62.47
Rougher MS Conc.	8.22	62.15
Scavenger MS Conc.	2.81	58.66
Total	91.93	62.32

**Table 3.29**

Overall rejects

Details	Wt., %	Fe, %
Scavenger Middling	0.61	45.66
Scavenger Tailings	7.46	42.94
Total	8.07	43.15

**Table 3.30**

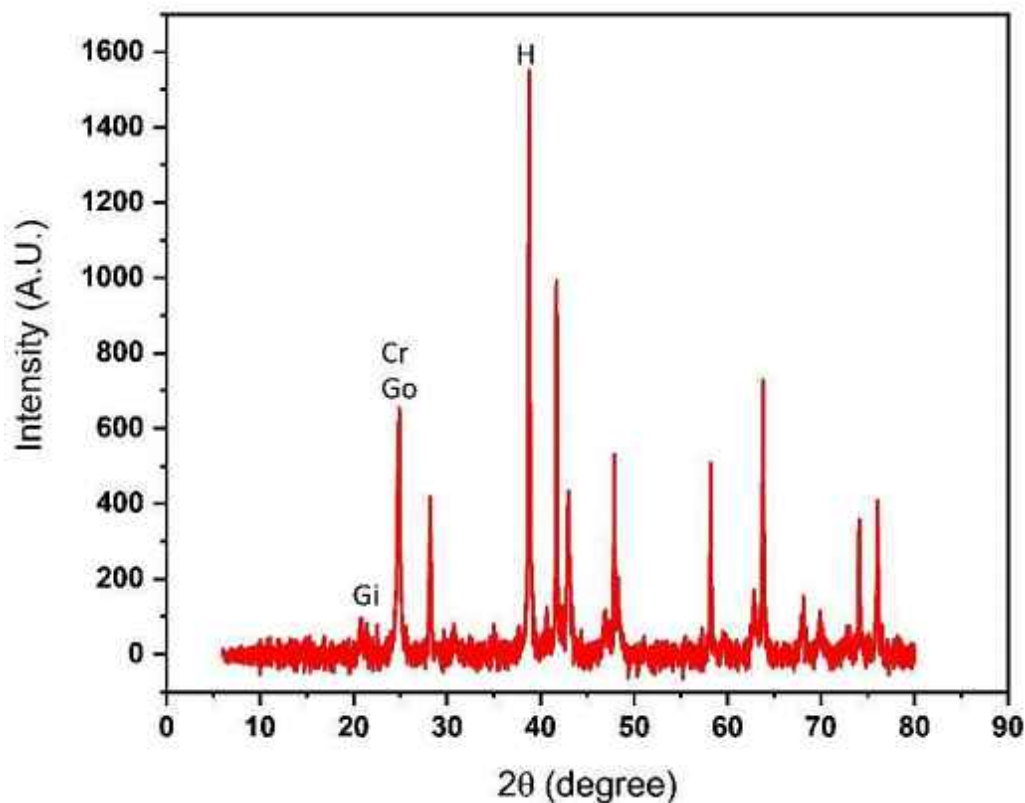
Chemical analysis of the product

Details	Scrubber Underflow	Rougher Mag.	Scavenger Mag.	Overall Product
Fe (T)	62.47	62.15	58.66	62.32
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	89.33	88.87	83.88	89.12
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.75	1.9	3.29	1.81
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	2.74	3.41	6.58	2.92
LOI	5.85	5.79	6.23	5.86

**Table 3.31**  
Chemical analysis of the reject

Details	Percentage
Fe (T)	43.00
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	61.49
SiO <sub>2</sub>	13.72
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	17.70
LOI	7.01

XRD study was carried out on the product sample to determine the major minerals present in the samples. The XRD results is shown in Fig. 3.6. It indicates that the product sample have hematite as the major mineral phase and other minor minerals are quartz, goethite, cristobalite and quartz.



H: Hematite, Go: Goethite, Gi: Gibbsite, Cr: Cristobalite

**Fig. 3.6** XRD study of product sample

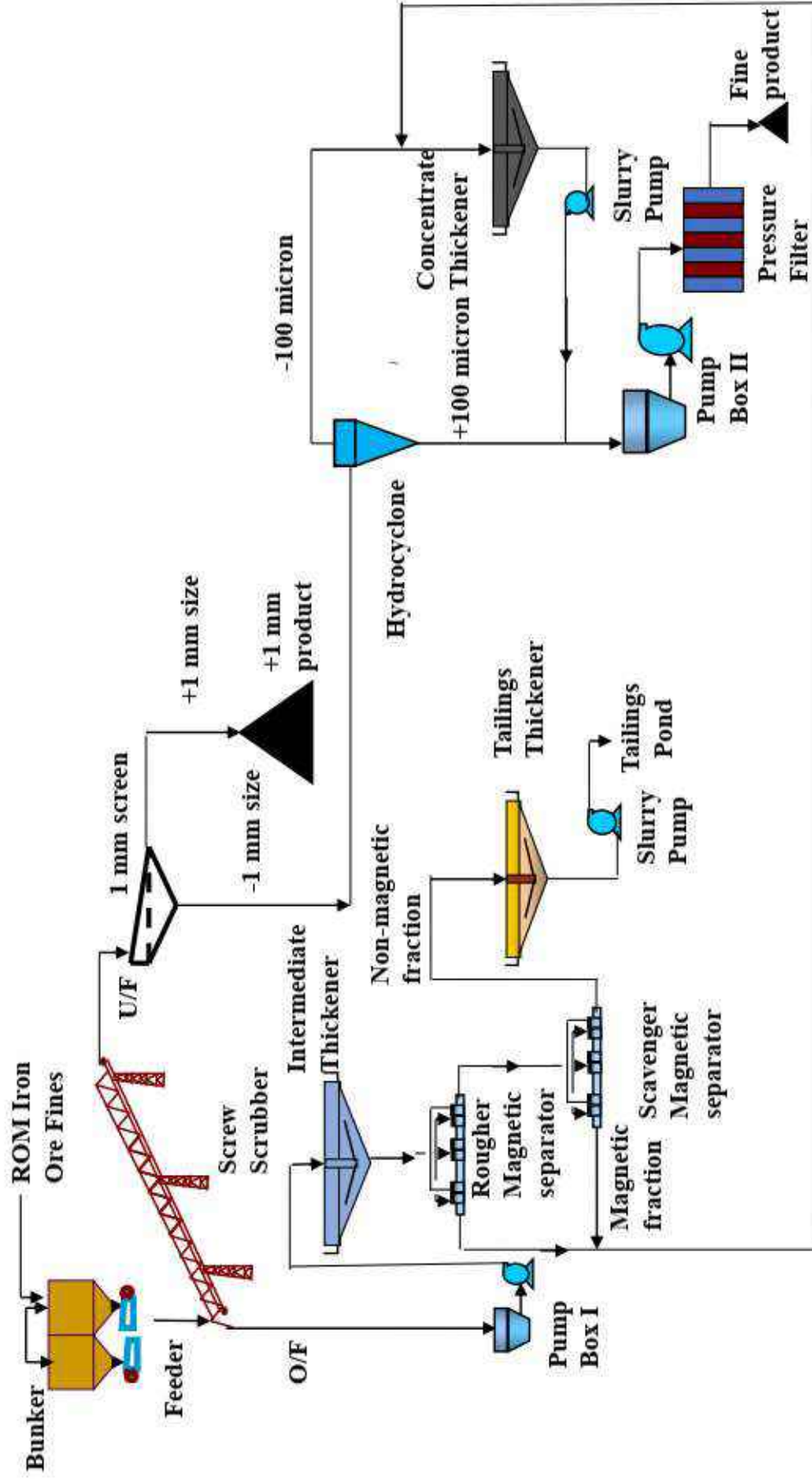


Fig. 3.7 Process flowsheet for washing of low-grade iron ore of Narayanposhi

### 3.8 Pressure Filtration Study

The pressure filtration study of magnetic separation concentrate and tailings were carried out by using Diemme Filter press and the results are given in Table 3.32 and 3.33. The pressure filter used for experiment is shown in Fig. 3.8.



**Fig. 3.8** Pilot scale pressure filter set up

**Table 3.32**

Pressure filtration result of magnetic separation concentrate

Parameters	Exp. 1
Solid % in feed	60
Feeding time, min	15
Feeding pressure, bar	6
Air purging time, min	7.5
Air purging pressure, bar	8
Squeezing time, min	7.5
Squeezing pressure, bar	11
Total filtration time, min	30
Weight of cake (Wet), Kg	45.5
Cake Thickness, mm	20
Filtrate (water)	30
Cake moisture, %	17.2

**Table 3.33**

Pressure filtration result of magnetic separation tailings

<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Exp. 1</b>
Solid % in feed	32
Feeding time, min	15
Feeding pressure, bar	7
Air purging time, min	10
Air purging pressure, bar	8
Squeezing time, min	10
Squeezing pressure, bar	13
Total filtration time, min	35
Cake Thickness, mm	18.0
Cake moisture, %	21.8

### **3.9 Settling Studies**

#### **3.9.1 Materials Preparation**

After processing of the iron ore, the tailing and concentrate samples were taken for the settling study to provide the basic data for design of thickeners for tailings and concentrate.

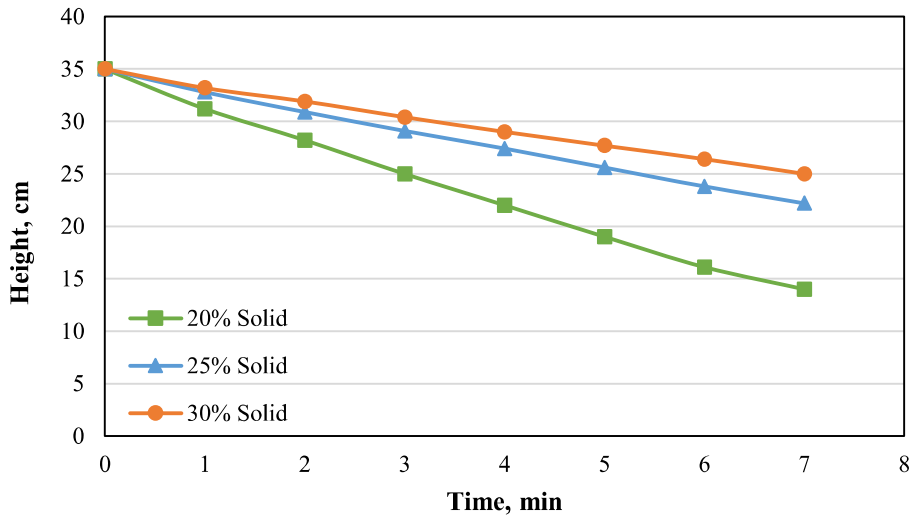
#### **3.9.2 Experimental Method**

The settling study was carried out in a graduated measuring cylinder of 1 liter capacity. Different solid concentration like 20% to 30% in increment of 5% of concentrate and 5% to 10% in the increment of 2.5% tailing samples are prepared. The pH of the concentrate sample was maintained at 6.5 and the pH of tailing is also 6.5. This is due to pH as the received in the process. The interface height was observed against the time intervals. The interface level with respect to time was recorded in each case.

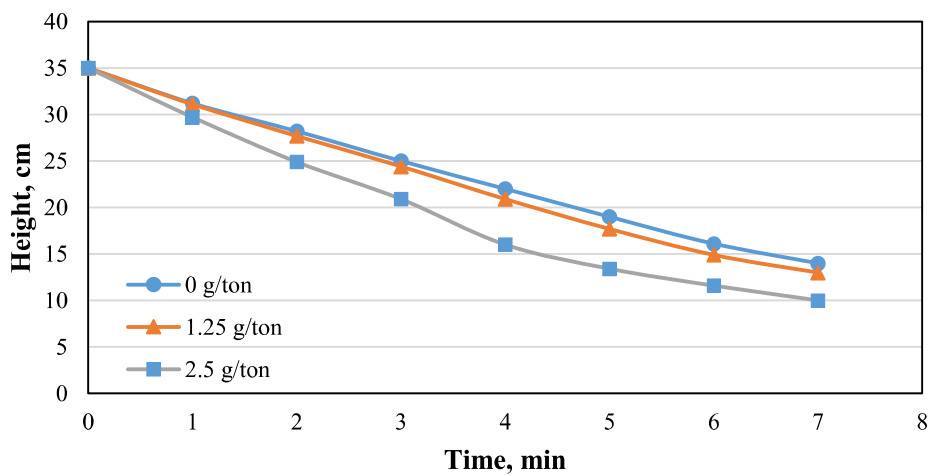
#### **3.9.3 Results and Discussion**

The settling study was carried out on concentrate sample at different solids concentration of 20%, 25% and 30%. The pH of the sample was kept at 6.5 as the sample was received from the process at the same pH. The results of experiments were shown in Figures 3.9 to 3.12. It has been observed that the settling rate decreases with increasing of solid percentage. In case of 20% of solid concentration, the settling rate is 1.5 m/hr. Different doses of flocculent was used to enhance the settling rate of solid. Very low doses of

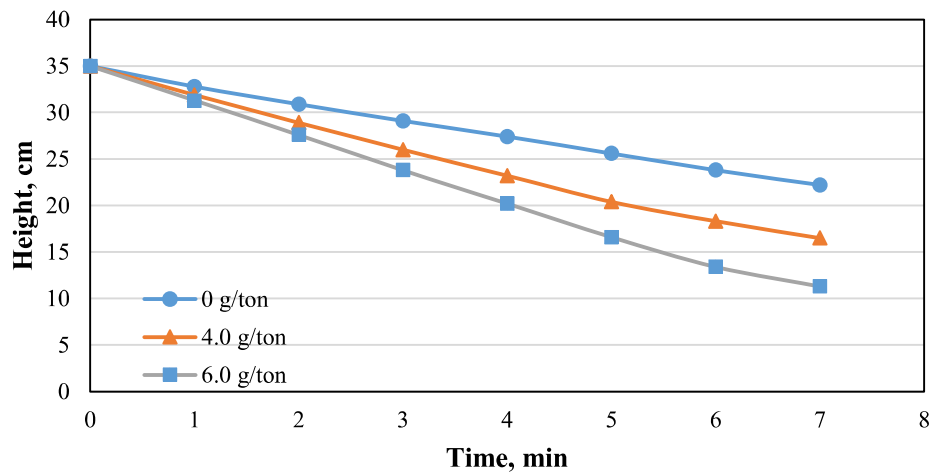
flocculent is required at lower solid concentration to get satisfactory results to design the conventional thickener. At higher solid concentration, the flocculent dosage requirement is little high.



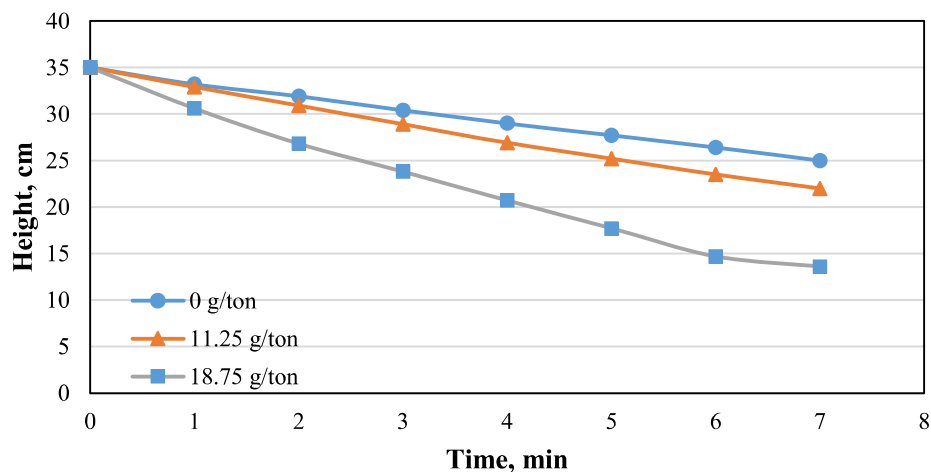
**Fig. 3.9** Settling study of iron ore concentrate at different solid concentration



**Fig. 3.10** Iron ore concentrate settling study at 20% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent



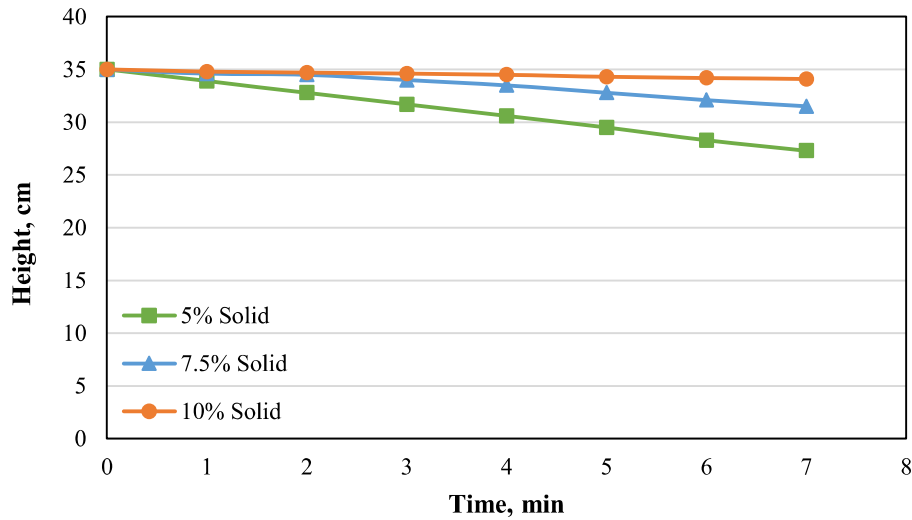
**Fig. 3.11** Iron ore concentrate settling study of 25% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent.



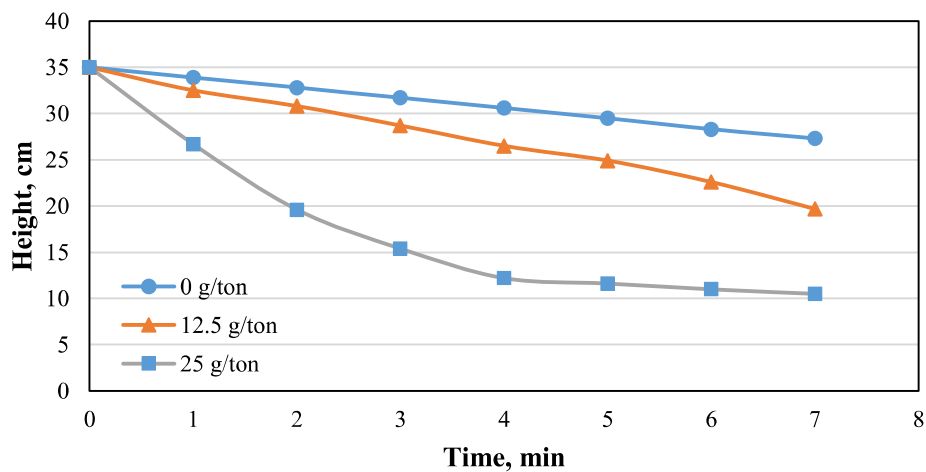
**Fig. 3.12** Iron ore concentrate settling study of 30% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent.

Similarly settling studies of iron ore tailings were carried out at different concentration of 5%, 7.5% and 10%. The tests were carried out without and with addition of flocculent. The tests results are shown in Figure 3.13 to 3.16. It has been observed that the settling rate decreases with increasing of solid percentage. In case of 5% of solid concentration, the settling rate is 2 m/hr whereas in case 15 %, the settling rate is 0.8 m/hr. The flocculent rate was varied from 6.52 gm/tonne to 30 gm/tonne of solid. The settling rate with flocculent is very high at lower solid concentration. It indicates that after 5% solid concentration, the

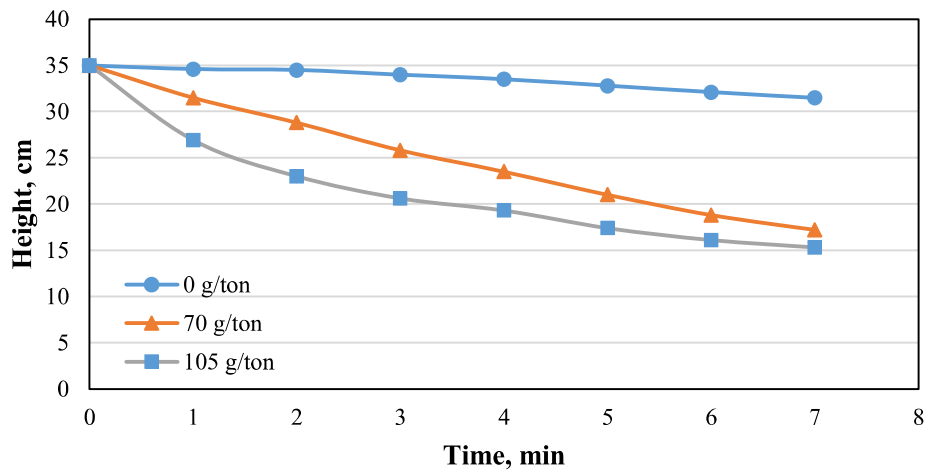
flocculent may require at lower dosage to enhance the settling rate. At higher solid concentration, the flocculent dosage requirement is high. At 10% solid concentration, the settling rate is very poor even after adding the flocculent.



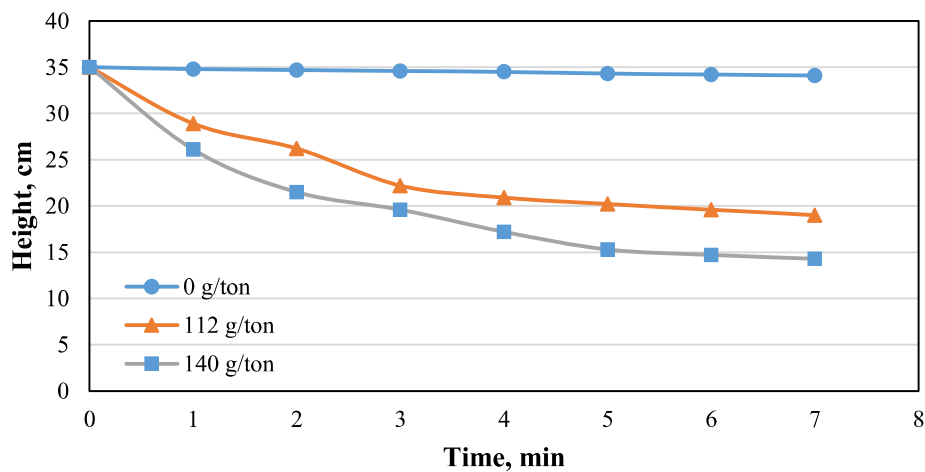
**Fig. 3.13** Iron ore tailings settling study of different solid concentration



**Fig. 3.14** Iron ore tailings settling study at 5% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent



**Fig. 3.15** Iron ore tailings settling study at 7.5% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent



**Fig. 3.16** Iron ore tailings settling study at 10% solid concentration with different doses of flocculent

### 3.10 Conclusions

The results of settling studies indicate the following observations;

1. The settling rate in case of tailings sample is very slow due to presence of ultra-fine clay minerals. Because of its surface charge, those try to remain in dispersion mode. The flocculent helps to neutralize the surface charge and make agglomerates the ultra-fine particles, as a result, the settling rate enhances.



2. The settling rate for conventional thickener design is required around 20 cm within 5-6 minutes. The above results are matching these phenomena.
3. For concentrate sample, small dose of flocculants was required to be added as there was less clay mineral compared to the tailings.

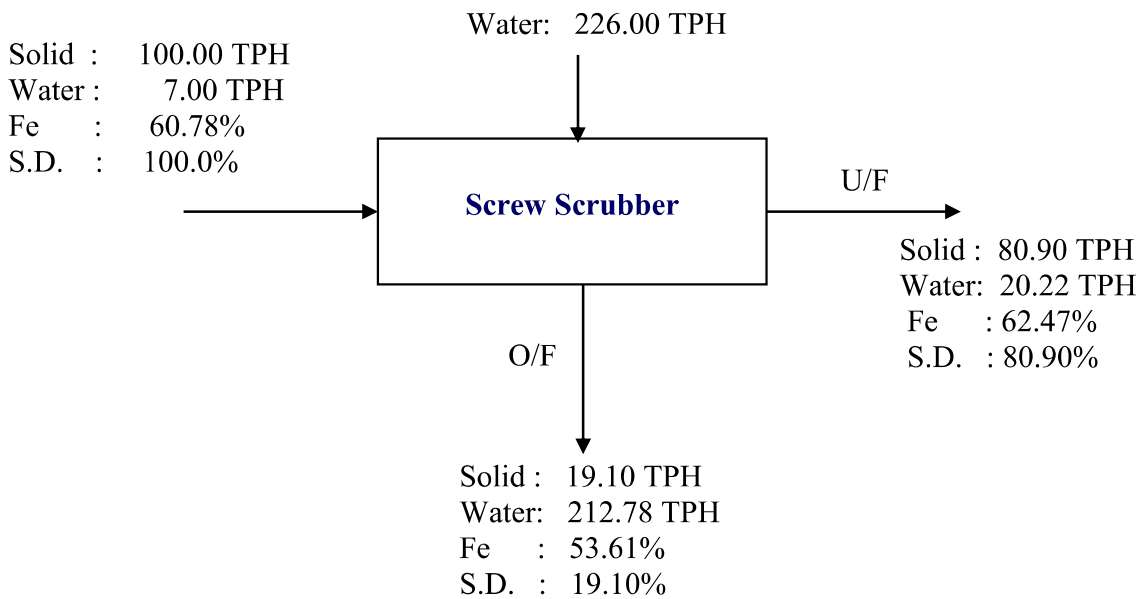
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## Annexure II.A

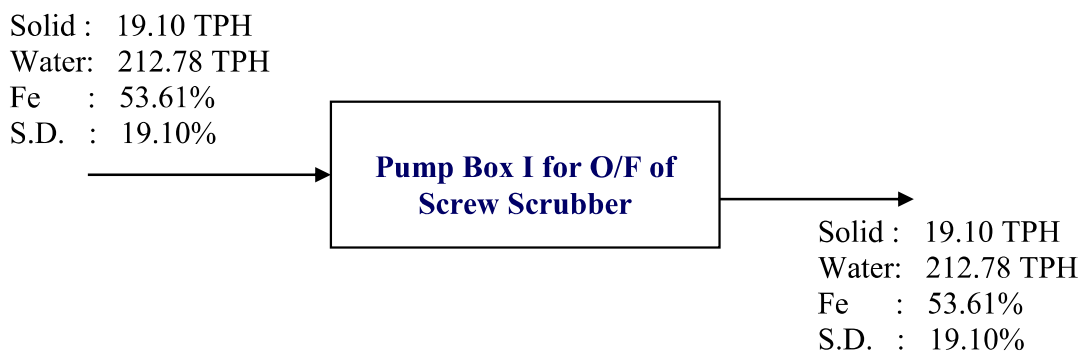
### Material Balance of Process (Narayanposhi Iron ore)

**Basis: 100 TPH**

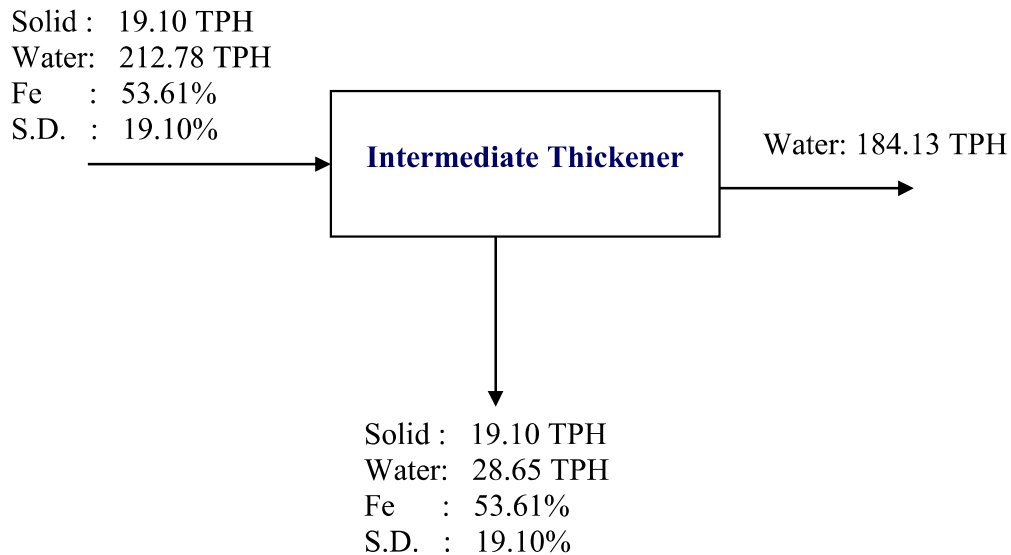
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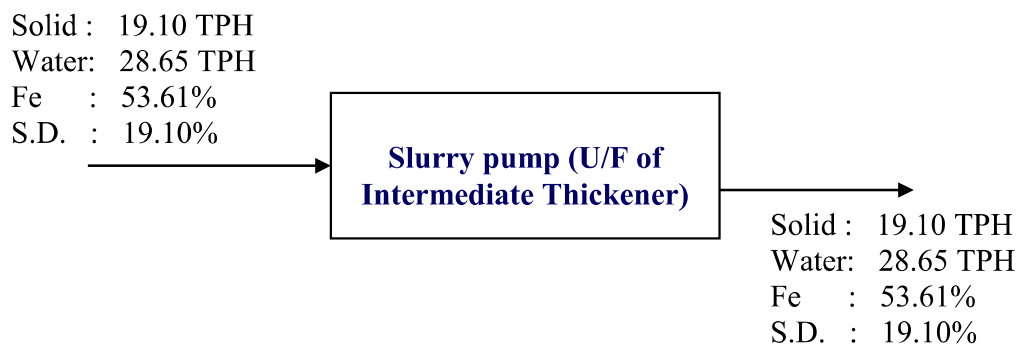
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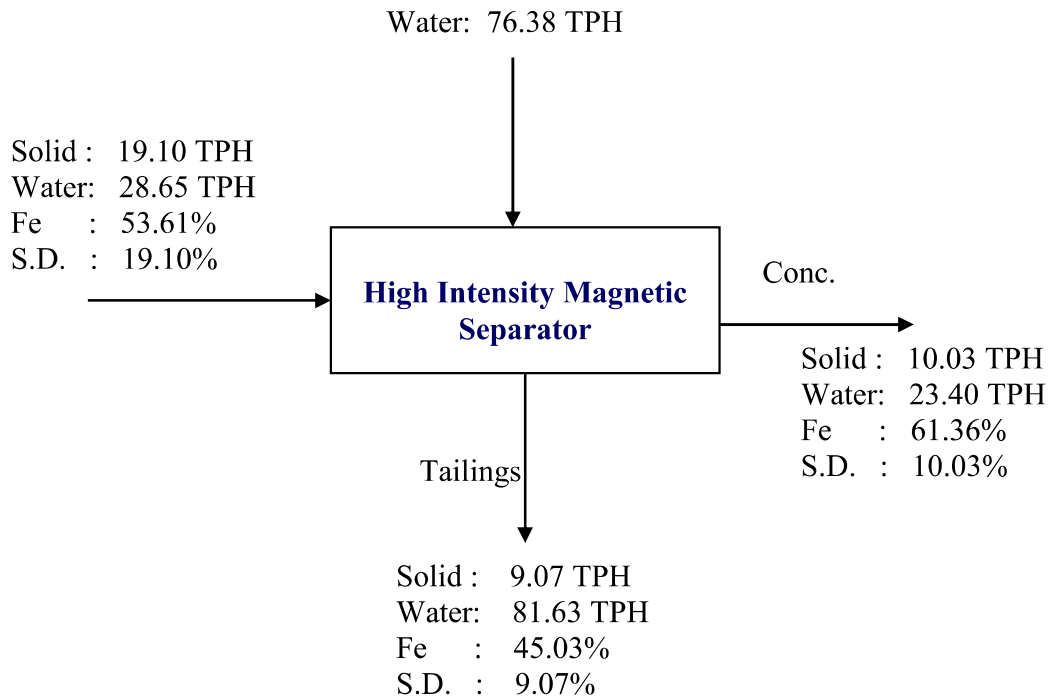
### 3. Intermediate Thickener



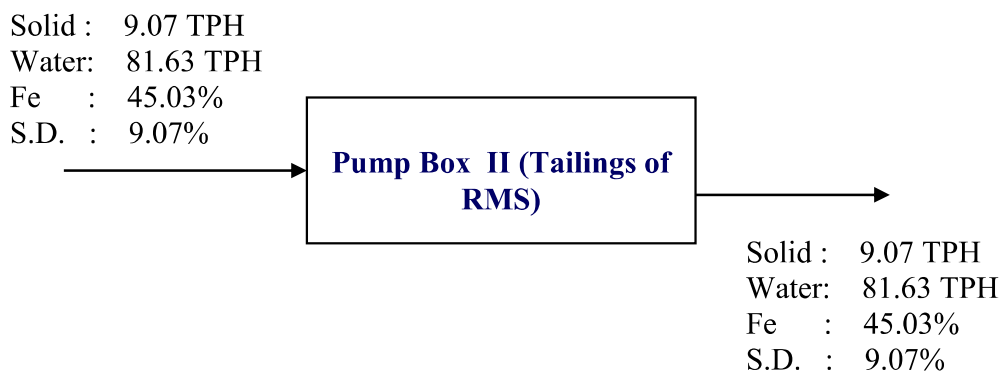
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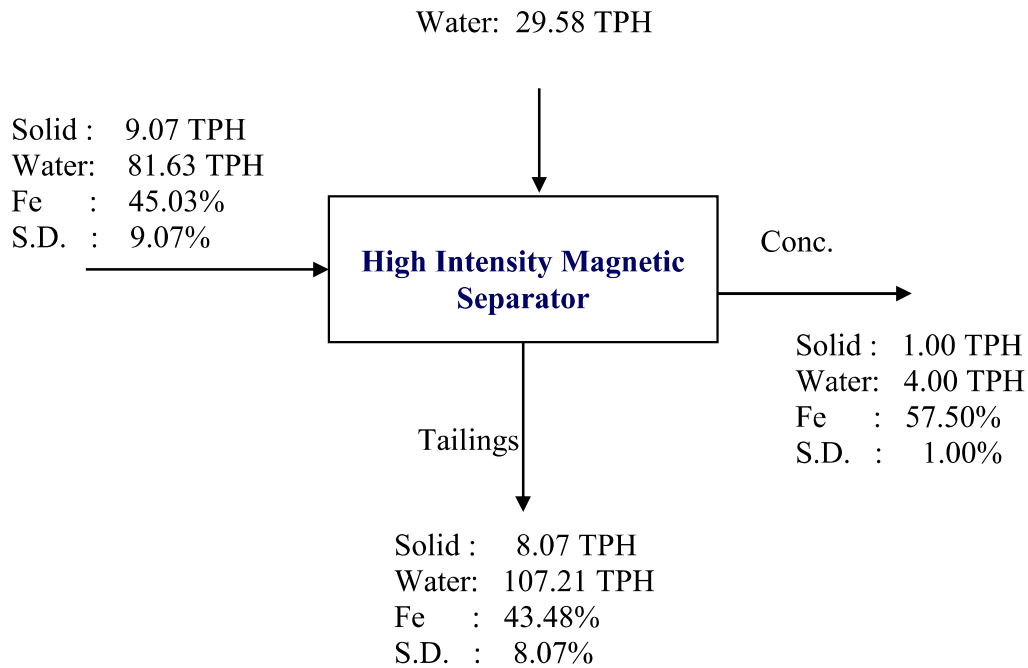
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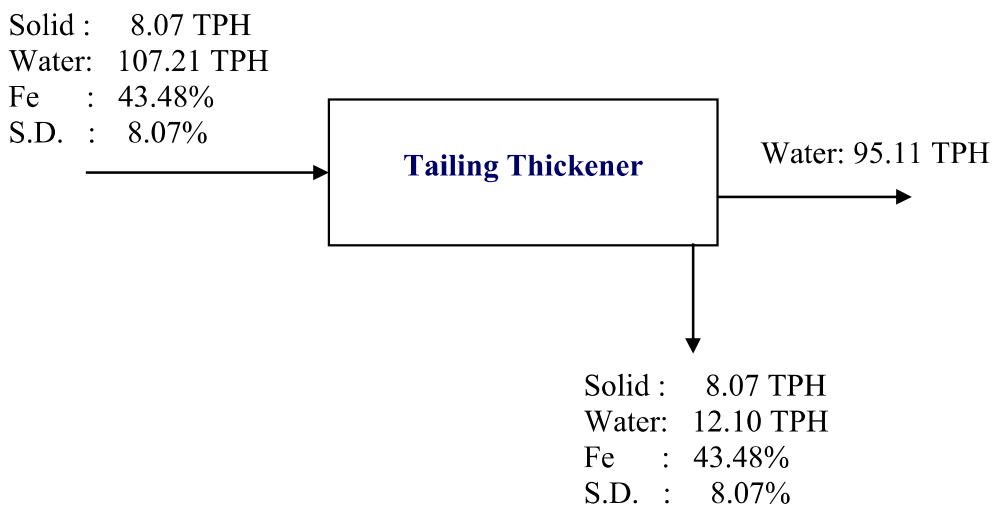
### 6. Pump Box II (Tailings of RMS)



## 7. High Intensity Scavenging Magnetic Separator

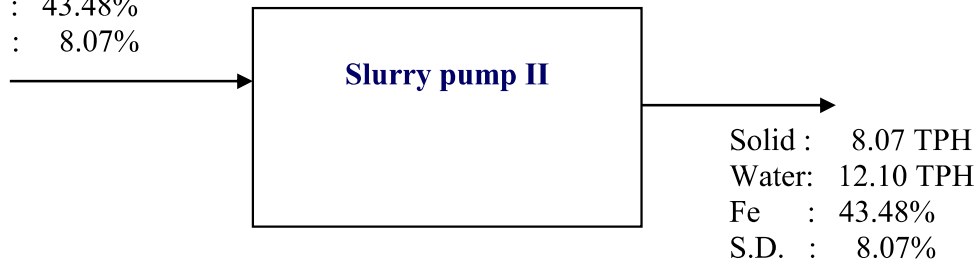


## 8. Tailing Thickener



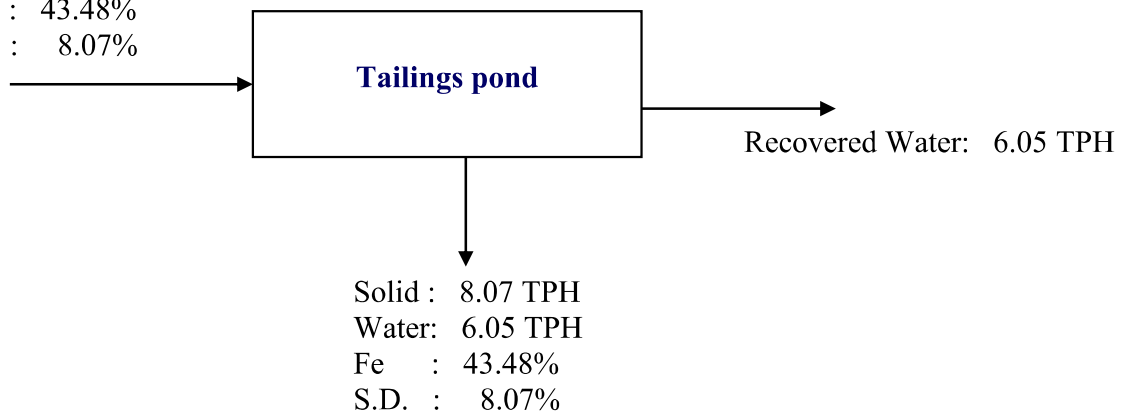
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Water: 12.10 TPH  
Fe : 43.48%  
S.D. : 8.07%

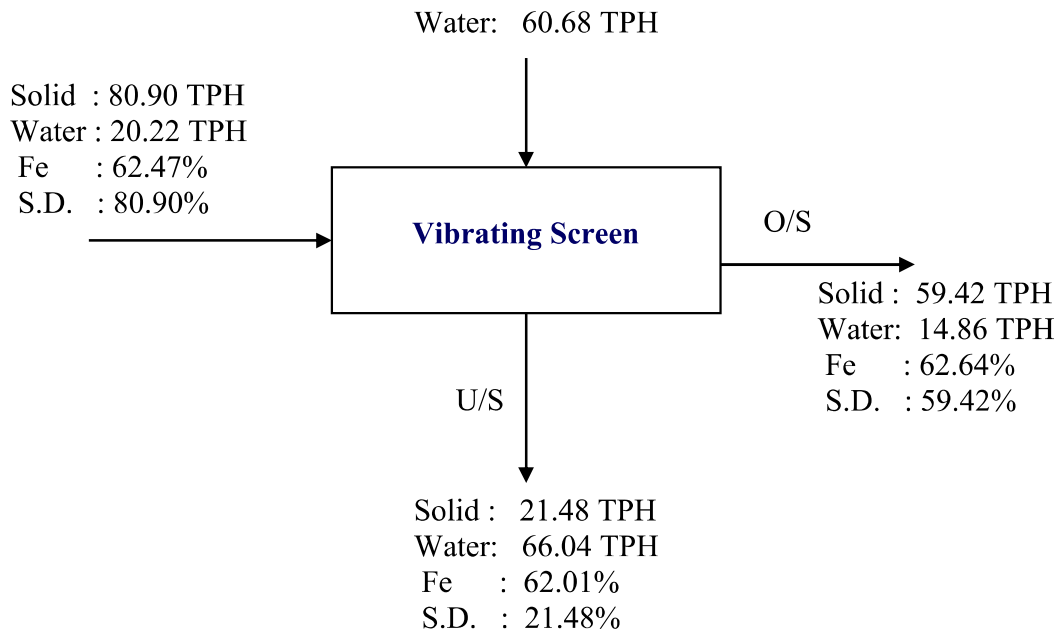


### 10. Tailings Pond

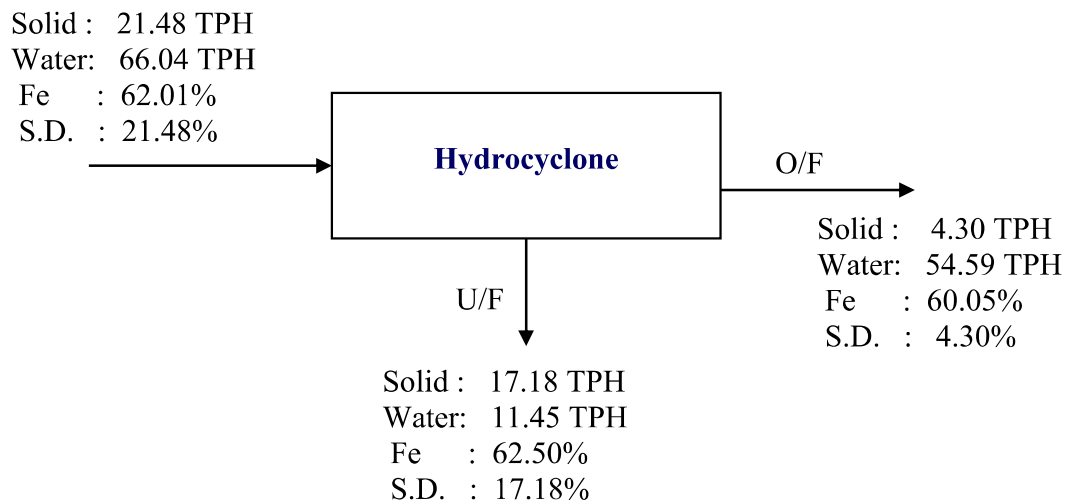
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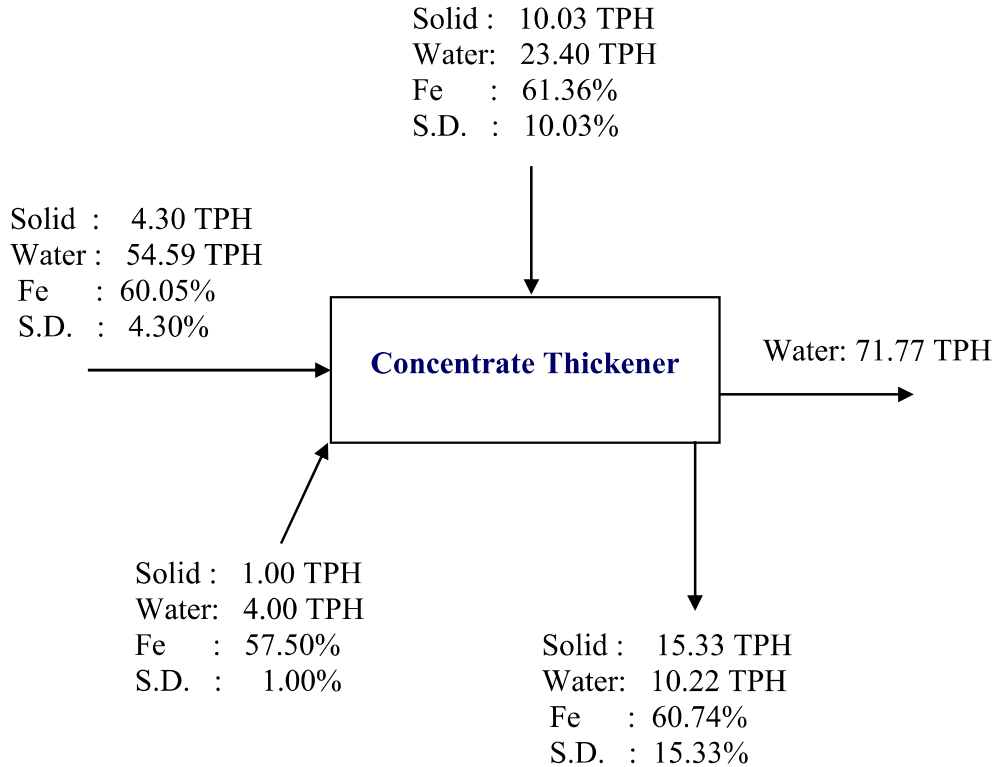
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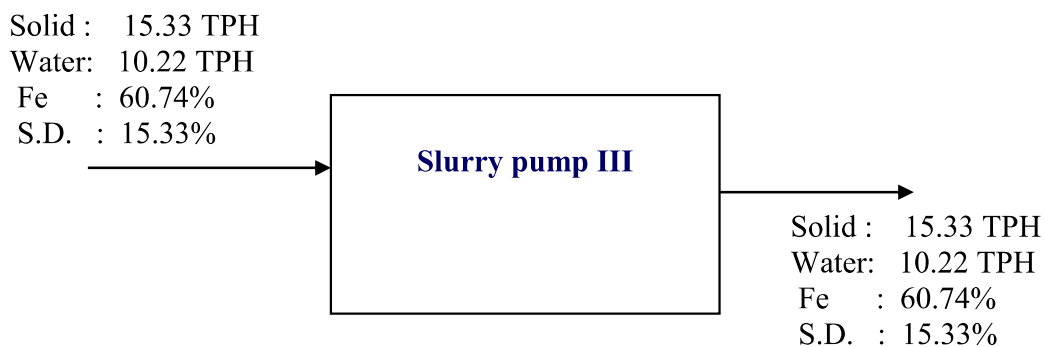
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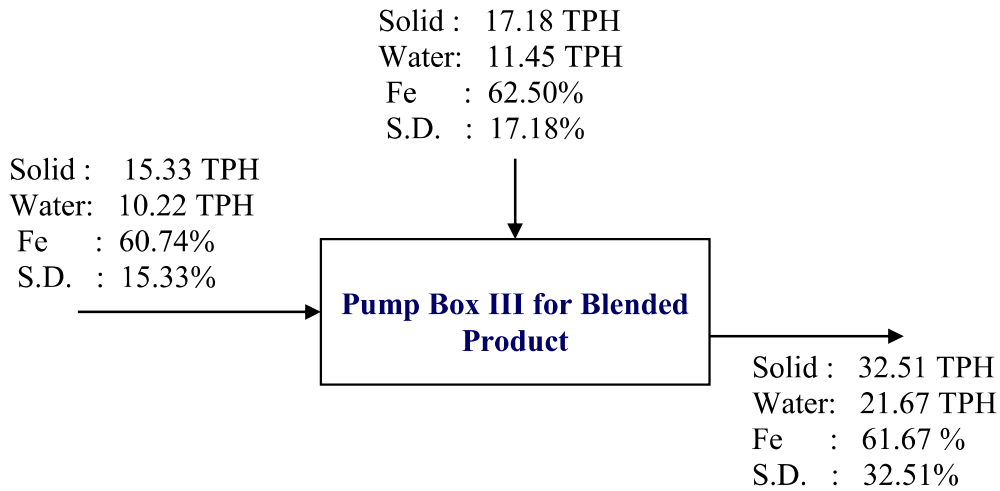
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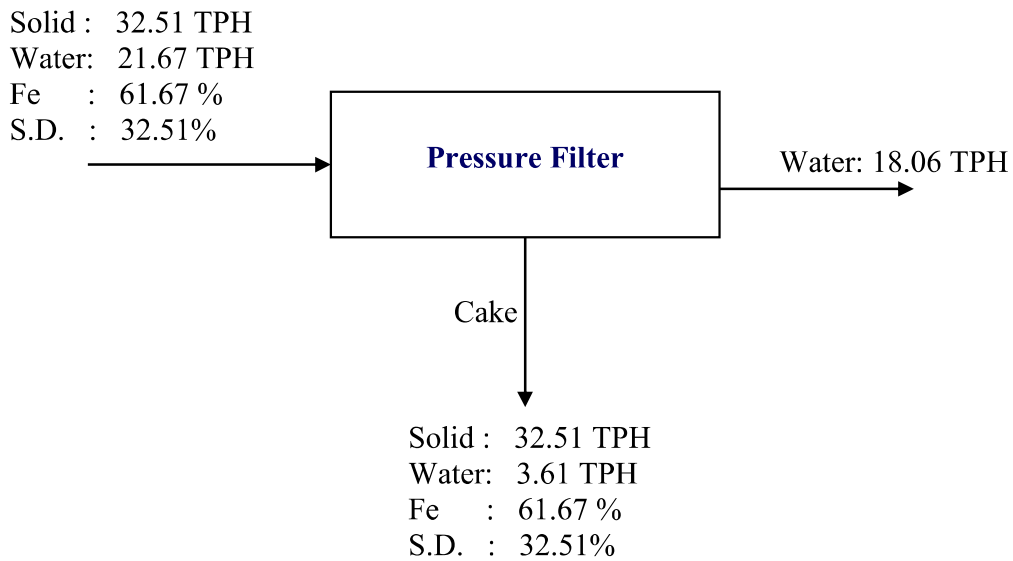
### 14. Slurry Pump III (Underflow of CT)



### 15. Pump Box III (Blended Product)



### 16. Pressure Filter



## Water Balance

### A. Water Handling

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water Addition, TPH
1	Bulk Sample	7.00
2	Screw Scrubber	226.00
3	Vibrating Screen	60.68
4	Rougher Magnetic Separator	76.38
5	Scavenger Magnetic Separator	29.58
<b>Total</b>		<b>399.64</b>

### B. Water Recovered

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water recovered, TPH
1	Intermediate Thickener	184.13
2	Concentrate Thickener	71.77
3	Pressure Filter	18.06
4	Tailings Thickener	95.11
5	Tailing Pond	6.05
<b>Total</b>		<b>375.12</b>

### C. Water Contains in Products

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water Contain, TPH
1	Pressure Filter	3.61
2	Vibrating screen	14.86
3	Tailing pond	6.05
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### D. Make up water

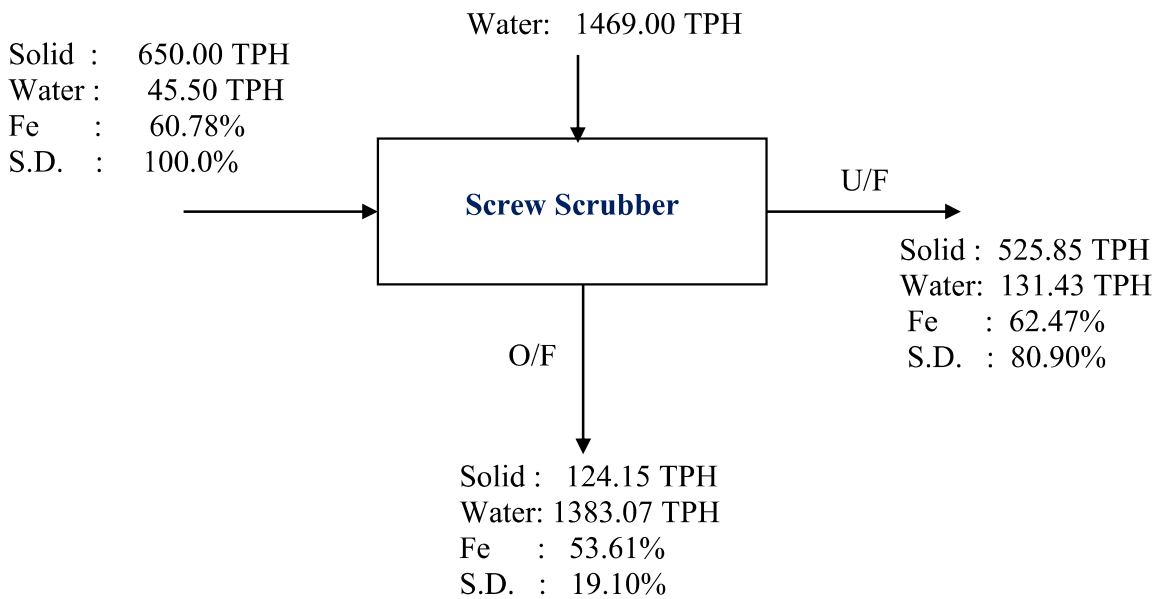
Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water Contain, TPH
1	Water content in products	18.47
2	Water content in tailings	6.05
3	1% of handling loss	4.00
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## Annexure II.B

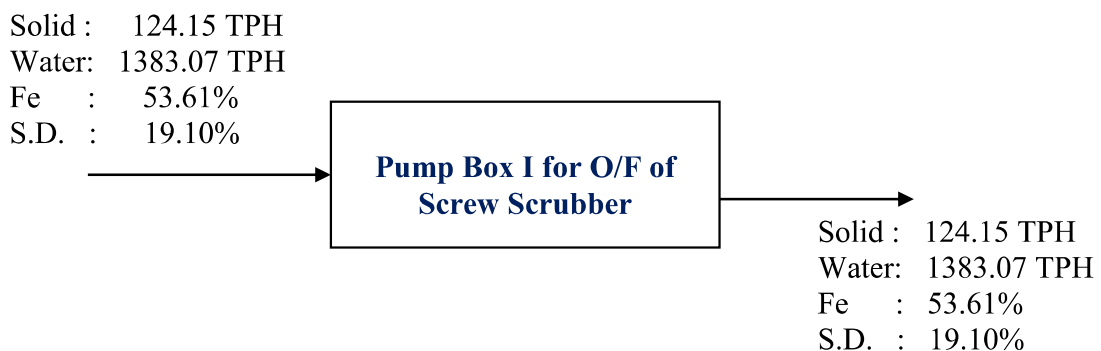
### Material Balance of Process (Narayanposhi Iron ore)

**Basis: 650 TPH**

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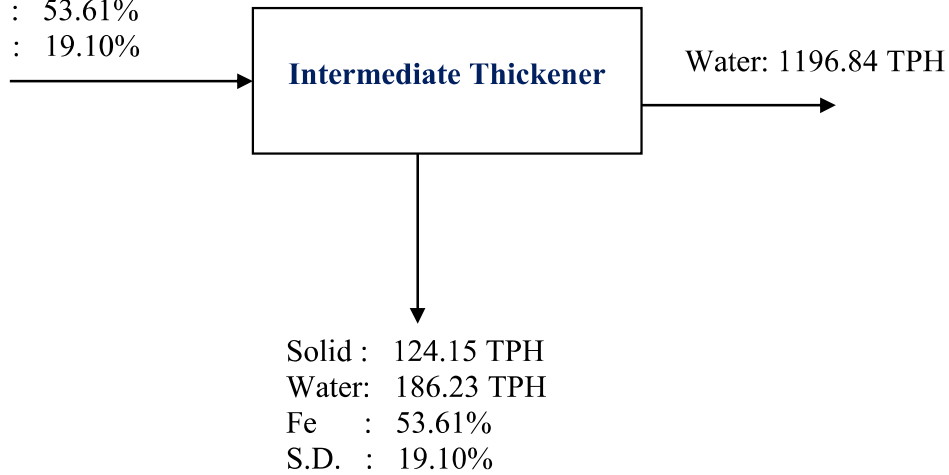


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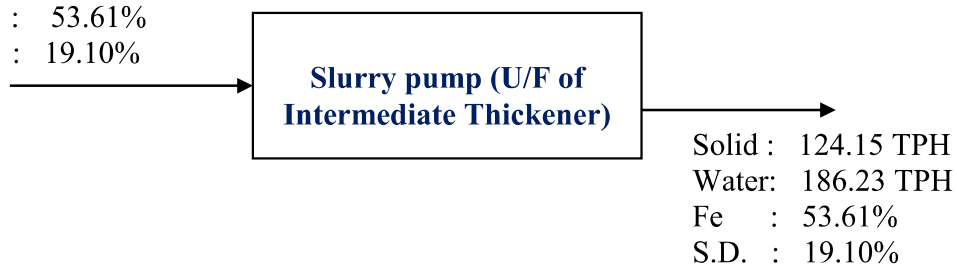
### 3. Intermediate Thickener

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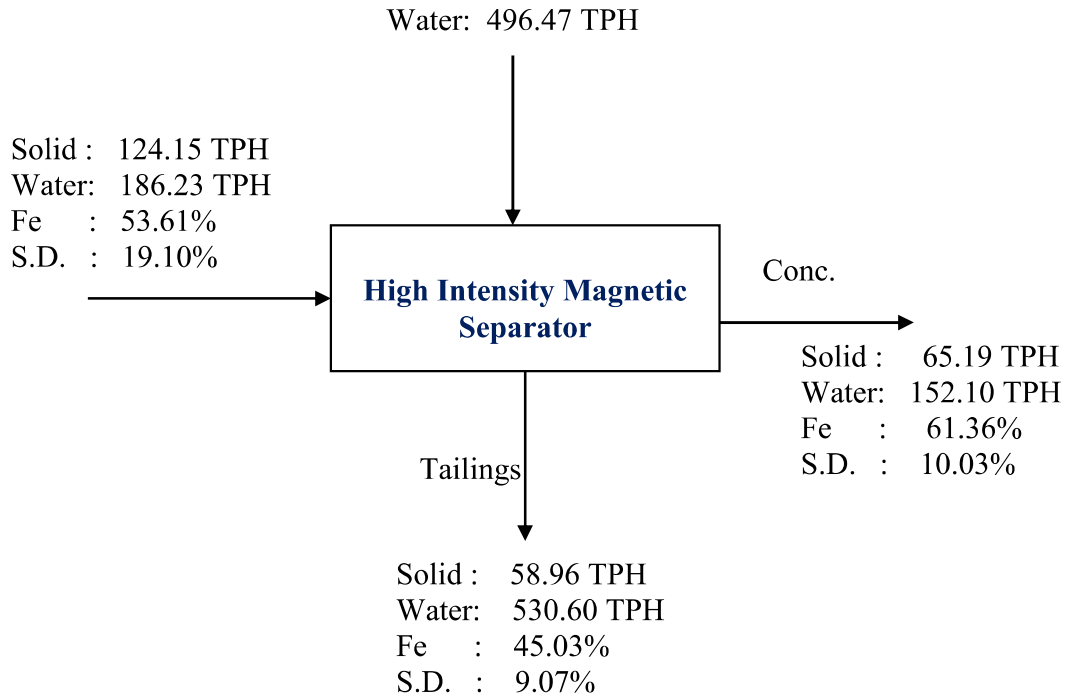


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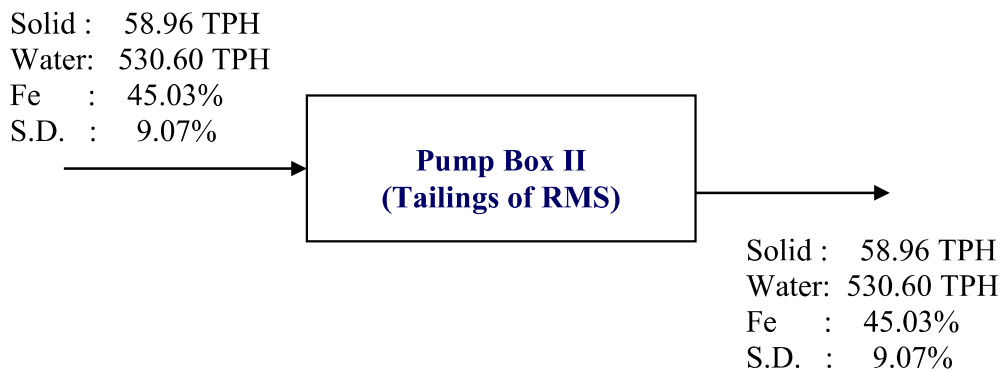
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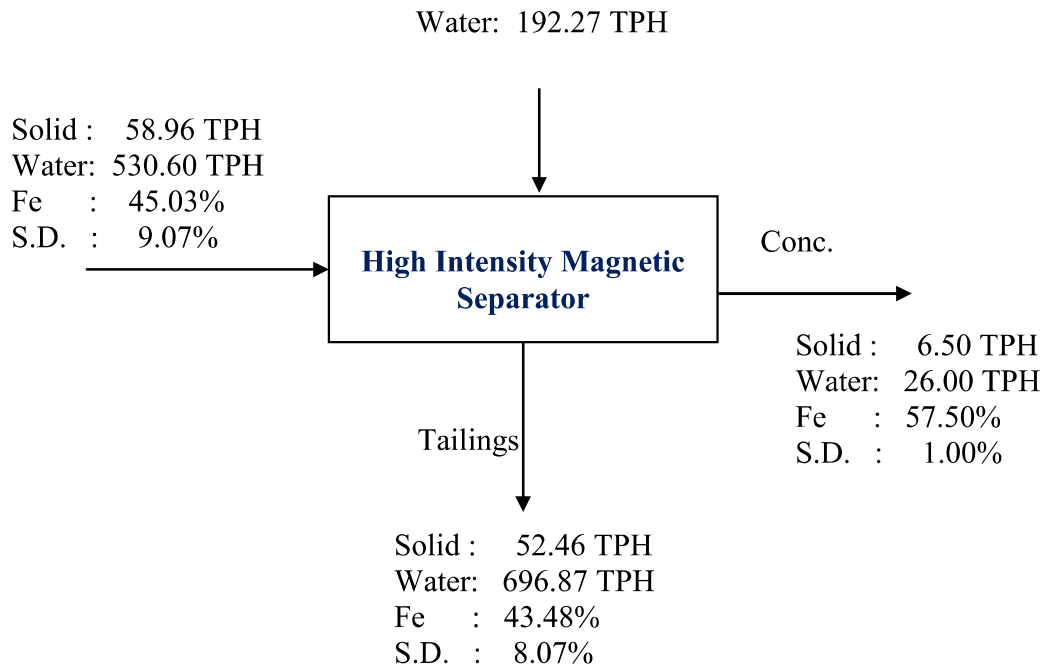
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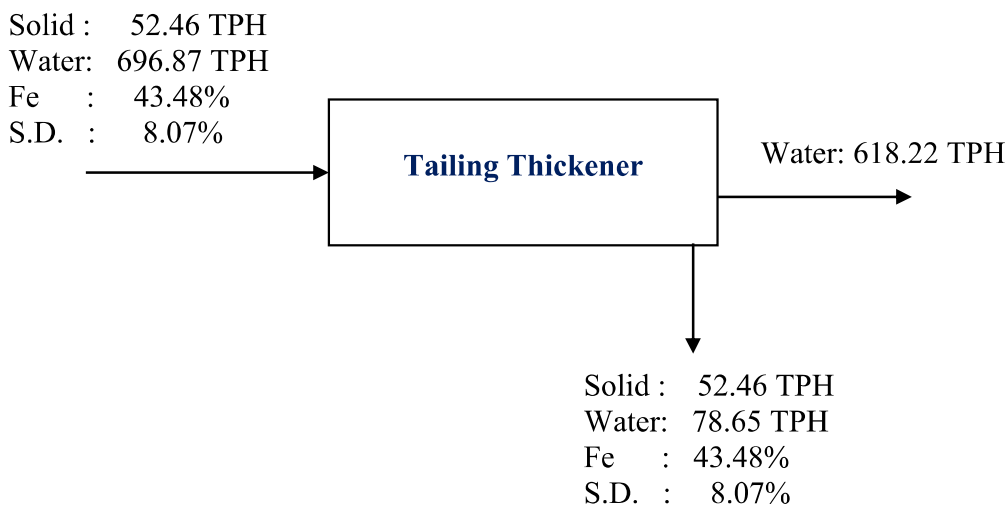
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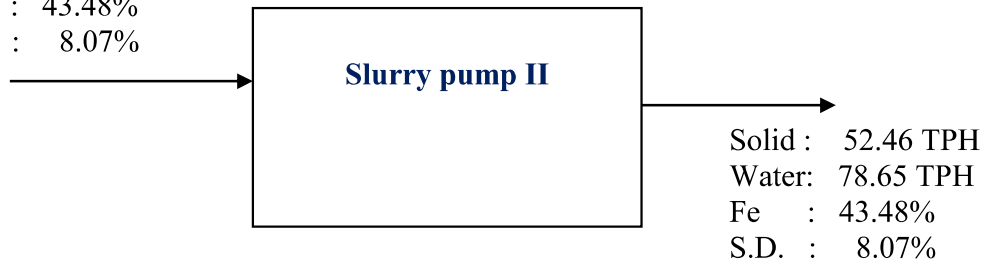


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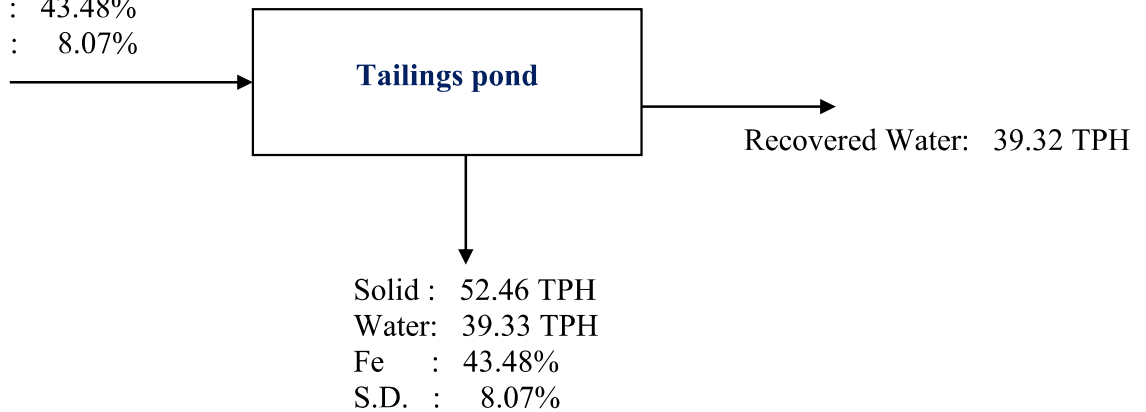
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Solid : 52.46 TPH  
Water: 78.65 TPH  
Fe : 43.48%  
S.D. : 8.07%

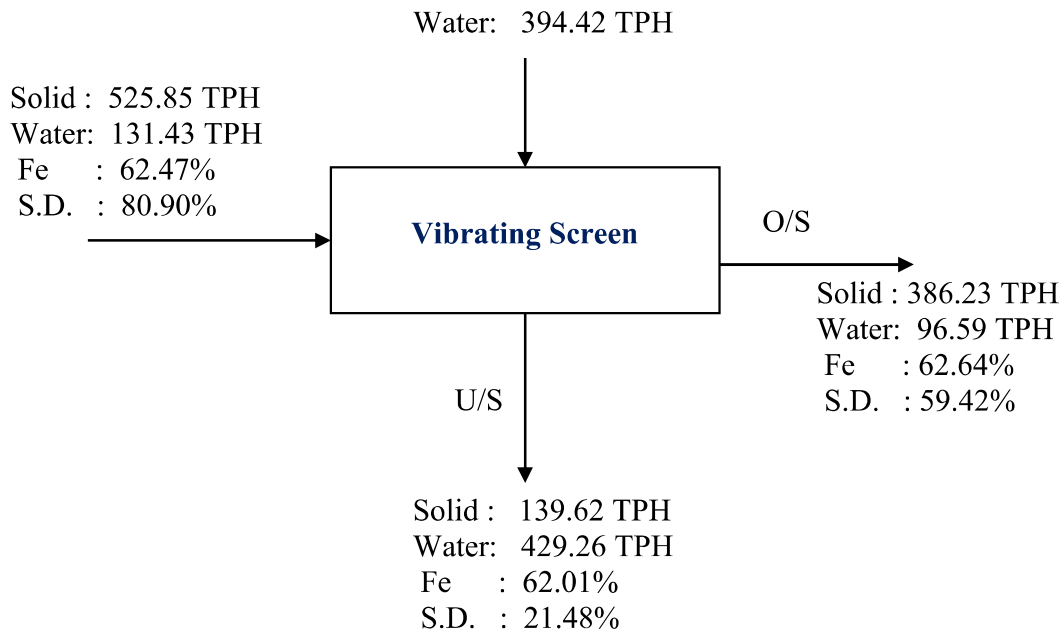


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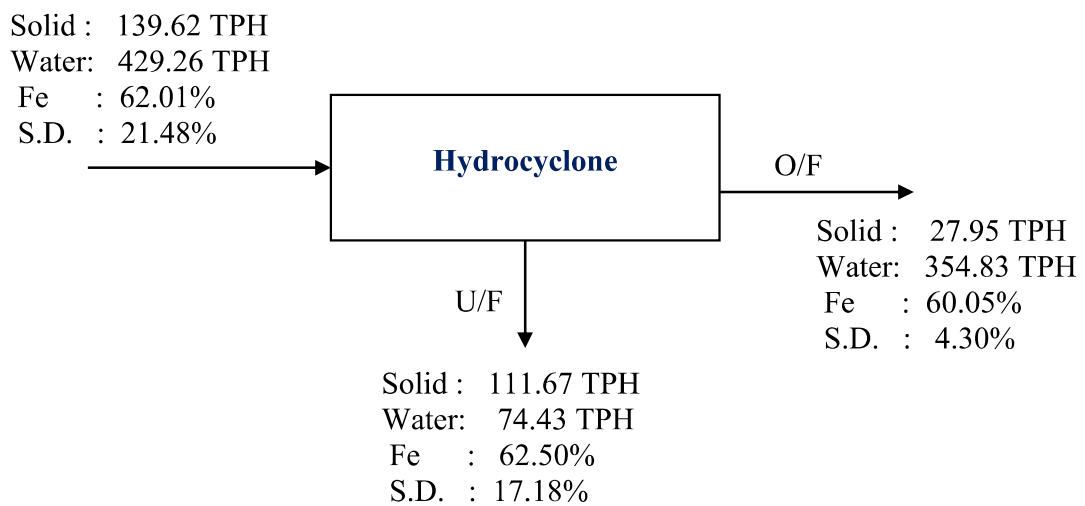
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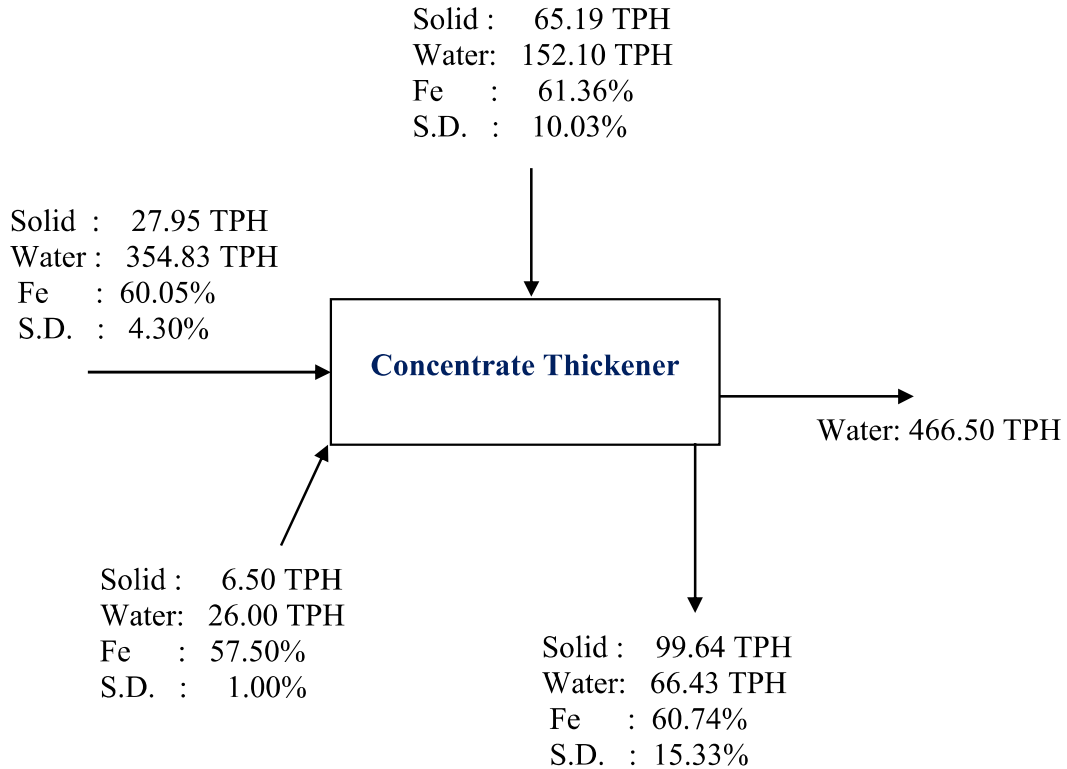
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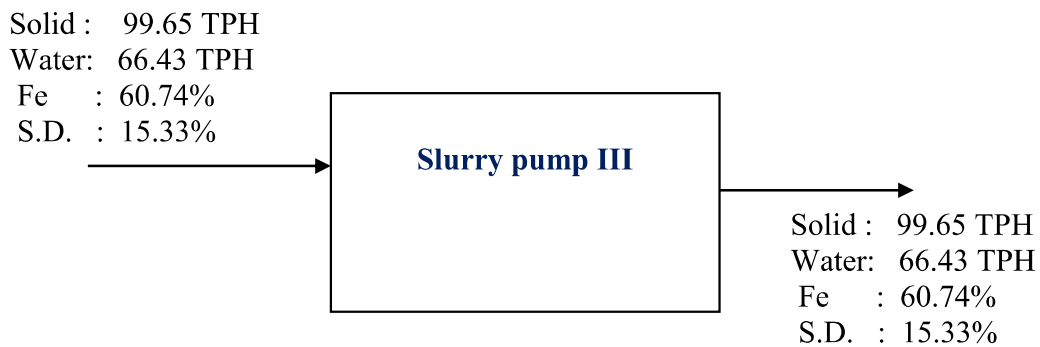
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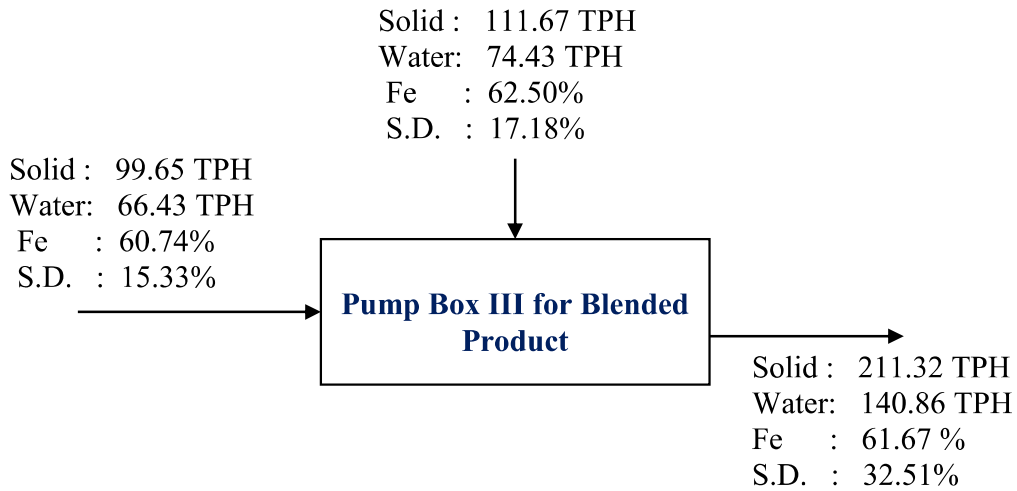
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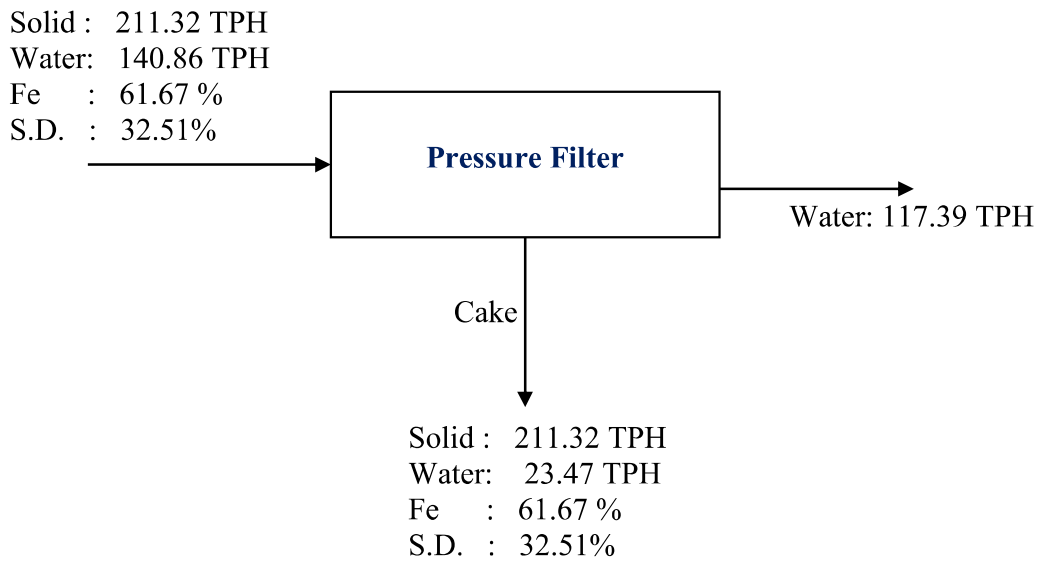
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### 15. Pump Box III (Blended Product)



### 16. Pressure Filter



## Water Balance

### A. Water Handling

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water addition, TPH
1	Bulk Sample	45.50
2	Screw Scrubber	1469.00
3	Vibrating Screen	394.42
4	Rougher Magnetic Separator	496.47
5	Scavenger Magnetic Separator	192.27
<b>Total</b>		<b>2597.66</b>

### B. Water Recovered

Sl. No.	List of Equipment	Water recovered, TPH
1	Intermediate Thickener	1196.84
2	Concentrate Thickener	466.50
3	Pressure Filter	117.39
4	Tailings Thickener	618.22
5	Tailing Pond	39.32
<b>Total</b>		<b>2438.27</b>

### C. Water Contains in Products

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water contain, TPH
1	Pressure Filter	23.47
2	Vibrating screen	96.59
3	Tailing pond	39.33
<b>Total</b>		<b>159.39</b>

### D. Make up water

Sl. No.	Name of the Product	Water contain, TPH
1	Water content in products	120.06
2	Water content in tailings	39.33
3	1% of handling loss	26.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>185.39</b>



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To,  
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Sub: - Submission of 9 Points NEERI Compliance Status Report of FY 2024-25 for **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.**

Ref: - New Consent Order No 2943 vide letter no 6932/IND-I-CON-2320 dated 31.03.2025.

Dear Sir,

With reference to aforesaid subject, please find enclosed herewith the 9 Points NEERI Compliance Status Report of FY 2024-25 for **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.**

Seeking your co-operation as always.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully

For **JSW Steel Ltd**

*Vijay Kumar*  
22/5/25

**Authorized Signatory**

Encl: As above

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**NEERI RECOMMENDATION COMPLIANCE STATUS - NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**

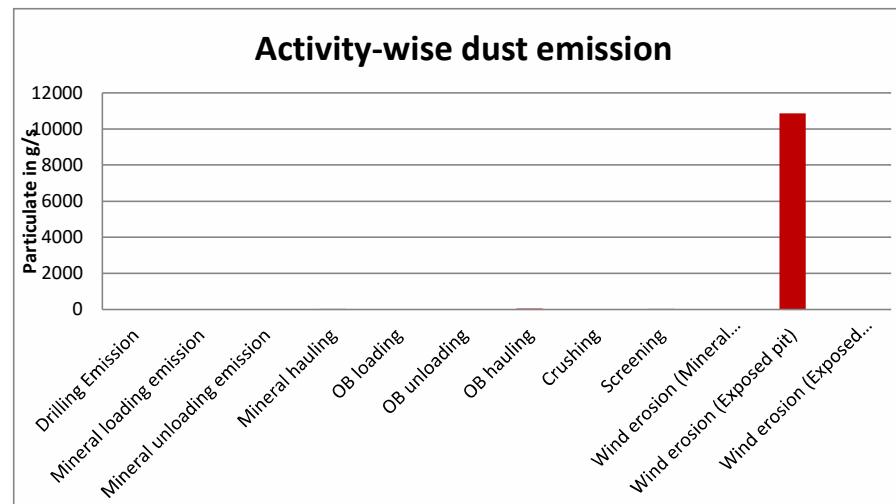
S. No.	Recommendation by CSIR-NEERI	Action Taken
1	<p>The individual lease holders shall make assessment and quantification of emission load generation (in terms of air pollution, noise, wastewater and solid waste) from each of the mining activity (including transportation) for the period starting from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March and submit report by June of every year. Efforts should be made to further eliminate/ minimize generation of air pollution/ dust, noise, wastewater, solid waste generation in successive years through use of better technology. Necessary guidance may be sought from Regional Officer, SPCB on load calculation.</p>	<p>The project proponent has already been practicing different environmental safeguard measures for prevention of the air pollution.</p> <p>The measures are-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Mobile water sprinkling arrangement has been provided for the haul roads, processing area and loading / unloading points to minimize dispersion of air borne dust particles.</li> <li>2. Fixed Sprinklers of 5.6 Km has been installed within mine lease area from Guali gate to Katasahi.</li> <li>3. Wet drilling arrangement with acoustic enclosure is in practice to control dust right at the source.</li> <li>4. Dust Suppression System (Dry fog system) being provided at all appropriate places of mineral handling plants (crusher &amp; screening plant) and other areas. Same are being maintained for proper dust control. Regular Monitoring of ambient air quality parameters being carried out through NABL accredited agency, M/s Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd. Monitoring reports of FY2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.</li> <li>5. No process water being discharged from the mine. Regular Monitoring of water quality parameters being carried out and Monitoring reports of FY2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.</li> <li>6. Noise producing equipment's are covered as far as practicable.</li> <li>7. Workers engaged in operations are provided with ear plugs / muffs. Besides this, acoustic enclosures are provided for all machines operating within the mines. Regular Noise Monitoring being carried out and Monitoring reports of FY 2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.</li> <li>8. The overburden generated as solid waste is dumped at the earmarked areas and will be stabilized after maturity.</li> <li>9. The vehicles carrying the materials are being covered with tarpaulin.</li> <li>10. Annual assessment and quantification of emission load generation (in terms of air pollution, noise, waste water and solid waste) as per prescribed standards is enclosed as <b>ANNEXURE I.</b></li> </ol>

2	<p>Monitoring of ambient air and fugitive emission in core zone shall be carried out on daily basis. Minimum four ambient air quality monitoring stations shall be installed in the core zone. Out of four, at least one on-line monitoring station shall be installed in case of mines having EC capacity of 3 MTPA or more. Moreover, one station should be located near the ore carrying truck entry and exit gate of mine. A letter in this regard has already been communicated to individual leaseholder of capacity 3 MTPA and above vide Board's Letter no-7807, dt. 30.06.2018.</p>	<p>Regular monitoring of ambient air and fugitive emission is being carried out through NABL accredited agency, M/s Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd and Monitoring reports of FY 2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.</p> <p>We have installed Three Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) and Digital Display Board in consultation with Regional Officer, Keonjhar.</p> <p>All 3 CAAQMS are equipped with data transfer facility to SPCB and we have authorized Phoenix Robotix Pvt. Ltd. (Datoms) for transmitting data to OSPCB and already completed the necessary setup for data transfer from all 3 locations to OSPCB Server.</p>
3	<p>Monitoring in buffer zone shall be carried out by NABET accredited agency preferably, at locations of nearest human habitation including schools and other public amenities located nearest to source of dust generation as applicable. The monitoring station shall be installed in core and buffer zone in consultation with Regional Officer, SPCB.</p>	<p>Regular Monitoring in buffer zone is being carried out at locations of nearest human habitation (residential area) engaging an NABET accredited agency M/s Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd. Monitoring reports of FY 2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.</p>
4	<p>Monitoring stations shall be facilitated for measurement of CO as an additional parameter to the other parameters SPM, PM10, PM2.5, SO2 and NO2. The monitoring result shall be compiled and submitted to Board on annual basis.</p>	<p>Regular Monitoring of CO as an additional parameter being carried out along with other AAQ data. Monitoring reports of FY 2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.</p>
5	<p>All the vehicles engaged in mining and transporting activity in the mine shall have Pollution under Control (PUC) certificate. A record of the same shall be maintained for verification of inspecting agency.</p>	<p>Mineral carrying trucks are not allowed to go out of the lease area without tarpaulin cover and is being monitored by security personnel at the exit gate.</p> <p>Similarly, the transportation vehicles are not allowed to enter the mines without having valid PUC by the security personnel.</p>

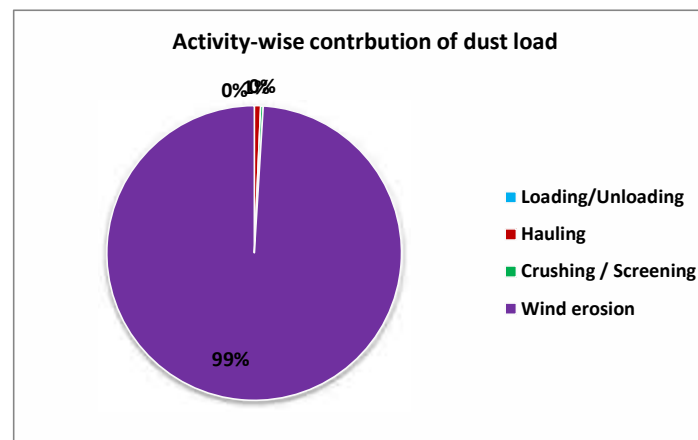
6	Noise level should be monitored near the major sources of noise generation within the core zone once in week and submit the report annually. Further, date, time and distance of measurement shall also be indicated with the noise levels in the report. The data shall be used to map the noise generation from different activities and efforts should be made to maintain the noise levels with the acceptable limits of CPCB. The monitoring schedule shall be informed to Regional Officer, SPCB in order to ensure his presence 25% of the monitoring programme.	Source noise monitoring is being carried out in core zone once in week through NABL accredited agency M/s Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd. Monitoring reports of FY 2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.
7	Measurement of flow rate of the springs and perennial nallah passing through the mining lease area shall be done on monthly basis. Identification of the perennial streams to be brought under the monitoring programme and the location the flow measurement shall be determined in consultation with Regional Officer, SPCB. The consolidated report shall be submitted to Board on annual basis.	No natural watercourse and water resources are obstructed due to mining operations & the same will be taken care of. Monitoring of flow rate measurement of the different water bodies is being carried out through NABL accredited agency M/s Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd. Monitoring reports of FY 2024-25 were submitted in your good office on dated 22.05.2025.
8	Effort shall be made to recycle or reuse the treated waste water from ETP of work shop and STP of residential colony instead of discharging to outside.	STP of 150 KLD has been installed for treatment of the domestic water near the operator's colony. The treated water is being used for plantation activities. Oil & Grease trap system being maintained in the Workshop area.
9	Annual environmental sustainability report (ESR) shall be made highlighting the efforts made towards environmental protection with respect to different environmental components vis-à-vis production performance of the mine on monthly basis. The data collected as per EC and CTE/CTO conditions should be utilized to prepare the annual sustainability report. The report shall be submitted to SPCB and RO, MoEF&CC by June of every year.	Nuagaon Mine started operations since July 2020. Annual environmental sustainability report (ESR) is enclosed as <b>ANNEXURE II</b> .

## RESULTS OF DUST LOAD CALCULATIONS

	Particulate matter in (g/s)	Particulate matter in (kg/d)	Particulate matter (kg per ton of ore)
Drilling Emission	0.04466251	3.858841145	0.000202873
Mineral loading emission	0.05533552	4.780988904	0.000251353
Mineral unloading emission	0.39455782	34.08979535	0.001792219
Mineral hauling	31.9215104	2758.0185	0.144998607
OB loading	0.67698288	58.49132107	0.003075092
OB unloading	0.4331766	37.42645784	0.001967639
OB hauling	43.4792902	3756.610671	0.197498064
Crushing	4.62962963	400	0.021029389
Screening	27.7777778	2400	0.126176331
Wind erosion (Mineral stack)	1.32571472	114.5417521	0.006021858
Wind erosion (Exposed pit)	10854.5476	937832.9156	49.30513199
Wind erosion (Exposed OB dump)	16.9579436	1465.166328	0.07702888
<b>Total</b>	<b>10982.24</b>	<b>948865.9</b>	<b>49.885174</b>



Major Activity	Dust load (kg/day)
Loading/Unloading	134.788563
Hauling	6514.62917
Crushing / Screening	2800
Wind erosion	939412.624



## GASEOUS LOAD CALCULATIONS FOR NUAGAON IRON ORE MINES

During the field study, it was observed that dust is the major source of emission from various surface mining activities, whereas emission of SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> were negligible in comparison to the NAAQS protocol. Therefore, SO<sub>2</sub> and NO<sub>x</sub> emissions were measured considering mine as a whole and not for each activity of the mine. And the CO emission measured is insignificant to calculate the load in the iron ore mines.

Formulae for SO <sub>2</sub> and NO <sub>x</sub> emission rates of overall mine.				
Activity	Parameter			Equation
	Symbol	Name	Unit	
Overall mine	<i>u</i>	Wind speed	m s <sup>-1</sup>	For SO <sub>2</sub> $E = a^{0.3} \{u/(11 + 4.4u)\} \{ [c/(9.9 + 1.6c)] + [b/(3.3 + 19.9b)] \}$
	<i>c</i>	Iron ore production	Mt year <sup>-1</sup>	
	<i>b</i>	Waste handling	Mm <sup>3</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	
	<i>a</i>	Leaschold area	km <sup>2</sup>	For NO <sub>x</sub> $E = 0.01au \{ [c/(1.38 + 0.26c)] + b^{1.1} \}$
	<i>E</i>	Emission rate	g s <sup>-1</sup>	

*Source: S.K. Chaulya / Emission rate formulae for surface iron ore mining activities*

### Input data

1. *u* = wind-speed = 3.0 m/s
2. *c* = Iron ore production = 6.9 Mt/year
3. *b* = Waste handling = 0.9 Mm<sup>3</sup>/year
4. *a* = leasehold area = 7.67 km<sup>2</sup>
5. *E* = Emission rate = g/s

### Results of gaseous load

S. No.	Parameter	Value	Kg/Day	Ton/Year
1.	SO <sub>2</sub>	0.06 g/s	5.184	2.09
2.	NO <sub>x</sub>	0.71 g/s	61.344	24.68

## **Annual Environmental Sustainability Report (ESR) for Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s. JSW Steel Ltd.**

### **Introduction:**

The Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine (erstwhile lessee M/s KJS Ahluwalia) was one of the mines whose lease expired on 31.03.2020. The lease area is located in villages Nuagaon, Barapada, Gandhalpada, Guali, Katesahi, Parediposi, Kohla Rudukela, Panduliposhi and Topadihi villages under Barbil Tehsil of Keonjhar District, Odisha State.

In pursuant to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 and the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015, Govt. of Odisha issued the notice inviting tender dated December 6, 2019 for commencement of the auction process to grant the mining lease in respect of Nuagaon Iron Ore Block over an area of 776.969 ha as per DGPS (767.284 ha as per ROR) in villages Nuagaon, Barapada, Gandhalpada, Guali, Katesahi, Parediposi, Kohla Rudukela, Panduliposhi and Topadihi under Barbil Tehsil of Keonjhar District, Odisha for a resource size of about 789.04 Million tonnes (Mt). The e-auction process was conducted in accordance with the tender document and the mineral auction rule, 2015 for the said mineral block and M/s JSW Steel Limited was declared as the preferred bidder under Rule 9(9)(iii) of Mineral (Auction) Rules 2015.

Without prejudice to the generality of the provisions of section 8B(2) of the MMDR Act, 1957, the details of the valid rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and the like held by the previous lessee are vested in favor of M/S JSW Steel Ltd by the Govt. of Odisha for a period of 2 years from the date of execution of lease deed or till the date of getting fresh approvals, clearances, licenses, permits, and the like, whichever is earlier vide vesting order No-4167/SM, dated **29.05.2020**. Further it got vested for 50 years vide letter no. 1303/ SM – MC1-MRL-0002-2020 dated 15.02.2022. M/s JSW Steel Limited being successful bidder upon execution of mining lease deed, the successful bidder shall immediately, but not later than one hundred twenty days from the date of execution of mining lease, applied afresh for all necessary rights, approvals, clearances, licenses and the like under the applicable statutes, rules or regulations, as the case may be, for obtaining the necessary clearances to enable further continuance of the mining operations beyond two years and vesting order shall be valid for a period of two years from the date of execution of new lease deed or till the date of getting all fresh approvals, clearances, licenses, permits, and the like, whichever is earlier.

The mining lease was granted in favor of M/s JSW Steel Limited for a period of 50 years i.e. 27.06.2020. Subsequent to signing of the MDPA with the Collector, Keonjhar, **M/s JSW Steel Limited** has made payment of the third installment being the eighty percent of the upfront value and executed and registered the mining lease with the Government of Odisha on 27.06.2020.

### **Indicative Coordinates Range of the Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine**

Latitudes : 21° 57' 12.91896" N to 21° 59' 34.26648" N  
Longitudes : 85° 16' 06.04164" E to 85° 19' 24.93228" E

Fully mechanized open cast method of mining by drilling and blasting and by deploying HEMM equipment's like hydraulic drills and excavators, wheel loaders, dumpers, will be undertaken. The height and width of the benches for iron ore will be kept at 9 m and 15 m respectively. The working of benches will be commenced from top and extended to bottom benches. The excavated ROM ore is proposed to be processed in the crushing and screening plants to obtain the lump and fine ore as product mix. The iron ore lumps and iron ore fines extracted from the mine will be transported through railway/port/road to JSW Steel Plants.

## **Production in FY 2024-25**

Nuagaon mining operations started from 01.07.2020 based on the vested approvals. From April 2024 to March 2025, Nuagaon Mine has produced 6.9 million Tons Iron Ore (ROM) and dispatched to steel plants.

## **Environment Management in Nuagaon Mine Air Management-**

### **Blasting Operation**

- Controlled blasting method is in practice by restriction of explosive charge in the holes.
- Well-designed blast by effective stemming and use of milli second delay detonators, Proper blasting designing to see that the optimum breakage occurs.
- To control ground vibrations and arrest fly rocks, advanced initiation system is being used for blasting
- Ground vibrations are also being monitored and the results are well within limits.



**Wet Drilling and Dust Extractor System in Drilling Operation**

### **Excavation, Hauling and Crushing & Screening**

- Dry fog system for centralized crusher & screening plants are provided.
- Proper maintenance of HEMM
- Using sharp teeth for shovels and other soil excavation equipment, and their periodical replacements.
- Acoustic enclosures for operator cabin.
- Avoiding overloading of dumpers
- Provision of dust filters / masks to workers working at highly dust prone and affected areas
- Imparting sufficient training to operators on safety and Environmental parameters.



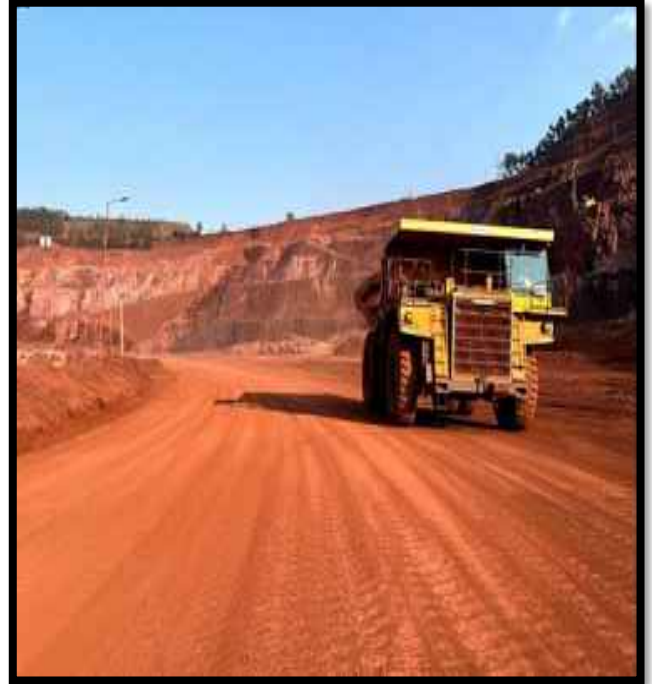
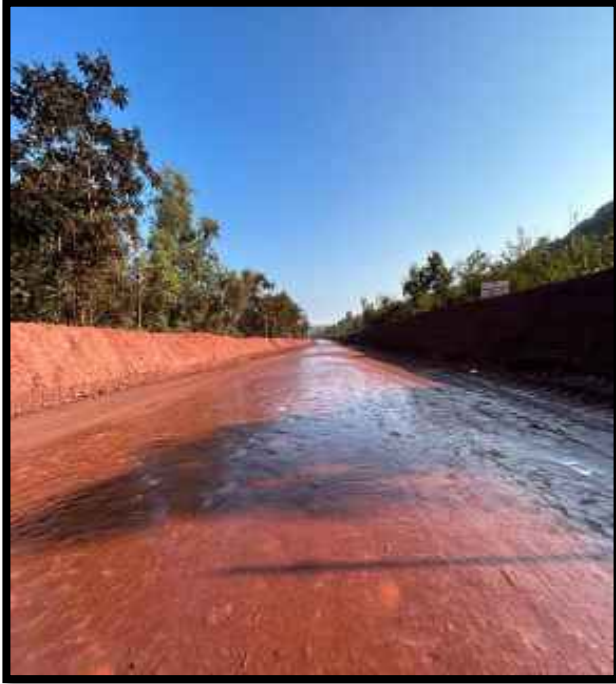
**Dry Fog System**

**Transportation**

- Regular water sprinkling is being carried out by engaging mobile water tankers on the mine benches, mine haul, loading and unloading points and transfer points for dust suppressions.
- Maintenance of haul road by regular grading is carried out through grader, dozer.
- Ensuring that all mineral trucks are covered by tarpaulin.
- Vehicular emissions controlled through regular and proper preventive maintenanceschedules.
- It is ensured that there is no overloading of trucks by having Quick Dispatch system atthe weigh bridge near the dispatch gate.
- Regular water sprinkling arrangements have been made on the transportationroads/public road through mobile water tankers.



**Water Tanker Arrangement (16KL & 50KL water sprinkler) for Haul Road Dust Suppression**



**Maintaining ideal haul road width and berm height**



**Maintenance of Haul Road**



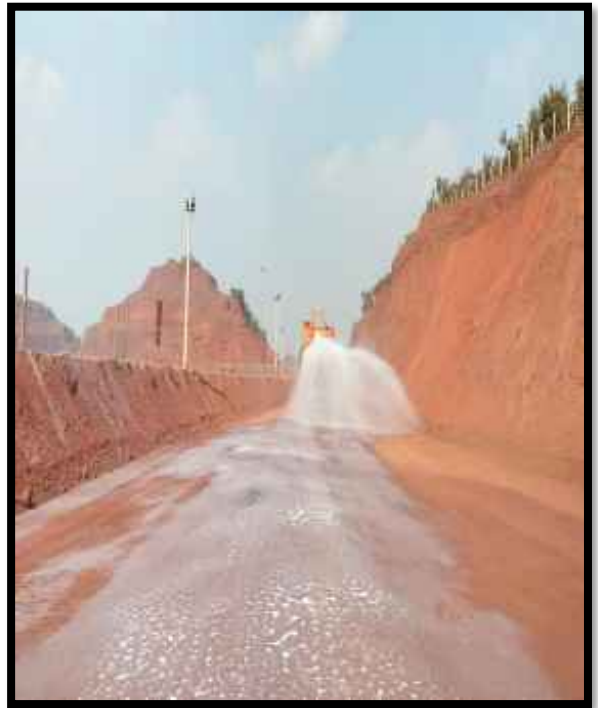
**Dispatch truck with tarpaulin cover and Quick Dispatch System**



**ETP (with Oil Skimmer) and STP (operator colony)**



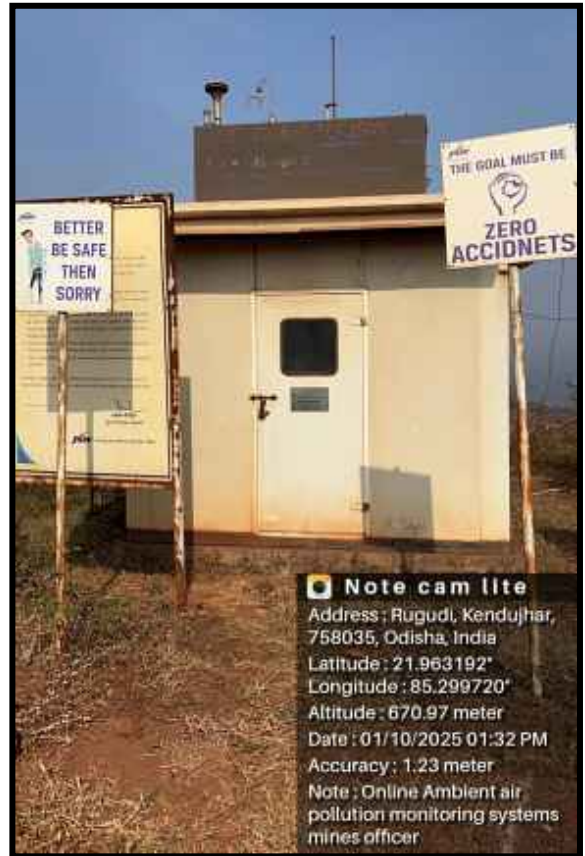
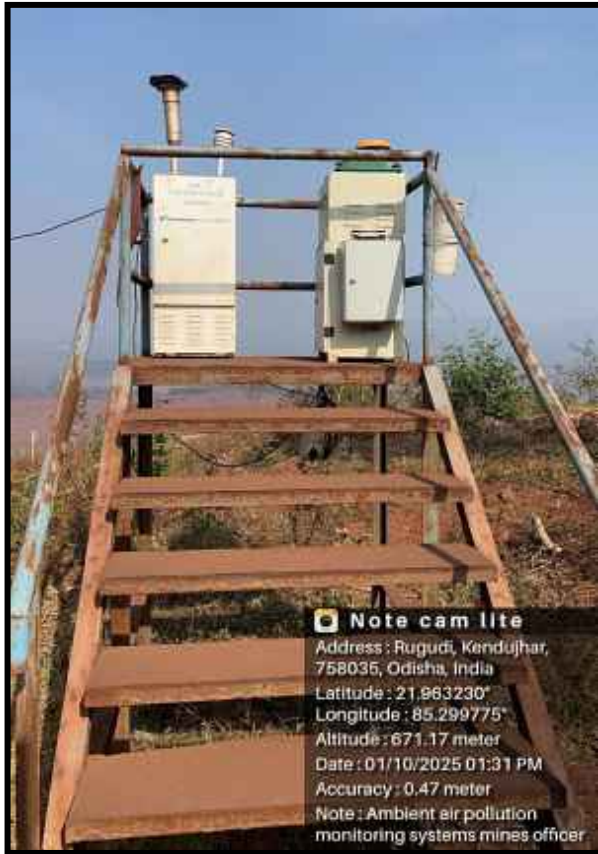
**Fixed water sprinkling system and Road sweeping machine**



**Wheel washing system and Dust suppressant chemical trial**

### **Environment Monitoring**

- Total 8 Ambient air quality monitoring stations (04 in core zone and 04 in buffer zone) has been installed and monitored by the NABL accredited agency.
- Total 6 Fugitive dust monitoring stations has been installed and monitored by the NABL accredited agency.
- Total 3 Continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (CAAQMS) has been installed and monitored which are directly connected with SPCB Server.
- The electronic digital display board at entry gate (Guali gate) has been installed and the monitoring data are displayed.



**AAQMS and CAAQMS monitoring station**



**Electronic Digital Display Board at Nuagaon Mine Gate**

**Consolidated Air Quality Monitoring Data of FY 2024-2025**

<b>CONSOLIDATED AIR QUALITY MONITORING DATA OF FY 2024-2025</b>										
<b>NUAGAON IRON ORE MINES</b>										
<b>AAQ DATA FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 2024 TO MARCH 2025</b>										
	<b>PM10(<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>PM2.5(<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>SO2(<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>NO2(<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>CO(<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>	
	<b>Maxi mum</b>	<b>Mini mum</b>	<b>Maxi mum</b>	<b>Mini mum</b>	<b>Maxi mum</b>	<b>Mini mum</b>	<b>Maxi mum</b>	<b>Mini mum</b>	<b>Maxi mum</b>	<b>Mini mum</b>
<b>CORE ZONE</b>										
<b>Near mines office</b>	69.8	65.8	48.3	39.6	18.6	15.7	20.1	17.3	0.64	0.45
<b>Near Despansary</b>	65.3	61.4	45.2	36.8	19.5	14.5	19.8	17.5	0.59	0.51
<b>Near Katasahi Exit Gate</b>	74.6	64.3	49.5	41.8	21.3	18.3	20.2	16.7	0.57	0.48
<b>Near LP 99</b>	75.3	65.1	48.6	45.2	20.4	16.3	18.5	15.6	0.58	0.55
<b>BUFFER ZONE</b>										
<b>Barpada Village</b>	59.3	50.2	38.6	30.1	18.4	14.2	15.1	12.3	0.45	0.38
<b>Katesahi Village</b>	60.2	55.3	40.3	29.6	17.8	12.3	18.5	17.2	0.51	0.35
<b>Rengela beda Village</b>	65.4	54.3	41.5	27.5	16.6	14.6	17.8	14.2	0.48	0.39
<b>Pandoliposhi Village</b>	56.3	49.7	42	30.1	17.2	14.8	15.1	14.3	0.55	0.35
<b>NAAQ standard for Industrial, Residential, rural and other areas (24 hour)</b>	<b>100 (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>60 (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>80 (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>80 (<math>\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3</math>)</b>		<b>2 (<math>\text{mg}/\text{m}^3</math>) hourly</b>	

## Water & OB Dump Management

- Garland drains maintained of suitable size around mine area and dump with proper gradients to prevent rain water descent into active mine area.
- Settling ponds maintained to prevent flow of fine particles from OB / Waste dumps, check dams, parapet / retaining walls & garland drains.
- Usage of stored water in the settling ponds for watering of haul roads, vehicle washing and green belt development etc.
- De-silting of garland drains & settling ponds are being carried out at regular intervals.
- Maintenance of all the runoff management structures.



**Retaining Wall**



**Check Dam Provided at Topadihi Nalla**



**Nalla Side Plantation**



**Dump Plantation**



**Safety zone plantation**



**Coir matting at Katesahi OB dump area**



**Rainwater harvesting structure at Kanhusahi area**



**Series of settling pit**

**Consolidated Ground Water Quality Monitoring Data of FY 2024-2025**

<b>CONSOLIDATED GROUND WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA OF FY 2024-2025</b>					
<b>NUAGAON IRON ORE MINES</b>					
<b>Malda Village</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.1	6.02	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	55.8	30.7	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.45	0.33	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	25.3	20.2	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PPM</b>	146.3	100.4	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	8.6	5.6	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.22	0.18	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Katesahi Village</b>					
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.5	6	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	54.6	35.6	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.61	0.52	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	30.4	20.6	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PPM</b>	130.5	80.5	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	7.5	5.3	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.25	0.18	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>

<b>Rengelbada Village</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.2	6.1	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	65.3	45.2	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.65	0.33	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	26.5	22.3	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PPM</b>	120.1	115.3	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	8.6	5.6	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.26	0.23	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Guali Village</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.2	6.3	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	54.2	45.2	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.65	0.3	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	24.5	17.5	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PPM</b>	140.2	115.3	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	7.6	4.5	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.26	0.21	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>

<b>Volvo Gate</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.1	6.02	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	55.8	30.7	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.45	0.33	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	25.3	20.2	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PPM</b>	146.3	100.4	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	8.6	5.6	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.22	0.18	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Nuagaon Village</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.2	6.3	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	54.2	45.2	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.65	0.3	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	24.5	17.5	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PPM</b>	140.2	115.3	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	7.6	4.5	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.26	0.21	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>

<b>Pandoliposhi Village</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.5	6	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	54.6	35.6	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.61	0.52	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	30.4	20.6	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
<b>Total Dissolved Solids</b>	<b>PMM</b>	130.5	80.5	<b>500</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	7.5	5.3	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.25	0.18	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>
<b>Dispensary</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Acceptable Limits</b>	<b>Permissible Limits</b>
<b>Ph</b>		7.2	6.1	<b>6.5-8.5</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Total Hardness</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	65.3	45.2	<b>200</b>	<b>600</b>
<b>Iron</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.65	0.33	<b>1</b>	<b>No Relaxation</b>
<b>Chloride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	26.5	22.3	<b>250</b>	<b>1000</b>
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<b>Sulphates</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	8.6	5.6	<b>200</b>	<b>400</b>
<b>Floride</b>	<b>mg/l</b>	0.26	0.23	<b>1</b>	<b>1.5</b>

**Consolidated Surface Water Quality Monitoring Data of FY 2024-2025**

<b>CONSOLIDATED SURFACE WATER QUALITY MONITORING DATA OF 2024-2025</b>				
<b>NUAGAON IRON ORE MINES</b>				
<b>Karo River Up-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.1	6.05	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	170.1	110.5	1500
Choloride		35.4	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.89	50
Floride		0.56	0.12	1.5
BOD		3	2.1	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.8	2.1	4
<b>Karo River Down-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.5	6.1	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	155	102.3	1500
Choloride		23.4	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.71	50
Floride		0.44	0.25	1.5
BOD		3.1	3	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.9	2.5	4

<b>Teherai Nala Up- Stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.1	6.5	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	210	102.3	1500
Choloride		24.1	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.71	50
Floride		0.44	0.25	1.5
BOD		3.1	3	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.9	2.5	4
<b>Teherai Nala Down- Stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.5	6.1	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	180.3	80.4	1500
Choloride		24.1	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.71	50
Floride		0.44	0.25	1.5
BOD		3.1	3	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.9	2.5	4

<b>Kakarpani Nala Up-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.2	6.3	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	180.2	130.1	1500
Choloride		25.3	15.4	600
Iron		1	0.89	50
Floride		0.56	0.12	1.5
<b>BOD</b>		3	2.01	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.5	2.1	4
<b>Kakarpani Nala Down-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.5	6.1	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	180.3	80.4	1500
Choloride		24.1	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.71	50
Floride		0.44	0.25	1.5
<b>BOD</b>		3.1	3	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.9	2.5	4

<b>Suna Nala Up-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.1	6.05	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	170.1	110.5	1500
Choloride		35.4	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.74	50
Floride		0.56	0.12	1.5
<b>BOD</b>		3	2.1	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.8	2.1	4
<b>Suna Nala Down-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.5	6.1	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	175.1	102.3	1500
Choloride		24.1	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.71	50
Floride		0.44	0.25	1.5
<b>BOD</b>		3.1	3	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.9	2.5	4

<b>Topadihi Nala Up-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.5	6.05	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	168.3	110.5	1500
Choloride		35.4	18.5	600
Iron		1	0.75	50
Floride		0.56	0.12	1.5
BOD		3	2.1	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.8	2.1	4
<b>Topadihi Nala Down-stream</b>				
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Limits For Stream Water Standards</b>
Ph		7.2	6.3	6.5-8.5
Total Dissolve Solid (TDS)	PPM	180.2	130.1	1500
Choloride		25.3	15.4	600
Iron		1	0.75	50
Floride		0.56	0.12	1.5
BOD		4.5	3.5	3
Dissolve Oxygen		3.7	2.5	4

### **Noise Management**

- Providing sound proof operator’s cabin for equipment like dumpers, shovel, tippers, etc.
- Planting trees at various places within the lease area to act as acoustic barriers.
- Proper and regular maintenance of vehicles, machinery and other equipment. All HEMMs are monitored for any abnormal sound and rectified with due precaution by maintenance personnel.
- Providing workers with ear muffs & earplugs against high noise levels.
- Conducting regular health check-ups of workers including Audiometry test
- Controlling the time of exposure of workers towards high noise areas.
- Ambient and source noise monitoring is being carried out by NABL accredited agency M/s Ecomen Mining Pvt. Ltd.
- Online noise monitoring system is installed and monitoring is done on 24 hours basis.



**Online noise monitoring system at LP99**

**Consolidated Noise Quality Monitoring Data of FY 2024-2025**

<b>Consolidated Noise Quality Monitoring Data FY 2024-2025</b>			
<b>CORE ZONE</b>	<b>MAXIMUM</b>	<b>MINIMUM</b>	<b>STANDARDS</b>
<b>Drilling Machine</b>	77.3	71.2	<b>85 dB</b>
<b>Mines Face Bench</b>	75.6	65.8	
<b>Haulage Road</b>	78.9	63.3	
<b>Crusher Plant</b>	75.8	64.7	
<b>Screen Plant</b>	74.8	68.4	
<b>Ore Storage &amp; Loading Point</b>	73.5	65.4	
<b>Excavator</b>	78.9	70.4	
<b>Dozer</b>	76.3	67.2	
<b>Dumper</b>	78.4	67.2	
<b>Workshop Area</b>	73.5	68.9	
<b>Loader</b>	78.5	69.7	
<b>Waste Dump</b>	68.5	68.5	

<b>BUFFER ZONE</b>	<b>Leq Day</b>		<b>Leq Night</b>		<b>Standard</b>	
	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>	<b>Max</b>	<b>Min</b>
<b>Barpada Village</b>	50	41	45	38	<b>55db</b>	<b>45db</b>
<b>Katesahi Village</b>	52.1	44.2	44.2	35.1		
<b>Rangelabeda Village</b>	48.5	45.3	41.5	34.2		
<b>Pandolaposhi Village</b>	49.1	47.2	40.05	35.8	<b>75db</b>	<b>70db</b>
<b>East Boundary</b>	72.1	65.1	49.5	37.4		
<b>West Boundary</b>	73.2	57.4	47.6	36.5		
<b>North Boundary</b>	74.8	58.7	42.3	35.1		
<b>South Boundary</b>	74.2	59.6	50.1	38.4		

**Nuagaon Environmental Protection Measures Expenditure (head wise breakup) incurred FY 2024-25**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Expenditure head -Particulars</b>	<b>Cost incurred in INR</b>
1	Construction of Retaining walls	9,45,000.00
2	Construction of Garland drains, desiltation of settling ponds	3,03,800.00
3	Geotextile works for dump stabilization	31,80,000.00
5	Greenbelt development- Pit digging, plantation and maintenance	26,92,720.00
6	Operation of Road sweeping machines	21,36,000.00
7	Operation of fixed sprinklers	50,000.00
8	Operation of mobile sprinklers	1,09,65,455.00
9	Use of chemical dust suppressants in sprinkling	9,44,000.00
10	Online air quality monitoring	6,57,434.64
11	Environment monitoring through NABL Accredited third party	11,88,460.00
12	Installation of Sewage treatment Plant	36,85,000.00
13	Study conducted on hydrogeology from CGWA Accredited Agency	4,10,000.00
14	Nursery Development	8,87,750.00
15	Landscape development	9,10,200.00
16	Environmental Awareness Programmes	5,00,000.00
17	Flowmeter calibration and stamping	1,47,000.00
18	Drip irrigation for plantation	43,800.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,96,46,619.64</b>

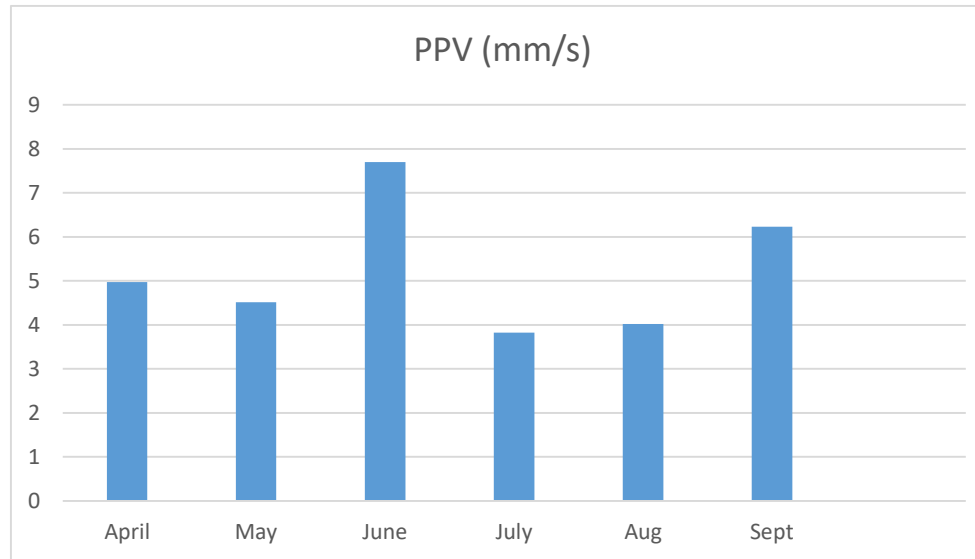


DISPATCH TRUCK WITH TARPAULIN COVER-NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE

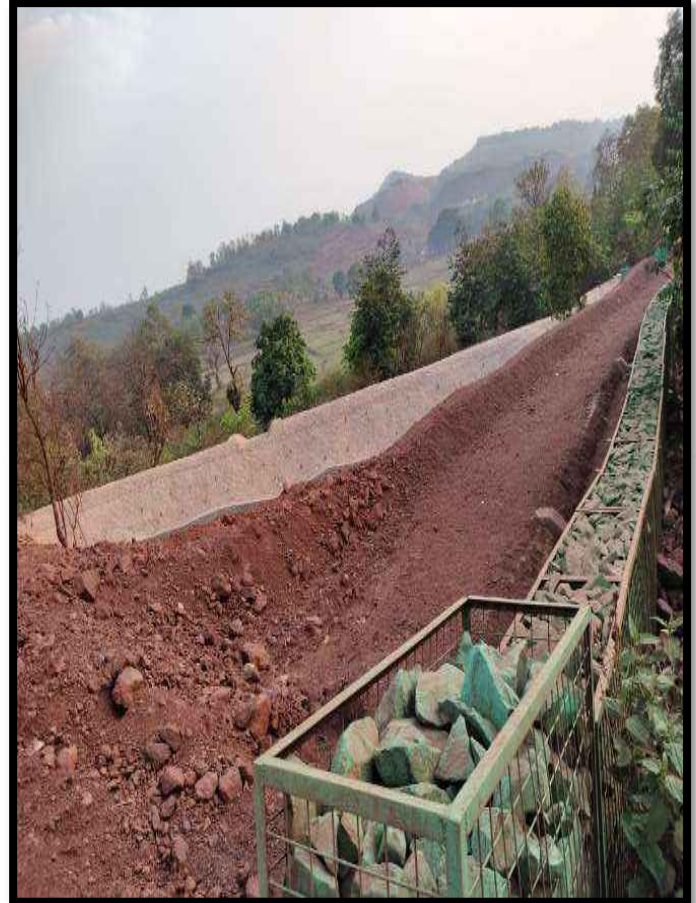


**NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**  
**GRAPHICAL VARIATION OF PPV**

Month	PPV (mm/s)
April	4.97
May	4.51
June	7.7
July	3.82
Aug	4.02
Sept	6.23



RAINWATER HARVESTING STRUCTURE- NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE



KANHUSAHI RAINWATER HARVESTING OF DIMENSION (50m\*60m\*2m)



**ROOFTOP RAINWATER HARVESTING AT OPERATOR'S COLONY**



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## STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA

[FOREST, ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA]

Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit - VIII

Bhubaneswar - 751012, INDIA

**BY SPEED POST**

### FORM 2

[See rule 6(2)]

### RENEWAL OF AUTHORISATION BY STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD, ODISHA TO THE OCCUPIER UNDER HAZARDOUS AND OTHER WASTES (MANAGEMENT AND TRANSBOUNDARY MOVEMENT) RULES, 2016

1. Number of authorization: IND-IV-HW-1348/ 13599 and date of issue: 19-07-2025
2. Reference of application (No. and date): 5591041, dtd. 01-01-2025/ 08-07-2025.
3. **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.** is hereby granted an authorization based on the enclosed signed inspection report for generation, storage, transport, reuse, utilization, disposal or any other use of hazardous or other wastes or both in the premises situated At - Nuagaon, Po - Guali, Barbil, Dist - Keonjhar, Odisha - 758035.

#### Details of Authorization

Sl. No	Category of Hazardous Waste as per the Schedules I, II and III of these Rules	Waste Description	Quantity	Authorized Mode of Disposal or Recycling or utilization or Co-processing, etc.
1.	Schedules - I Stream - 5.1	Used Oil	150 T/A	Storage in containers over impervious floor under well ventilated covered shed followed by disposal through Actual Users authorized by SPCB, Odisha
2.	Schedules - I (Stream - 5.2, 33.2 & 3.3)	Wastes / Residue Containing Oil	20 T/A	Storage in impervious pits / containers under well ventilated covered shed followed by Co-processing in Cement Kilns Authorized by SPCB, Odisha / disposal in Authorized Hazardous Waste Incinerator / Common Hazardous Waste Treatment Storage Disposal Facility (CHWTSDF)

Sl. No	Category of Hazardous Waste as per the Schedules I, II and III of these Rules	Waste Description	Quantity	Authorized Mode of Disposal or Recycling or utilization or Co-processing, etc.
3.	Schedules - I Stream - 33.1	Empty barrels	20 T/A	Storage on impervious floor under well ventilated covered shed followed by captive reuse / disposal through original supplier / Actual Users authorized by SPCB, Odisha
4.	Schedule - III Stream -B3040	Rubber Wastes	70 T/A	Storage on impervious concreted platform under well ventilated covered shed followed by disposal through Actual Users authorized by SPCB, Odisha and registered under EPR portal of CPCB for Waste Tyre.
5.	Schedule - III Stream -B3080	Wastes Parings and Scrap of Rubber		
6.	Schedule - III Stream -B3140	Waste Pneumatic and other Tyres, excluding those which do not lead to resource recover, recycling, reclamation but not for direct use		

- (1) The authorization shall be valid up to 31-03-2026.
- (2) The authorization is subject to the following general and specific conditions.

**A. General Conditions of authorisation:**

1. The authorized person shall comply with the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and the rules made there under.
2. The authorization or its renewal shall be produced for inspection at the request of an officer authorized by the State Pollution Control Board.
3. The person authorized shall not rent, lend, sell, transfer or otherwise transport the hazardous and other wastes except what is permitted through this authorization.
4. Any unauthorized change in personnel, equipment or working conditions as mentioned in the application by the person authorized shall constitute a breach of his authorization.
5. The person authorized shall implement Emergency Response Procedure (ERP) for which this authorization is being granted considering all site specific possible scenarios such as spillages, leakages, fire etc. and their possible impacts and also carry out mock drill in this regard at regular interval of time.

6. The person authorized shall comply with the provisions outlined in the Central Pollution Control Board guidelines on "Implementing Liabilities for Environmental Damages due to Handling and Disposal of Hazardous Waste and Penalty"
7. It is the duty of the authorized person to take prior permission of the State Pollution Control Board to close down the facility.
8. The imported hazardous and other wastes shall be fully insured for transit as well as for any accidental occurrence and its clean-up operation.
9. The record of consumption and fate of the imported hazardous and other wastes shall be maintained.
10. The hazardous and other waste which gets generated during recycling or reuse or recovery or pre-processing or utilization of imported hazardous or other wastes shall be treated and disposed of as per specific conditions of authorization.
11. The importer or exporter shall bear the cost of import or export and mitigation of damages if any.
12. An application for the renewal of an authorization shall be made as laid down under these Rules.
13. Any other conditions for compliance as per the Guidelines issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change or Central Pollution Control Board from time to time.
14. Annual return shall be filed by June 30th for the period ensuring 31st March of the year.

**B. Specific Conditions :**

1. Authorization granted herewith does not relieve you in complying with other provision laid down under Water (PCP) Act, 1974, Air (PCP) Act, 1981 and Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, and the Rules made there under.
2. This authorization is subject to statutory and other clearances from Govt. of Odisha and / or Govt. of India as and when applicable.
3. In case the quantity of generation of hazardous Waste exceeds the Authorized quantity, the mine shall apply for amendment of Authorization order.
4. The mine shall strictly comply to the provisions of Hazardous and Other Wastes (Management and Transboundary Movement) Rules, 2016 and amendments made thereafter.
5. Annual returns in Form - 4 (See Rules- 6 (5), 13 (8), 16 (6) & 20 (2)) shall be submitted to the Board for the financial year by 30<sup>th</sup> June of every year. It shall contain the detail quantities of generation, storage and disposal of different type of hazardous wastes such as recyclable, incinerable, land disposable.

6. Steps shall be taken for reduction and prevention of the hazardous waste generated or for recycling or reuse.
7. Environmental Information with respect to Air, Water, Hazardous Waste and Hazardous Chemicals shall be displayed at the main gate for public view.
8. The transport of the hazardous and other waste shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Rule, 2016 and the rules made by the Central Government under the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988 and the guidelines issued by the Central Pollution Control Board from time to time in this regard.
9. The occupier shall provide the transporter with the relevant information in **Form 9**, regarding the hazardous nature of the wastes and measures to be taken in case of an emergency and shall label the hazardous and other wastes containers as per **Form 8**.
10. In case of transportation of hazardous waste and other wastes for recycling or utilization including co-processing to outside the state, the sender shall intimate both the State Pollution Control Boards before handing over the waste to the transporter.
11. Manifest system (Movement document) shall be strictly followed as per Rule-19 and to be submitted to this office as per the Rule. The mine shall check the authenticity of the way bill of the transport vehicle to ensure supply of hazardous waste to the authorized destination.
12. The hazardous waste shall be sold if required only to Actual User having valid authorization from the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha and concerned SPC Board. Details of such wastes shall be entered in the passbook issued by respective SPCB.
13. All the hazardous waste shall be stored in impervious pits / containers / floors under cover shed with adequate capacity having spill containment facility. The spilled hazardous waste shall be re-collected and stored in impervious pits / containers / floors under cover shed prior to sale / disposal.
14. The schedule of hazardous waste and the quantity as specified shall only be disposed off as per the stipulation prescribed in this authorization.
15. This authorization does not permit you to either receive and process or generate hazardous waste in case validity of Consent to Operate of your mine ceases. However you can carry out handling, storage, treatment, transport and disposal of hazardous waste and other wastes generated previously during such period to avoid accumulation of hazardous waste.
16. The mine shall store the accumulated hazardous waste for a period not exceeding 90 days and shall dispose as per the stipulation prescribed in this authorization order. In case, generation of any category of Hazardous Waste is less than 10 T/A, then such waste can be stored up to a period of 180 days before disposal. In case of any violation, authorization granted shall be suspended / cancelled.

17. The mine shall apply for renewal of authorization in Form - 1, 120 days before expiry this authorization order enclosing Annual Return in Form - 4, Manifest copies in Form - 10 and compliance to the conditions stipulated in this order along with adequate processing fees.
18. In case of transportation of hazardous and other waste, the responsibility of safe transport shall be either of the sender or the receiver whosoever arranges the transport and has the necessary authorization for transport from the concerned State Pollution Control Board. This responsibility should be clearly indicated in the manifest.
19. Hazardous Wastes having calorific value of more than 2500 Kcal/Kg shall not be landfilled. It can only be disposed through authorized actual users or incinerated in authorized Hazardous Waste incinerator or co-processing in authorized cement kiln.
20. The mine shall follow On-site and Off-site Emergency plan during all activities involving hazardous wastes to avert accidents, fire and other environmental damages.
21. The mine shall follow all safety protocols during handling, transportation and disposal of hazardous wastes.
22. The mine shall register on National Hazardous Wastes Tracking System (NHWTS) Portal of CPCB to manage the manifest, daily records of quantity generated, disposed, etc. of hazardous and other wastes.

  
Member Secretary

To

**The AVP,  
Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.  
At - Nuagaon, Po - Guali, Barbil  
Dist - Keonjhar, Odisha - 758035**



Memo No. 13600  
Copy to the :

Dt. 19-07-2025

1. Collector & District Magistrate, **Keonjhar**.
2. Director, Factories & Boilers, Odisha, **Bhubaneswar**.
3. Regional Officer, State Pollution Control Board, Odisha, **Keonjhar**.
4. Guard file.

  
19.7.2025  
Additional Chief Environmental Engineer

**Sustainable Development**



Community development

## Sustainable Development



Water supply and Sanitation

## Sustainable Development



Medical Facilities

( FORM - O )

(See rule 29F (2) and 29L)

Report of Medical Examination under rule 29B

(To be issued in Triplicate)

Aadhaar Card No. : 4250-0154-4068

Certificate No. : JSW/17116

Certified that ~~Shri~~/Shrimati PINTU SAHIS

employed as HOUSE KEEPING in NUAGAON mines.

Form A No .....has been examined for an Initial / Preodical medical examination. He appears to be 25/M years of age. The findings of the examining authority are given in the attached sheet. It is considered that ~~Shri~~/Shrimati PINTU SAHIS

(a)\* is medically fit for any employment/graduate/technician apprentice training in mines,

(b)\* is suffering from .....and is medically unfit for

- 1) any employment in mine : or
- 2) any employment below ground : or
- 3) any employment or work.....

(c) \* is suffering from ..... and should get this disability\* cured-controlled and should be again examined within a period of .....months. He/She will appear for re-examination with result of test of .....and the opinion of .....specialist from ..... He/She\* may be permitted/not\* permitted to carry on his duties during this period.



Dr. Sashi Bhusan Nepak  
M.B.B.S., AFIH  
Regd No.-6029 (O)  
JSW OHC, JAJANG

Dr. Sashi Bhusan Nepak  
M.B.B.S., AFIH  
Signature of the Examining Authority  
Regd No.-6029 (O)  
JSW OHC, JAJANG  
DR. SASHI BHUSAN NEPAK

(Name and Designation in Block letters)

Place : NUAGAON

Date : 14-03-2026

\* Delete whatever is applicable.

\*\* One copy of the certificate shall be handed over to the person concerned and another copy shall be sent to the manager of the mine concerned by registered post : and the third copy shall be retained by the examining authority.

## Report of the Examining Authority

(to be filled in for every medical examination whether initial or periodical or re-examination or after cure / control of disability.)

Annexure to Certificate No. JSW/17116

as result of medical examination on 14-03-2026

Identification Mark :

Left thumb impression of the candidate

### I. A CUT MARK ON LEFT SIDE EYE BROW



1. General Development : **GOOD**

2. Height : **153 CMS**

3. Weight : **50 Kg**

#### 4. Eyes :

(i) Visual Acuity - Distance vision	Without Glass
Right Eye <b>6 / 6</b> Left Eye <b>6 / 6</b>	
(ii) Any Organic Disease of Eyes :	 No 
(iii) Night Blindness :	
(iv) Colour Blindness :	
(v) Squint*	
(* to be tested in Special case )	

#### 5. Ears:

(i) Hearing Right Ear : **22.27 dB** Left Ear : **22.27 dB**  
(ii) Any Organic Disease : **No**

#### 6. Respiratory System :

Chest Measurement

(i) After Full Inspiration : **79 cms**

(ii) After Full Expiration : **74 cms**

#### 7. Circulatory System :

Blood Pressure : **112/70 mmHg**

Pulse : **76 /min**

#### 8. Abdomen

- Tenderness **No**
- Liver **Normal**
- Spleen **Normal**
- Tumor **No**

#### 9. Nervous System

- History of Fits or epilepsy **No**
- Paralysis **No**
- Mental Health **Normal**

10. Locomotor System : **Normal**

11. Skin : **Normal**

12. Hernia : **No**

13. Hydrocele : **No**

14. Any Other Abnormality : **No**

#### 15. Urines :


- Reaction **Acidic**
- Albumin **Nil**
- Sugar **Nil**

16. Skiagram of Chest : **No**

17. Any other "C" test considered necessary by the examining authority. **No**

18. Any opinion of Specialist considered necessary : **No**

Place : **NUAGAON**

  
Dr. Sashi Bhusan Nepak  
(Signature of the Examining Authority)

**M.B.B.S., AFM**  
Regd No.-8029 (O)  
JSW OHC. JAJANG

**Report of Medical Examination as per the recommendations of  
National Safety Conferences in Mines  
(To be used in continuation with Form O)**

Certificate No. : JSW/I7116

Name : PINTU SAHIS

Identification Marks : A CUT MARK ON LEFT SIDE EYE BROW

**1. Cardio Logical Assessment :**

Auscultation	S1	Normal
	S2	Normal
	Additional Sound	No
Electrocardiograph (12 leads) findings :		Normal

Enclosed ECG : Yes

**2. Neurological Assessment :**

Findings	Normal / Abnormal
Superficial Reflexes	Normal
Deep Reflexes	Normal
Peripheral Circulation	Normal
Vibrational Syndromes	No

**3. H.O Classification of Chest Radiograph :**

Profusion of Pneumoconiosis opacities	Grade	Types
ABSENT	0/0	

Enclosed Chest Radiograph : Yes

**4. Audiometry Findings :**

Conduction Type	Left Ear	Right Ear
Ear Conduction	Normal	Normal
Bone Conduction		

Enclosed Audiometry Report : Yes

**5. Pathological / Microbiological Investigations :**

Sl. No.	Tests	Findings
1	Blood-Tc, Dc, Hb, ESR, Platelets	WNL
2	Blood Sugar - Fasting & PP	WNL
3	Lipid Profile	WNL
4	Blood Urea, Creatinine	WNL
5	Urine Routine	WNL
6	Stool Routine	

Enclosed Investigation Report : Yes

**6. Special Tests for MN exposure :**

Behavioral Disturbances	Not Present	
Speech Defect	Not Present	
Neurological Disturbances	Tremor	Not Present
	Adiadocokinesia	Not Present
	Emotional Changes	Not Present

7. Any other Special Test Required : No

**Dr. Sashi Bhusan Nepak**  
 M.B.B.S. AFIH  
 (Signature of the Examining Authority)  
 Regd No.-6029 (U)  
 JSW OHC. JAJANG

## Report of Medical Examination as Under Mines Rule 29B

( To be used in continuation with Form 'O' )

Certificate No. : JSW/17116

Name : PINTU SAHIS

Identification Marks : A CUT MARK ON LEFT SIDE EYE BROW

### Result of Lung Function Test (Spirometry)

Parameteres	Predicated Value	Performed Value	% of Predicted
Forced Vital Capacity (FVC)	02.76	02.59	094
Forced Expiratory Volume 1 (FEV1)	02.42	02.59	107
FEV1/FVC	87.68	100.00	114
Peak Expiratory Flow	08.10	06.46	080

Spirometry Report enclosed : Yes

Blood Group :- B:VE

Dr. Sashi Bhusan Nepak  
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Regd. No. -6029 (O)  
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# ( FORM - O )

(See rule 29F (2) and 29L)

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- 1) any employment in mine : or
- 2) any employment below ground : or
- 3) any employment or work.....

(c) \* is suffering from ..... and should get this disability\* cured-controlled and should be again examined within a period of .....months. He/She will appear for re-examination with result of test of.....and the opinion of.....specialist from..... He/She\* may be permitted/not\* permitted to carry on his duties during this period.



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DR. SASHI BHUSAN NEPAK

.....  
(Name and Designation in Block letters)

Place : **NUAGAON**

Date : **14-03-2026**

\* Delete whatever is applicable.

\*\* One copy of the certificate shall be handed over to the person concerned and another copy shall be sent to the manager of the mine concerned by registered post : and the third copy shall be retained by the examining authority.

## Report of the Examining Authority

(to be filled in for every medical examination whether initial or periodical or re-examination or after cure / control of disability.)

Annexure to Certificate No. **JSW/17116**

as result of medical examination on **14-03-2026**

Identification Mark :

Left thumb impression of the candidate

### I. A CUT MARK ON LEFT SIDE EYE BROW



1. General Development : **GOOD**

2. Height : **153 CMS**

3. Weight : **50 Kg**

### 4. Eyes :

(i) Visual Acuity - Distance vision	Without Glass
Right Eye <b>6 / 6</b> Left Eye <b>6 / 6</b>	
(ii) Any Organic Disease of Eyes :	 <b>No</b>
(iii) Night Blindness :	
(iv) Colour Blindness :	
(v) Squint*	
(* to be tested in Special case )	

### 5. Ears:

(i) Hearing Right Ear : **22.27 dB** Left Ear : **22.27 dB**  
(ii) Any Organic Disease : **No**

### 6. Respiratory System :

Chest Measurement

(i) After Full Inspiration : **79 cms**

(ii) After Full Expiration : **74 cms**

### 7. Circulatory System :

Blood Pressure : **112/70 mmHg**

Pulse : **76 /min**

### 8. Abdomen

- Tenderness **No**
- Liver **Normal**
- Spleen **Normal**
- Tumor **No**

### 9. Nervous System

- History of Fits or epilepsy **No**
- Paralysis **No**
- Mental Health **Normal**

10. Locomotor System : **Normal**

11. Skin : **Normal**

12. Hernia : **No**

13. Hydrocele : **No**

14. Any Other Abnormality : **No**

### 15. Urines :

- Reaction **Acidic**
- Albumin **Nil**
- Sugar **Nil**

16. Skiagram of Chest : **No**

17. Any other "C" test considered necessary by the examining authority. **No**

18. Any opinion of Specialist considered necessary : **No**

Place : **NUAGAON**

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**Report of Medical Examination as per the recommendations of  
National Safety Conferences in Mines  
(To be used in continuation with Form O)**

Certificate No. : JSW/17116

Name : PINTU SAHIS

Identification Marks : A CUT MARK ON LEFT SIDE EYE BROW

**1. Cardio Logical Assessment :**

Auscultation	S1	Normal
	S2	Normal
	Additional Sound	No
Electrocardiograph (12 leads) findings :		Normal

Enclosed ECG : Yes

**2. Neurological Assessment :**

Findings	Normal / Abnormal
Superficial Reflexes	Normal
Deep Reflexes	Normal
Peripheral Circulation	Normal
Vibrational Syndromes	No

**3. H.O Classification of Chest Radiograph :**

Profusion of Pneumoconiosis opacities	Grade	Types
ABSENT	0/0	

Enclosed Chest Radiograph : Yes

**4. Audiometry Findings :**

Conduction Type	Left Ear	Right Ear
Ear Conduction	Normal	Normal
Bone Conduction		

Enclosed Audiometry Report : Yes

**5. Pathological / Microbiological Investigations :**

Sl. No.	Tests	Findings
1	Blood-Tc, Dc, Hb, ESR, Platelets	WNL
2	Blood Sugar - Fasting & PP	WNL
3	Lipid Profile	WNL
4	Blood Urea, Creatinine	WNL
5	Urine Routine	WNL
6	Stool Routine	

Enclosed Investigation Report : Yes

**6. Special Tests for MN exposure :**

Behavioral Disturbances		Not Present
Speech Defect		Not Present
Neurological Disturbances	Tremor	Not Present
	Adiadocokinesia	Not Present
	Emotional Changes	Not Present

7. Any other Special Test Required : No

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## Report of Medical Examination as Under Mines Rule 29B

( To be used in continuation with Form 'O' )

Certificate No. : JSW/17116

Name : PINTU SAHIS

Identification Marks : A CUT MARK ON LEFT SIDE EYE BROW

### Result of Lung Function Test (Spirometry)

Parameteres	Predicated Value	Performed Value	% of Predicted
Forced Vital Capacity (FVC)	02.76	02.59	094
Forced Expiratory Volume I (FEV1)	02.42	02.59	107
FEV1/FVC	87.68	100.00	114
Peak Expiratory Flow	08.10	06.46	080

Spirometry Report enclosed : Yes

Blood Group :- B+VE

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As per Snellen's chart

SPECTACLE PRESCRIPTION



Name: Pintu Sahir  
 Age: 25/m IPD: 17mm Date: 14/03/26

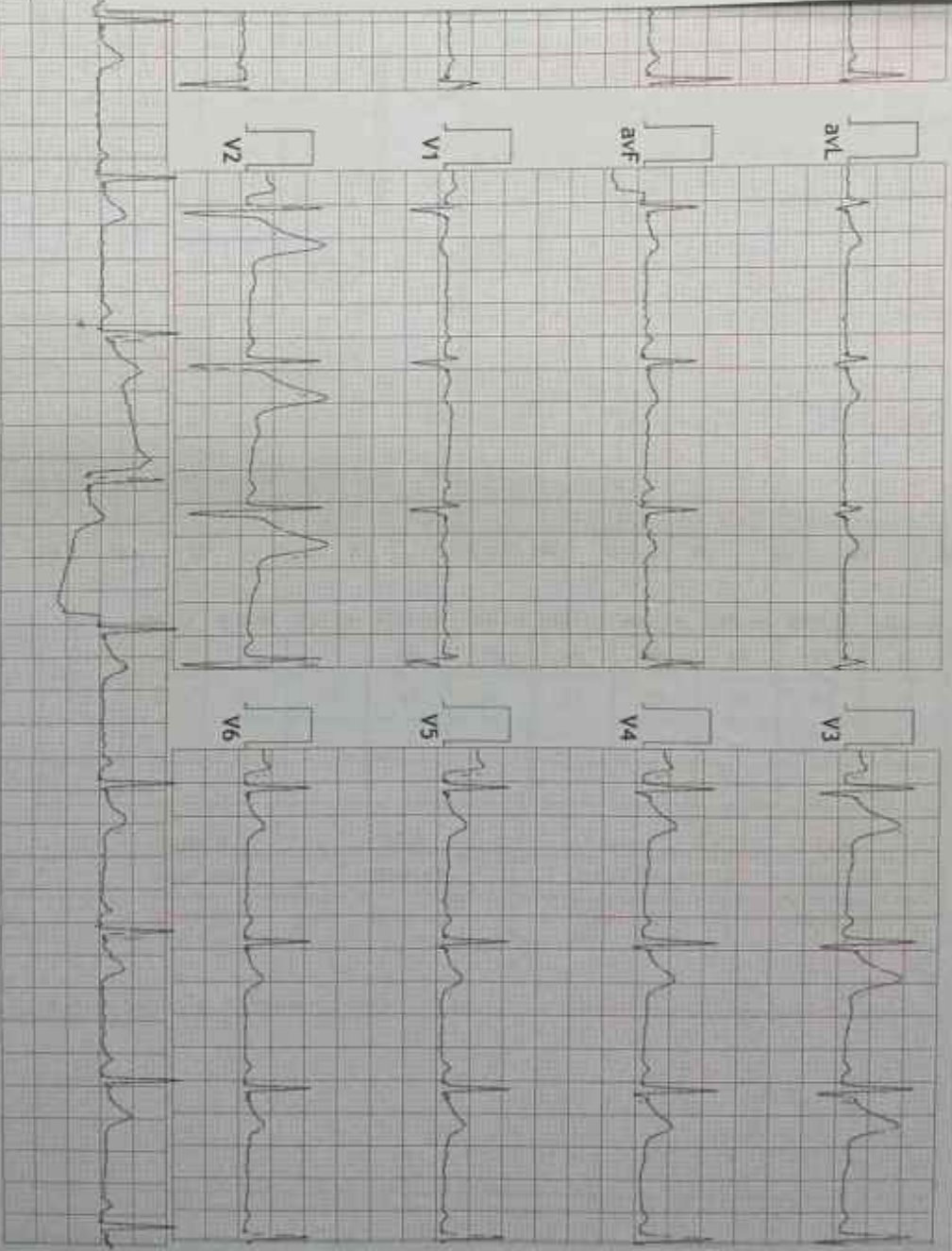
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	Sph	Cyl	Axis	Vision	Sph	Cyl	Axis	Vision
	-	-	-	6/6	-	-	-	6/6

Remarks: Colour vision Normal Ophthalmologist

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FINDINGS: Normal Sinus Rhythm  
 Vent Rate: 66 bpm; PR Interval: 92 ms;  
 P-QRS-T axis: -178 - 37 - 9 (Deg)  
 Comments:

QRS Duration: 138 ms; QT/QTc Int: 371/389 ms



Cns BP:      /      mmHg HR: 66 bpm  
 10mm/mV 25mm/Sec



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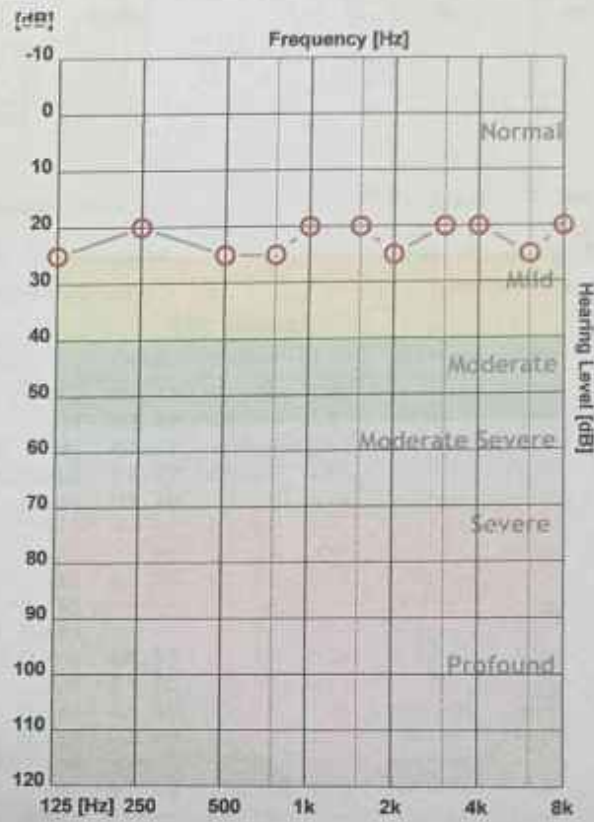
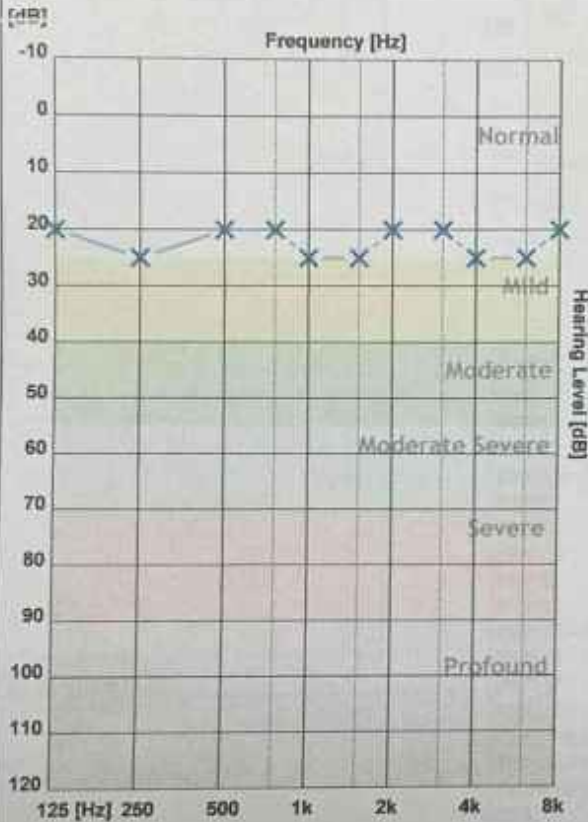


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Patient ID : 24168  
Name : PINTU SAHIS  
CR Number : 20260314154937  
Registration Date : 14-Mar-2026

Age : 25  
Gender : Male  
Operator : admin admin



	125 Hz	250 Hz	500 Hz	750 Hz	1000 Hz	1500 Hz	2000 Hz	3000 Hz	4000 Hz	6000 Hz	8000 Hz
X - Air Left	20	25	20	20	25	25	20	20	25	25	20
O - Air Right	25	20	25	25	20	20	25	20	20	25	20
> - Bone Left											
< - Bone Right											

	Average	High	Mid	Low
AIR Left	22.27 dB	22.50 dB	23.33 dB	21.25 dB
AIR Right	22.27 dB	21.25 dB	21.67 dB	23.75 dB

Clinical Notes :

TEST WITHIN NORMAL LIMITS

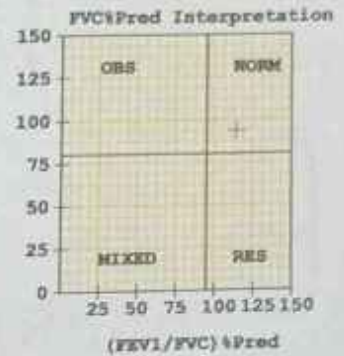
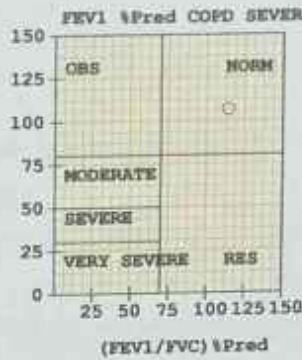
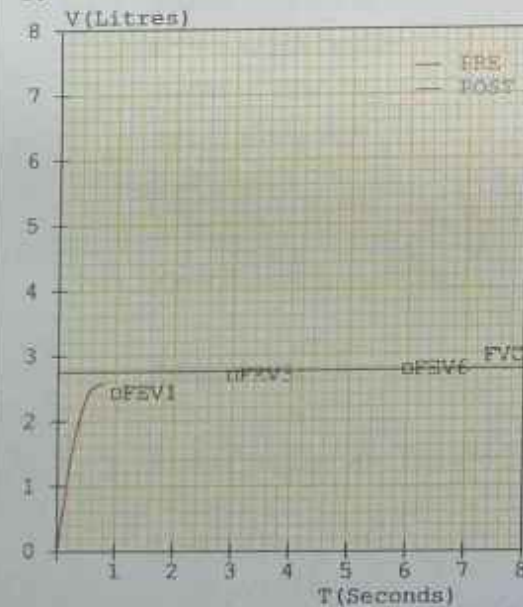
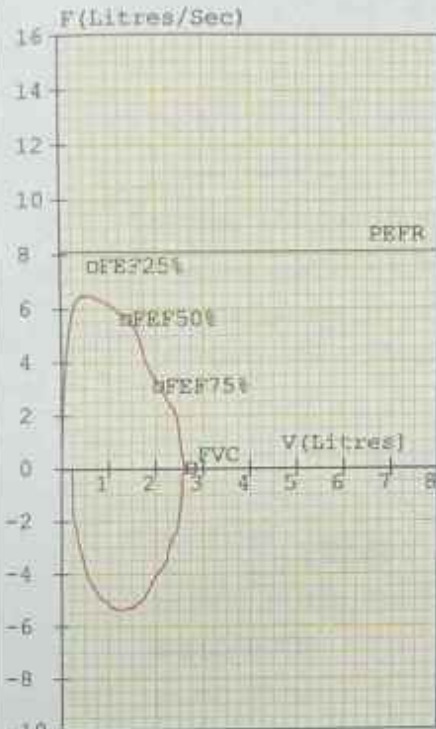
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**JSW.JAJANG**

Patient: PINTU SAHIS  
 Refd. By:  
 Pred. Eqns: RECORDERS  
 Date : 14-Mar-2026 03:49 PM

Age : 25 Yrs  
 Height : 152 Cms  
 Weight : 50 Kgs  
 ID : 17116

Gender : Male  
 Smoker : Yes  
 Eth. Corr: 100  
 Temp :



### FVC Results

Parameter	Pred	M. Pre	%Pred	M. Post	%Pred	%Imp
FVC (L)	02.76	02.59	094	----	----	----
FEV1 (L)	02.42	02.59	107	----	----	----
FEV1/FVC (%)	87.68	100.00	114	----	----	----
FEF25-75 (L/s)	04.27	05.19	122	----	----	----
PEFR (L/s)	08.10	06.46	080	----	----	----
FIVC (L)	----	02.40	----	----	----	----
FEV.5 (L)	----	02.37	----	----	----	----
FEV3 (L)	02.68	02.59	097	----	----	----
PIFR (L/s)	----	05.37	----	----	----	----
FEF75-85 (L/s)	----	02.94	----	----	----	----
FEF.2-1.2 (L/s)	06.99	06.14	088	----	----	----
FEF 25% (L/s)	07.55	06.36	084	----	----	----
FEF 50% (L/s)	05.60	05.71	102	----	----	----
FEF 75% (L/s)	03.08	03.42	111	----	----	----
FEV.5/FVC (%)	----	91.51	----	----	----	----
FEV3/FVC (%)	97.10	100.00	103	----	----	----
FET (Sec)	----	00.79	----	----	----	----
ExptTime (Sec)	----	00.07	----	----	----	----
Lung Age (Yrs)	025	023	092	----	----	----
FEV6 (L)	02.76	----	----	----	----	----
FIF25% (L/s)	----	03.45	----	----	----	----
FIF50% (L/s)	----	05.09	----	----	----	----
FIF75% (L/s)	----	05.16	----	----	----	----

### Pre Test COPD Severity

Test within normal limits

### Pre Medication Report Indicates

Spirometry within normal limits as (FEV1/FVC)%Pred >95 and FVC%Pred >80

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 REG NO- KEO/00036/2022

PATIENTS NAME: PINTU SAHIS

SAMPLE ID: 17116

## PATHOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

<u>TESTS</u>	<u>RESULTS</u>
RANDOM BLOOD SUGAR	: 79.25 mg/dl
<b><u>Renal Profile</u></b>	
Serum Urea	: 22.31 mg/dl
Serum Creatinine	: 0.96 mg/dl
<b><u>Serum Lipid Profile</u></b>	
TOTAL CHOLESTROL	: 151.23 mg/dl
TRIGLYCERIDES	: 133.26 mg/dl
H.D.L.C	: 33.81 mg/dl
L.D.L.C	: 90.77 mg/dl
V.L.D.L.C	: 26.65 mg/dl
<b><u>Haematology</u></b>	
ESR	: 12 mm fall in 1
Blood Group RH Typing	: "B" (+ve) Positive

\*\*\*\*\*END OF THE REPORTS\*\*\*\*\*

Send Office: JSW Centre

ID:17116  
 Gender:  
 Age:  
 Blood Type:  
 Dept:  
 Case ID:  
 Sender:  
 Operator: administrator  
 Auditor:  
 Time: 15/03/2026 09:59  
 Whole Blood for Venous Blood

\*This result is valid only for current sample\*

52925

Name  
 ORAM  
 WBC  
 LYM%  
 MID%  
 GRAN%  
 LYM#  
 MID#  
 GRAN#  
 RBC  
 HGB  
 HCT

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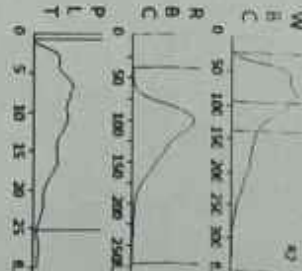
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 %

Info Range  
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 50.0-70.0  
 0.6-4.1  
 0.1-1.8  
 2.0-7.8  
 3.50-6.00  
 11.0-17.5  
 35.0-54.0

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 P\_LCR  
 P\_LCC  
 PDW\_SD  
 PDW\_CV

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 L 26.0-34.0  
 L 31.5-36.0  
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 H 0.10-0.28  
 H 11.0-45.0  
 L 11-135  
 H 9.0-17.0  
 H 15.0-18.0



Hematology Analysis Report

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PATIENTS NAME: PINTU SAHIS

AGE:25 Yrs SEX:M

SAMPLE ID: 17116

DATE: 14/03/2026

## URINE ROUTINE & MICROSCOPIC

### Routine

COLOUR : Pale Yellow  
VOLUME : About 10 ml  
REACTION : Acidic  
TURBIDITY : Nil.  
SUGAR : Nil.  
ALBUMIN : Nil.  
PHOSPHATE : Nil.

### Microscopic

PUS CELLS : 2-4/HPF.  
RBC : Nil.  
EP. CELLS : 0-2/HPF.  
CAST : Nil.  
CRYSTAL : Nil.  
OTHERS : Nil.

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No. JSW/S/O/2021/194

Date: 18/08/2021

To,  
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Sub: - Submission of Environment Clearance letter for the **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.**

Ref: - Environment Clearance Letter No F. No. J-11015/1156/2007-IA.II (M) dated 05.08.2021 issued by MOEF&CC, GOI.

Dear Sir,

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To comply the EC Standard condition (I. Statutory Compliance point no 5), a copy of environment clearance is submitted for your kind record and perusal.

Thanking you,

Yours Faithfully  
**For JSW Steel Ltd**

**Baswaraj M Dalgade**  
 (Authorized Signatory)

Encl: As above





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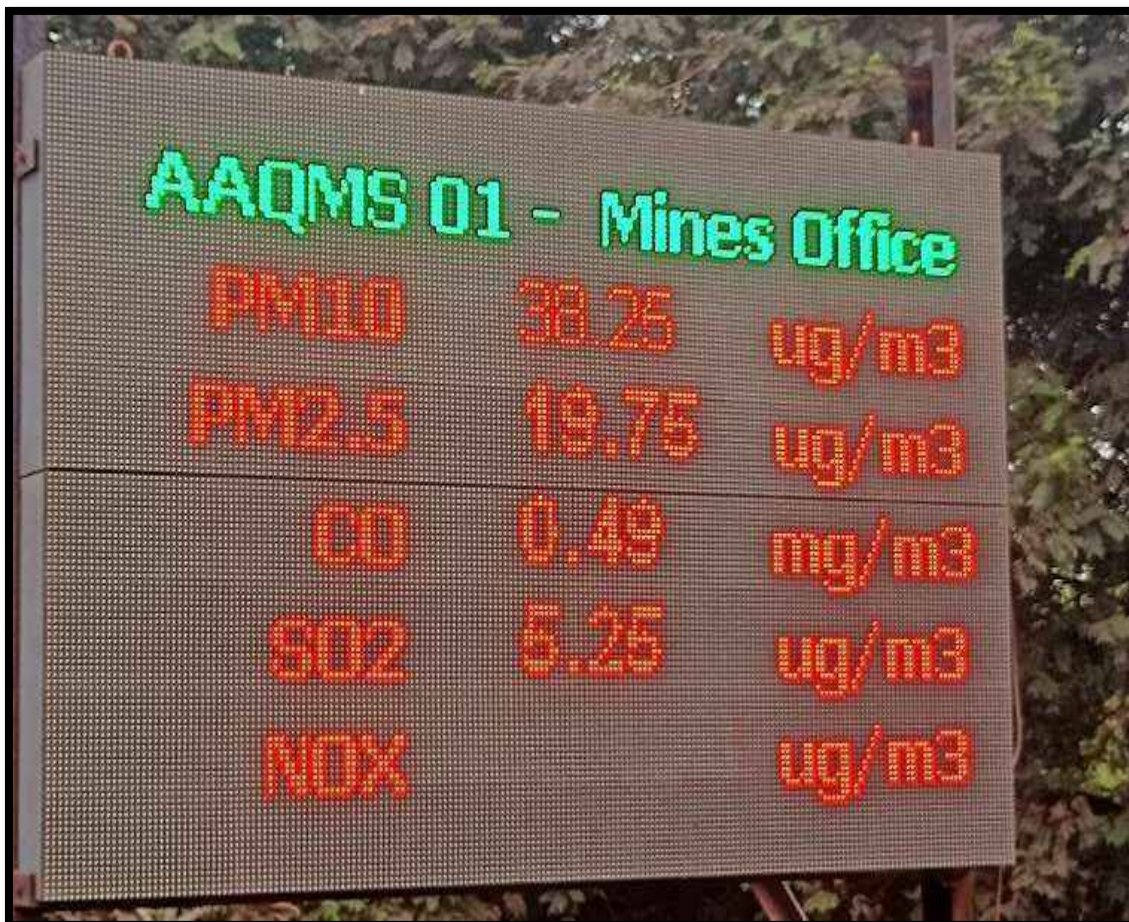
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CAAQMS AND DIGITAL DISPLAY BOARD-NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE

DUST CHEMICAL TRIAL-NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE





(भूजल निकासी हेतु अनापत्ति प्रमाण पत्र)

**NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE (NOC) FOR GROUND WATER ABSTRACTION**

Project Name:		M/s Jsw Steel Ltd Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines												
Project Address:		Village-nuagaon And Guali, Block-joda, Tehsil-barbil												
Village:		Nuagaon		Block:		Joda								
District:		Kendujhar		State:		Odisha								
Pin Code:														
Communication Address:		M/s Jsw Steel Ltd., Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines, Po-barbil, Joda, Kendujhar, Odisha - 758035												
Address of CGWB Regional Office :		Central Ground Water Board South Eastern Region, Bhujal Bhawan, Khandagiri Square, Nh-5, Bhubaneshwar, Khordha, Odisha - 751030												
1. NOC No.:	CGWA/NOC/MIN/REN/2/2025/11502			2. Date of Issuance	24/04/2025									
3. Application No.:	21-4/92/OR/MIN/2017			4. Category: (GWRE 2024)	Safe									
5. Project Status:	Existing With Additional Ground Water Requirment			6. NOC Type:	Renewal									
7. Valid from:	03/11/2024			8. Valid up to:	02/11/2026									
9. Ground Water Abstraction Permitted:														
Fresh Water		Saline Water		Dewatering		Total								
m <sup>3</sup> /day	m <sup>3</sup> /year	m <sup>3</sup> /day	m <sup>3</sup> /year	m <sup>3</sup> /day	m <sup>3</sup> /year	m <sup>3</sup> /day	m <sup>3</sup> /year							
1050.00	383250.00			1166.00	425590.00	2216.00	808840.00							
10. Details of ground water abstraction /Dewatering structures														
Total Existing No							Total Proposed No							
	DW	DCB	BW	TW	MP	MPu	DW	DCB	BW	TW	MP	MPu		
Abstraction Structure*	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0		
Dewatering Structure*	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6		
*DW- Dug Well; DCB-Dug-cum-Bore Well; BW-Bore Well; TW-Tube Well; MP-Mine Pit;MPu-Mine Pumps														
11. Ground Water Abstraction/Restoration Charges paid (Rs.):							4044200.00							
12. Environment Compensation (if applicable) paid (Rs.):							0.00							
13. Number of Piezometers(Observation wells) to be constructed/ monitored & Monitoring mechanism.							No. of Piezometers		Monitoring Mechanism					
									Manual		DWLR**		DWLR With Telemetry	
**DWLR - Digital Water Level Recorder							2		0		1		1	

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**(Compliance Conditions given overleaf)**

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Validity of this NOC shall be subject to compliance of the following conditions:

**Mandatory conditions:**

- 1) Installation of tamper proof digital water flow meter with telemetry on all the abstraction structure(s) shall be mandatory for all users seeking No Objection Certificate and intimation regarding their installation shall be communicated to the CGWA within 30 days of grant of No Objection Certificate.
- 2) Proponents shall mandatorily get water flow meter calibrated from an authorized agency once in a year.
- 3) Construction of purpose-built observation wells (piezometers) for ground water level monitoring shall be mandatory as per Section 14 of Guidelines. Water level data shall be made available to CGWA through web portal. Detailed guidelines for construction of piezometers are given in Annexure-II of the guidelines.
- 4) Proponents shall monitor quality of ground water from the abstraction structure(s) once in a year. Water samples from bore wells/ tube wells / dug wells shall be collected during April/May every year and analysed in NABL accredited laboratories for basic parameters (cations and anions), heavy metals, pesticides/ organic compounds etc. Water quality data shall be made available to CGWA through the web portal.
- 5) In case of mining projects, additional key wells shall be established in consultation with the Regional Director, CGWB for ground water level monitoring four (4) times a year (January, May, August and November) in core as well as buffer zones of the mine.
- 6) In case of mining project the firm shall submit water quality report of mine discharge/ seepage from Govt. approved/ NABL accredited lab.
- 7) The firm shall report compliance of the NOC conditions online in the website (www.cgwa-noc.gov.in) within one year from the date of issue of this NOC.
- 8) Industries abstracting ground water in excess of 100 m<sup>3</sup>/d shall undertake annual water audit through certified auditors and submit audit reports within three months of completion of the same to CGWA. All such industries shall be required to reduce their ground water use by at least 20% over the next three years through appropriate means.
- 9) Application for renewal can be submitted online from 90 days before the expiry of NOC. Ground water withdrawal, if any, after expiry of NOC shall be illegal & liable for legal action as per provisions of Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- 10) This NOC is subject to prevailing Central/State Government rules/laws/norms or Court orders related to construction of tube well/ground water abstraction structure / recharge or conservation structure/discharge of effluents or any such matter as applicable.

**General conditions:**

- 11) No additional ground water abstraction and/or de-watering structures shall be constructed for this purpose without prior approval of the Central Ground Water Authority (CGWA).
- 12) The proponent shall seek prior permission from CGWA for any increase in quantum of groundwater abstraction (more than that permitted in NOC for specific period).
- 13) Proponents shall install roof top rain water harvesting in the premise as per the existing building bye laws in the premise.
- 14) The project proponent shall take all necessary measures to prevent contamination of ground water in the premises failing which the firm shall be responsible for any consequences arising thereupon.
- 15) In case of industries that are likely to contaminate the ground water, no recharge measures shall be taken up by the firm inside the plant premises. The runoff generated from the rooftop shall be stored and put to beneficial use by the firm.
- 16) Wherever feasible, requirement of water for greenbelt (horticulture) shall be met from recycled / treated waste water.
- 17) Wherever the NOC is for abstraction of saline water and the existing wells (s) is /are yielding fresh water, the same shall be sealed and new tubewell(s) tapping saline water zone shall be constructed within 3 months of the issuance of NOC. The firm shall also ensure safe disposal of saline residue, if any.
- 18) Unexpected variations in inflow of ground water into the mine pit, if any, shall be reported to the concerned Regional Director, Central Ground Water Board.
- 19) In case of violation of any NOC conditions, the applicant shall be liable to pay the penalties as per Section 16 of Guidelines.
- 20) This NOC does not absolve the proponents of their obligation / requirement to obtain other statutory and administrative clearances from appropriate authorities.
- 21) The issue of this NOC does not imply that other statutory / administrative clearances shall be granted to the project by the concerned authorities. Such authorities would consider the project on merits and take decisions independently of the NOC.
- 22) In case of change of ownership, new owner of the industry will have to apply for incorporation of necessary changes in the No Objection Certificate with documentary proof within 60 days of taking over possession of the premises.
- 23) This NOC is being issued without any prejudice to the directions of the Hon'ble NGT/court orders in cases related to ground water or any other related matters.
- 24) Proponents, who have installed/constructed artificial recharge structures in compliance of the NOC granted to them previously and have availed rebate of upto 50% (fifty percent) in the ground water abstraction charges/ground water restoration charges, shall continue to regularly maintain artificial recharge structures.
- 25) Industries which are likely to cause ground water pollution e.g. Tanning, Slaughter Houses, Dye, Chemical/ Petrochemical, Coal washeries, pharmaceutical, other hazardous units etc. (as per CPCB list) need to undertake necessary well head protection measures to ensure prevention of ground water pollution as per Annexure III of the guidelines.
- 26) In case of new infrastructure projects having ground water abstraction of more than 20 m<sup>3</sup>/day, the firm/entity shall ensure implementation of dual water supply system in the projects.
- 27) In case of infrastructure projects, paved/parking area must be covered with interlocking/perforated tiles or other suitable measures to ensure groundwater infiltration/harvesting.
- 28) In case of coal and other base metal mining projects, the project proponent shall use the advance dewatering technology (by construction of series of dewatering abstraction structures) to avoid contamination of surface water.
- 29) The NOC issued is conditional subject to the conditions mentioned in the Public notice dated 27.01.2021 failing which penalty/EC/cancellation of NOC shall be imposed as the case may be.
- 30) This NOC is issued subject to the clearance of Expert Appraisal Committee (EAC) (if applicable).
- 31) In the self-compliance report, the PP shall submit details of Drilling Agency/ Agencies, which has/ have constructed BW(s)/ TW(s) along with undertaking to the effect that all necessary measures have been taken as per directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court provided in Annexure-VII of guidelines dated 24.09.2020 in respect of abandoned/ failed BW(s)/ TW(s)/Piezometer(s), if any. The PP is advised to engage registered drilling agency/ agencies. In the event of any mishap/ unfortunate incident due to negligence in taking measures for prevention of accident due to falling in Bore Well, both PP and concerned drilling agency shall jointly be held responsible and penal action as per extant Government rules shall be taken.

**(Non-compliance of the conditions mentioned above is likely to result in the cancellation of NOC and legal action against the proponent.)**

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**CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY**  
Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation  
Ministry of Jal Shakti, Govt. of India

**Receipt**

(As per the guideline Gazette Notification S.O. 3281(E) regarding the New Guidelines dated 24.09.2020 of CGWA, MoJS, Govt. of India)  
<https://cgwa-noc.gov.in>

Application No.:	21-4/92/OR/MIN/2017	Date of Issuance:	24/04/2025
Name of Firm:	M/s JSW Steel Ltd Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines		
AppType Category:	Iron ore		
Application Type:	Mining		
PAN/GSTIN No. of Firm/Individual:	/		

S N	Description	Amount (Rs.)
1.	Application Processing Fee	5000.00
2.	Ground Water Abstraction charges	4044200.00
3.	Ground Water Restoration charges	0
4.	Environmental Compensation Charges (ECRGW) (Date From to ) Days-	
5.	Penalty for non-Compliance of NOC conditions Condition to be mentioned	
6.	Adjustment Charges	
7.	Rebate	
8.	Charges for correction/modification in the existing issued No Objection Certificate	
S.No.	Description	Rate
(i)	Change in User ID	Rs. 1000
(ii)	Change in firm Name	Rs. 5000
(iii)	Extension of No Objection Certificate	Rs. 5000
(iv)	Issuance of duplicate No Objection Certificate	Rs. 5000
(v)	Issuance of corrigendum to No Objection Certificate	Rs. 5000
(vi)	Any other items/correction etc.	Rs. 500
<b>Rs. Rupees Forty Lakh Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Only</b>		<b>4049200.00</b>

This is an system generated invoice, hence, does not require ink signed.

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Term and conditions:

- i. All disputes are subject to Delhi Jurisdiction.
- ii. Any complaint in regard to the rates will not be entertained.

Member-Secretary  
CGWA, New Delhi

CENTRAL GROUND WATER AUTHORITY



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No. JSW/CO/S/2025/297

Date: 30/06/2025

To,  
The Member Secretary  
State Pollution Control Board, Odisha,  
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118, Nilakantha Nagar, Unit-8,  
**BHUBANESWAR- 751012**

Sub: - Submission of Quarterly Ground Water Level and Quality Monitoring Reports in compliance of CTO and NEERI Conditions for **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.**

Ref: - New Consent Order No 2943 vide letter no 6932/IND-I-CON-2320 dated 31.03.2025. Dear

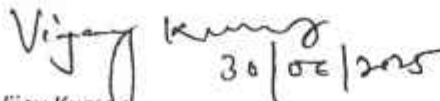
Sir,

With reference to aforesaid subject, please find enclosed herewith the Quarterly Ground Water Level and Quality Monitoring Reports for May 2025 in compliance of CTO and NEERI Conditions for **Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine of M/s JSW Steel Ltd.**

Seeking your co-operation as always.

Thanking you, Yours

Faithfully  
For JSW Steel Ltd

  
Vijay Kumar

(Authorized Signatory) Encl:

As above

Copy to- The Regional Officer, Regional Office, State Pollution Control Board, Keonjhar, At – Baniapat, College Road, Keonjhar-758 001, Office of the State Pollution Control Board, Odisha



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# Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.

(Committed For Better Environment)

Test Report No: Envlab/25-26/TR-09076

Date: 05.06.2025

## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address : Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd

### SAMPLE DETAILS

Sample Location & Code	GW1: Janamburu GW2: Guali Basti	Sampled by	VCSPL'S Representative
Sample Description	Ground Water	Sampling Procedure	APHA 1060
Sample Condition	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle	Sample Received on	26.05.2025
Sampling Date	24.05.2025	Test Completed on	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025

Sl. No	Parameters	Unit	Standard as per IS 10500:2012, Amnd. 2015 & 2018		Test methods	GW-1	GW-2
			Acceptable	Permissible			
1	Color	Hazen	5	15	APHA 2120 B,C	<5.0	<5.0
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	Agreeable	APHA 2120 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	No relaxation	APHA 4500 H+B	7.24	7.15
4	Turbidity	NTU, max	1.0	5.0	APHA 2130 B	<1.0	1.1
5	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	500	2000	APHA 2540 C	240.0	186.0
6	Calcium (as Ca)	mg/l	75	200	APHA 3500Ca B	26.3	31.4
7	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l	250	1000	APHA 4500Cl- B	19.7	20.8
8	Copper ( as Cu)	mg/l	0.05	1.5	APHA 3111B,C	<0.02	<0.02
9	Fluoride ( as F)	mg/l	1.0	1.5	APHA 4500F-C	0.23	0.21
10	Free residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.2	1.0	APHA 4500Cl B	ND	ND
11	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l	1.0	No relaxation	APHA 3500Fe B	0.15	0.18
12	Magnesium (as Mg)	mg/l	30	100	APHA 3500Mg,B	8.63	7.69
13	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l	0.1	0.3	APHA 3500Mn B	<0.05	<0.05
14	Aluminium (as Al)	mg/l	0.03	0.2	APHA 3500Al B	<1.0	<1.0
15	Mineral oil	mg/l	0.5	No relaxation	APHA 5220 B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Acidity	mg/l	-	-	APHA 2310 B	<1.0	<1.0
17	Phenolic Compounds	mg/l	0.001	0.002	APHA 5530 B,C	<0.05	<0.05
18	Selenium( as Se)	mg/l	0.01	No relaxation	APHA 3114B	<0.001	<0.001
19	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l	200	400	APHA 4500SO42-B	6.13	8.09
20	Total Alkalinity	mg/l	200	600	APHA 2320 B	68.0	75.0
21	Total Hardness	mg/l	200	600	APHA 2340 C	89.0	96.0
22	Zinc( as Zn)	mg/l	5.0	15.0	APHA 3111B,C	0.12	0.11
23	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l	45	No relaxation	APHA 4500 NO-B	4.69	5.12
24	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l	0.2	1.0	APHA:4500 NO3- B	ND	ND
25	Boron	mg/l	0.5	1.0	APHA 4500 B,B	<0.1	<0.1
26	Cadmium (as Cd)	mg/l	0.003	No relaxation	APHA 3111B,C	<0.01	<0.01
27	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l	0.05	No relaxation	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
28	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l	0.05	No relaxation	APHA 4500CN-C,D	<0.01	<0.01
29	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l	0.01	No relaxation	APHA 3111B,C	<0.01	<0.01
30	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l	0.001	No relaxation	APHA 3500 Hg	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total arsenic	mg/l	0.01	No relaxation	APHA 3114B	<0.004	<0.004
32	Pesticide	mg/l	0.0005	No relaxation	APHA 6630 B	<0.0001	<0.0001
33	Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)	mg/l	0.001	0.002	APHA 6440 B	<0.0001	<0.0001
34	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample		APHA 9221 B	Absent	Absent
35	E. Coli	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample		APHA 9221 F	Absent	Absent
Any unusual feature observed during determination						NIL	

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# Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.

(Committed For Better Environment)

Test Report No: Envlab/25-26/TR-09077

Date: 05.06.2025

## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address : Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd

### SAMPLE DETAILS

Sample Location & Code	GW3: Kendudihi, Munda Sahi GW4: Near Muni Munda House	Sampled by	VCSPL'S Representative
Sample Description	Ground Water	Sampling Procedure	APHA 1060
Sample Condition	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle	Sample Received on	26.05.2025
Sampling Date	24.05.2025	Test Completed on	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025

Sl. No	Parameters	Unit	Standard as per IS 10500:2012, Amnd. 2015 & 2018		Test methods	GW-3	GW-4
			Acceptable Limit	Permissible Limit			
1	Color	Hazen	5	15	APHA 2120 B,C	<5.0	<5.0
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	Agreeable	APHA 2120 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	No relaxation	APHA 4500 H+B	6.92	7.13
4	Turbidity	NTU, max	1.0	5.0	APHA 2130 B	<1.0	<1.0
5	Total Dissolved Solids	mg/l	500	2000	APHA 2540 C	189.0	205.0
6	Calcium (as Ca)	mg/l	75	200	APHA 3500Ca B	30.1	32.3
7	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l	250	1000	APHA 4500Cl- B	21.5	24.2
8	Copper ( as Cu)	mg/l	0.05	1.5	APHA 3111B,C	<0.02	<0.02
9	Fluoride ( as F)	mg/l	1.0	1.5	APHA 4500F-C	0.15	0.13
10	Free residual Chlorine	mg/l	0.2	1.0	APHA 4500Cl B	ND	ND
11	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l	1.0	No relaxation	APHA 3500Fe B	0.19	0.21
12	Magnesium (as Mg)	mg/l	30	100	APHA 3500Mg,B	7.63	9.02
13	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l	0.1	0.3	APHA 3500Mn B	<0.05	<0.05
14	Aluminium (as Al)	mg/l	0.03	0.2	APHA 3500Al B	<1.0	<1.0
15	Mineral oil	mg/l	0.5	No relaxation	APHA 5220 B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Acidity	mg/l	-	-	APHA 2310 B	<1.0	<1.0
17	Phenolic Compounds	mg/l	0.001	0.002	APHA 5530 B,C	<0.05	<0.05
18	Selenium ( as Se)	mg/l	0.01	No relaxation	APHA 3114B	<0.001	<0.001
19	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l	200	400	APHA 4500SO42-B	5.40	4.78
20	Total Alkalinity	mg/l	200	600	APHA 2320 B	63.0	72.0
21	Total Hardness	mg/l	200	600	APHA 2340 C	89.0	95.0
22	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l	5.0	15.0	APHA 3111B,C	0.13	0.11
23	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l	45	No relaxation	APHA 4500 NO-B	5.46	4.69
24	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l	0.2	1.0	APHA:4500 NO <sub>3</sub> - B	ND	ND
25	Boron	mg/l	0.5	1.0	APHA 4500 B,B	<0.1	<0.1
26	Cadmium (as Cd)	mg/l	0.003	No relaxation	APHA 3111B,C	<0.01	<0.01
27	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l	0.05	No relaxation	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
28	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l	0.05	No relaxation	APHA 4500CN-C,D	<0.01	<0.01
29	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l	0.01	No relaxation	APHA 3111B,C	<0.01	<0.01
30	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l	0.001	No relaxation	APHA 3500 Hg	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total arsenic	mg/l	0.01	No relaxation	APHA 3114B	<0.004	<0.004
32	Pesticide	mg/l	0.0005	No relaxation	APHA 6630 B	<0.0001	<0.0001
33	Polyaromatic hydrocarbons (PAH)	mg/l	0.001	0.002	APHA 6440 B	<0.0001	<0.0001
34	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample		APHA 9221 B	Absent	Absent
35	E. Coli	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample		APHA 9221 F	Absent	Absent
Any unusual feature observed during determination						NIL	

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Annexure-8

**SURFACE WATER QUALITY ANALYSIS REPORT**  
**FLOW RATE MEASUREMENT REPORT**





# Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.

(Committed For Better Environment)

Test Report No: Envlab/25-26/TR-08524

Date: 10.06.2025

## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address : Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Keonjhar						
<b>SAMPLE DETAILS</b>						
Sample Location & Code	SW1: Karo Nalla (Up Stream) SW2: Karo Nalla (Down Stream)	Sampled by	VCSPL'S Representative			
Sample Description	Surface Water	Sampling Procedure	APHA 1060			
Sample Source	Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines, JSW	Sample Received on	26.05.2025			
Sample Condition	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle					
Sampling Date	24.05.2025	Test Completed on	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025			
Sl. No	Parameters	Units	Standards as per IS 2296-Class C	Test methods	SW-1	SW-2
1	Color	Hazen, max	300	APHA 2120 B	<10	15
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	APHA 2150 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	APHA 4500 H <sup>+</sup> B	7.28	7.33
4	Suspended Solids	mg/l, max	--	APHA 2540 D	58.5	61.3
5	Total dissolved solids	mg/l, max	1500	APHA 2540 C	70.2	73.1
6	Temperature	<sup>o</sup> c	--	--	27.6	29.8
7	Oil & Grease	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 5220 B	ND	ND
8	Dissolved Oxygen (as DO)	mg/l, min	4	APHA 4500 O C	4.4	4.8
9	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (as BOD at 270C For 3 days)	mg/l, max	3.0	APHA 4500 P D	2.3	2.6
10	Chemical Oxygen Demand (as COD)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	12.2	11.8
11	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l, max	600	APHA 23RD Ed,2017: 4500Cl- B	31.2	29.8
12	Free Ammonia (as NH3)	mg/l, max	--	--	ND	ND
13	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l, max	50	APHA 3500 Fe B	1.16	1.31
14	Fluoride (as F)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 4500 F'D	0.28	0.31
15	Hexavalent Chromium (as Cr+6)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Cr B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 4500 CN E	<0.01	<0.01
17	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l, max	--	APHA 4500SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> B	13.8	14.2
18	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l, max	50	APHA4500NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> B	5.62	5.86
19	Phenolic Compound (as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 5530 C	<0.05	<0.05
20	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l, max	--	APHA:4500 NO3- B	ND	ND
21	Bio-assay Test	mg/l, max	90% survival of fish after 96 hrs in 100% effluent	IS 6582	90%	93%
22	Selenium (as S)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Se C	<0.001	<0.001
23	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.05	<0.05
24	Copper (as Cu)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 3111Cu B	<0.02	<0.02
25	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l, max	15	APHA 3111 B	0.19	0.22
26	Cadmium	mg/l, max	0.01	APHA 3111 B	<0.01	<0.01
27	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 3112 B	<0.01	<0.01
28	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
29	Nickel (as Ni)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3500As B	<0.05	<0.05
30	Arsenic (as As)	mg/l, max	0.2	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l, max	--	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
32	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample	APHA 9221 B	220	240
Any unusual feature observed during determination					Nil	

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# Visiontek Consultancy Services Pvt. Ltd.

(Committed For Better Environment)

Test Report No: Envlab/25-26/TR-08525

Date: 10.06.2025

## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address : Naugaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Keonjhar						
<b>SAMPLE DETAILS</b>						
Sample Location & Code	SW3: Teherai Nalla (Up Stream) SW4: Teherai Nalla (Down Stream)	Sampled by	VCSPL'S Representative			
Sample Description	Surface Water	Sampling Procedure	APHA 1060			
Sample Source	Naugaon Iron Ore Mines, JSW	Sample Received on	26.05.2025			
Sample Condition	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle					
Sampling Date	24.05.2025	Test Completed on	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025			
Sl. No	Parameters	Units	Standards as per IS 2296-Class C	Test methods	SW-3	SW-4
1	Color	Hazen, max	300	APHA 2120 B	10	<15
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	APHA 2150 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	APHA 4500 H <sup>+</sup> B	7.15	7.29
4	Suspended Solids	mg/l, max	--	APHA 2540 D	53.2	58.9
5	Total dissolved solids	mg/l, max	1500	APHA 2540 C	59.8	68.3
6	Temperature	°c	--	--	30.1	25.6
7	Oil & Grease	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 5220 B	ND	ND
8	Dissolved Oxygen (as DO)	mg/l, min	4	APHA 4500 O C	4.2	5.4
9	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (as BOD at 270C For 3 days)	mg/l, max	3.0	APHA 4500 P D	2.1	2.5
10	Chemical Oxygen Demand (as COD)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	14.6	12.4
11	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l, max	600	APHA 23RD Ed,2017: 4500Cl- B	30.7	33.5
12	Free Ammonia (as NH3)	mg/l, max	--	--	ND	ND
13	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l, max	50	APHA 3500 Fe B	1.38	1.64
14	Fluoride (as F)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 4500 F'D	0.26	0.33
15	Hexavalent Chromium (as Cr+6)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Cr B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 4500 CN E	<0.01	<0.01
17	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l, max	--	APHA 4500SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> B	11.9	13.8
18	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l, max	50	APHA4500NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> B	4.99	5.35
19	Phenolic Compound (as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 5530 C	<0.05	<0.05
20	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l, max	--	APHA:4500 NO <sub>3</sub> - B	ND	ND
21	Bio-assay Test	mg/l, max	90% survival of fish after 96 hrs in 100% effluent	IS 6582	91%	92%
22	Selenium (as S)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Se C	<0.001	<0.001
23	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.05	<0.05
24	Copper (as Cu)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 3111Cu B	<0.02	<0.02
25	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l, max	15	APHA 3111 B	0.21	0.23
26	Cadmium	mg/l, max	0.01	APHA 3111 B	<0.01	<0.01
27	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 3112 B	<0.01	<0.01
28	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
29	Nickel (as Ni)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3500As B	<0.05	<0.05
30	Arsenic (as As)	mg/l, max	0.2	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l, max	--	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
32	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample	APHA 9221 B	210	260
Any unusual feature observed during determination				Nil		

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## TEST REPORT

<b>Customer Name &amp; Address</b>		: Naugaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Keonjhar				
<b>SAMPLE DETAILS</b>						
<b>Sample Location &amp; Code</b>	SW5: Kakarpani Nalla (Up Stream) SW6: Kakarpani Nalla (Down Stream)	<b>Sampled by</b>	VCSPL'S Representative			
<b>Sample Description</b>	Surface Water	<b>Sampling Procedure</b>	APHA 1060			
<b>Sample Source</b>	Naugaon Iron Ore Mines, JSW	<b>Sample Received on</b>	26.05.2025			
<b>Sample Condition</b>	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle					
<b>Sampling Date</b>	24.05.2025	<b>Test Completed on</b>	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025			
Sl. No	Parameters	Units	Standards as per IS 2296-Class C	Test methods	SW-5	SW-6
1	Color	Hazen, max	300	APHA 2120 B	10	<15
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	APHA 2150 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	APHA 4500 H <sup>+</sup> B	7.31	7.21
4	Suspended Solids	mg/l, max	--	APHA 2540 D	54.6	60.6
5	Total dissolved solids	mg/l, max	1500	APHA 2540 C	60.8	72.3
6	Temperature	<sup>o</sup> c	--	--	26.8	27.8
7	Oil & Grease	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 5220 B	ND	ND
8	Dissolved Oxygen (as DO)	mg/l, min	4	APHA 4500 O C	4.9	5.6
9	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (as BOD at 270C For 3 days)	mg/l, max	3.0	APHA 4500 P D	2.6	2.8
10	Chemical Oxygen Demand (as COD)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	13.8	14.2
11	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l, max	600	APHA 23RD Ed,2017: 4500Cl- B	24.6	28.5
12	Free Ammonia (as NH3)	mg/l, max	--	--	ND	ND
13	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l, max	50	APHA 3500 Fe B	1.42	1.59
14	Fluoride (as F)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 4500 F'D	0.26	0.31
15	Hexavalent Chromium (as Cr+6)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Cr B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 4500 CN E	<0.01	<0.01
17	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l, max	--	APHA 4500SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> B	12.5	15.1
18	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l, max	50	APHA4500NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> B	5.18	5.42
19	Phenolic Compound (as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 5530 C	<0.05	<0.05
20	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l, max	--	APHA:4500 NO3- B	ND	ND
21	Bio-assay Test	mg/l, max	90% survival of fish after 96 hrs in 100% effluent	IS 6582	91%	95%
22	Selenium (as S)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Se C	<0.001	<0.001
23	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.05	<0.05
24	Copper (as Cu)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 3111Cu B	<0.02	<0.02
25	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l, max	15	APHA 3111 B	0.21	0.25
26	Cadmium	mg/l, max	0.01	APHA 3111 B	<0.01	<0.01
27	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 3112 B	<0.01	<0.01
28	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
29	Nickel (as Ni)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3500As B	<0.05	<0.05
30	Arsenic (as As)	mg/l, max	0.2	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l, max	--	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
32	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample	APHA 9221 B	240	220
<b>Any unusual feature observed during determination</b>					Nil	

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## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address		: Naugaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Keonjhar				
<b>SAMPLE DETAILS</b>						
Sample Location & Code	SW7: Suna Nalla (Up Stream) SW8: Suna Nalla(Down Stream)	Sampled by	VCSPL'S Representative			
Sample Description	Surface Water	Sampling Procedure	APHA 1060			
Sample Source	Naugaon Iron Ore Mines, JSW	Sample Received on	26.05.2025			
Sample Condition	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle					
Sampling Date	24.05.2025	Test Completed on	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025			
Sl. No	Parameters	Units	Standards as per IS 2296-Class C	Test methods	SW-7	SW-8
1	Color	Hazen, max	300	APHA 2120 B	10	15
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	APHA 2150 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	APHA 4500 H <sup>+</sup> B	7.35	7.42
4	Suspended Solids	mg/l, max	--	APHA 2540 D	61.3	60.7
5	Total dissolved solids	mg/l, max	1500	APHA 2540 C	68.4	73.2
6	Temperature	<sup>o</sup> c	--	--	28.2	26.9
7	Oil & Grease	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 5220 B	ND	ND
8	Dissolved Oxygen (as DO)	mg/l, min	4	APHA 4500 O C	4.4	5.4
9	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (as BOD at 270C For 3 days)	mg/l, max	3.0	APHA 4500 P D	2.4	2.6
10	Chemical Oxygen Demand (as COD)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	12.6	10.9
11	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l, max	600	APHA 23RD Ed,2017: 4500Cl- B	24.6	26.9
12	Free Ammonia (as NH3)	mg/l, max	--	--	ND	ND
13	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l, max	50	APHA 3500 Fe B	1.62	2.08
14	Fluoride (as F)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 4500 F'D	0.28	0.35
15	Hexavalent Chromium (as Cr+6)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Cr B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 4500 CN E	<0.01	<0.01
17	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l, max	--	APHA 4500SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> B	12.6	14.4
18	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l, max	50	APHA4500NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> B	4.98	5.23
19	Phenolic Compound (as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 5530 C	<0.05	<0.05
20	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l, max	--	APHA:4500 NO3- B	ND	ND
21	Bio-assay Test	mg/l, max	90% survival of fish after 96 hrs in 100% effluent	IS 6582	92%	94%
22	Selenium (as S)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Se C	<0.001	<0.001
23	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.05	<0.05
24	Copper (as Cu)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 3111Cu B	<0.02	<0.02
25	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l, max	15	APHA 3111 B	0.20	0.26
26	Cadmium	mg/l, max	0.01	APHA 3111 B	<0.01	<0.01
27	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 3112 B	<0.01	<0.01
28	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
29	Nickel (as Ni)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3500As B	<0.05	<0.05
30	Arsenic (as As)	mg/l, max	0.2	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l, max	--	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
32	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample	APHA 9221 B	210	240
Any unusual feature observed during determination					Nil	

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## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address		: Naugaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Keonjhar				
<b>SAMPLE DETAILS</b>						
Sample Location & Code	SW9: Topadihi Nalla (Up Stream) SW10: Topadihi Nalla (Down Stream)	Sampled by	VCSPL'S Representative			
Sample Description	Surface Water	Sampling Procedure	APHA 1060			
Sample Source	Naugaon Iron Ore Mines, JSW	Sample Received on	26.05.2025			
Sample Condition	Sealed Plastic & Sterilized Glass Bottle					
Sampling Date	24.05.2025	Test Completed on	26.05.2025 TO 31.05.2025			
Sl. No	Parameters	Units	Standards as per IS 2296-Class C	Test methods	SW-9	SW-10
1	Color	Hazen, max	300	APHA 2120 B	10	<20
2	Odour	--	Agreeable	APHA 2150 B	Agreeable	Agreeable
3	pH value	--	6.5-8.5	APHA 4500 H <sup>+</sup> B	7.16	7.33
4	Suspended Solids	mg/l, max	--	APHA 2540 D	50.2	61.3
5	Total dissolved solids	mg/l, max	1500	APHA 2540 C	60.8	64.9
6	Temperature	<sup>o</sup> c	--	--	28.1	27.2
7	Oil & Grease	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 5220 B	ND	ND
8	Dissolved Oxygen (as DO)	mg/l, min	4	APHA 4500 O C	4.8	5.5
9	Biochemical Oxygen Demand (as BOD at 270C For 3 days)	mg/l, max	3.0	APHA 4500 P D	2.2	2.4
10	Chemical Oxygen Demand (as COD)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	12.4	14.2
11	Chloride (as Cl)	mg/l, max	600	APHA 23RD Ed,2017: 4500Cl- B	24.2	28.1
12	Free Ammonia (as NH <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l, max	--	--	ND	ND
13	Iron (as Fe)	mg/l, max	50	APHA 3500 Fe B	2.16	2.34
14	Fluoride (as F)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 4500 F'D	0.26	0.30
15	Hexavalent Chromium (as Cr+6)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Cr B	<0.02	<0.02
16	Cyanide (as CN)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 4500 CN E	<0.01	<0.01
17	Sulphate (as SO <sub>4</sub> )	mg/l, max	--	APHA 4500SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2-</sup> B	13.2	13.8
18	Nitrate (as NO <sub>3</sub> )	mg/l, max	50	APHA4500NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> B	5.18	5.46
19	Phenolic Compound (as C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> OH)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 5530 C	<0.05	<0.05
20	Anion detergents (as MBAS)	mg/l, max	--	APHA:4500 NO3- B	ND	ND
21	Bio-assay Test	mg/l, max	90% survival of fish after 96 hrs in 100% effluent	IS 6582	91%	93%
22	Selenium (as S)	mg/l, max	0.05	APHA 3500 Se C	<0.001	<0.001
23	Manganese (as Mn)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.05	<0.05
24	Copper (as Cu)	mg/l, max	1.5	APHA 3111Cu B	<0.02	<0.02
25	Zinc (as Zn)	mg/l, max	15	APHA 3111 B	0.22	0.25
26	Cadmium	mg/l, max	0.01	APHA 3111 B	<0.01	<0.01
27	Lead (as Pb)	mg/l, max	0.1	APHA 3112 B	<0.01	<0.01
28	Mercury (as Hg)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
29	Nickel (as Ni)	mg/l, max	--	APHA 3500As B	<0.05	<0.05
30	Arsenic (as As)	mg/l, max	0.2	APHA 3111 B	<0.004	<0.004
31	Total Chromium (as TCr)	mg/l, max	--	IS3025(P44)1993	<0.05	<0.05
32	Total Coli forms	MPN/100ml	Shall not be detected in any 100 ml sample	APHA 9221 B	220	260
Any unusual feature observed during determination					Nil	

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## TEST REPORT

Customer Name & Address : Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines of M/s JSW Steel Ltd, Keonjhar

### SAMPLE DETAILS

Sample Location & Code	Stream flow	Flow measured by	VC SPL'S Representative
Sample Name	Surface Water	Sampling Procedure	NA
Sample Source	Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines, JSW	Sample Received on	NA

SL. No	Date of Measuring	Time of measuring	Stream Location	Stream Flow Rate of Velocity (m/sec)
1	24.05.2025	8.30 am	Karo Nalla	0.72
2	24.05.2025	9.30 am	Teherai Nalla	0.80
3	24.05.2025	10.40 am	Kakarpani Nalla	0.98
4	24.05.2025	4.30 pm	Suna Nalla	1.25
5	24.05.2025	5.40 pm	Topadihi Nalla	1.10

Note: The above tested parameters results are related to the sample tested.

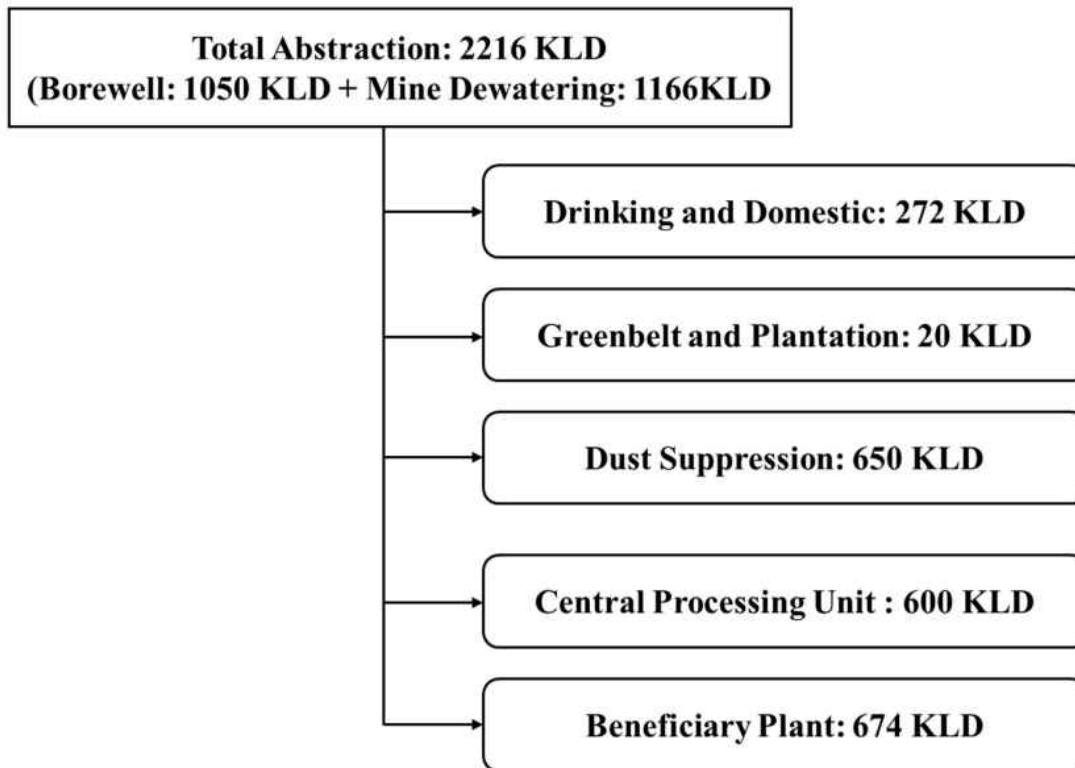


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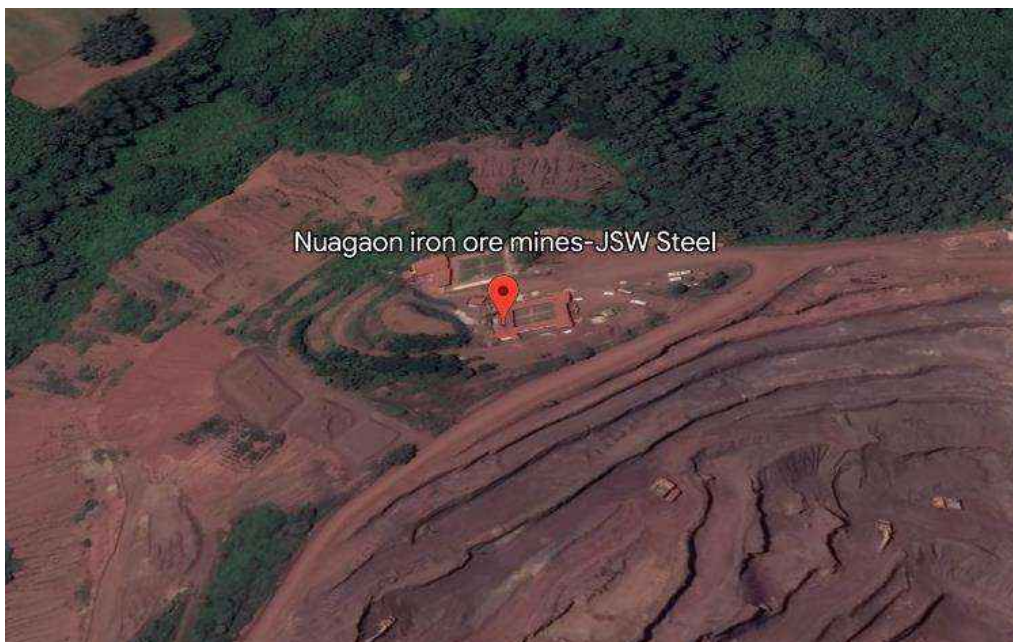
  
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**WATER BALANCE- NUAGAON IRON ORE MINE**



**Investigation**  
**On**  
**Slope Stability Study – JSW Nuagaon Iron Ore Mines**

Work order no. Odisha Mines/118402/SER/4500141067 date. 16-04-2022



(Source: <https://earth.google.com/web>)



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## **1.0 Introduction**

Surface mining operation is major and popular process to excavate earth materials. Though this approach is relatively simple and fast, yet it often endangers the men and machines, and thus its economics, unless scientifically planned. Bench mining or slope system is a major part of the surface excavation system. Correct slope design and its stability has been a major challenge to mine operation. The slope design involves knowledge of geotechnical parameters, geological influences, correct slope height, slope angle and overall angle. Government regulation also warrants carrying out slope design as a part of statutory requirement.

### **1.1 Brief Description of the Project**

NIT Rourkela received a work order vide purchase order no Odisha Mines/118402/SER/4500141067 dated 16-04-2022 from JSW Steel Ltd., Barbil, Odisha for scientific study of the stability of pit slope and dump slope in iron ore mines in Odisha. This is an assignment that originated in 01-09-2020 from JSW Steel, Delhi. NIT Rourkela accepted the order on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, 2022 and initiated investigation. As a part of the investigation, the team initiated the investigation in June-2022 and made many visits to the mine. It discussed with mine officials, inspected the area, carried out geological study, identified a few sample location of the iron ore deposit at the Nuagaon Iron Ore region.

### **1.2 Scope of work**

The aim of the investigation was to carry out scientific study of the stability of pit slope and dump slope in iron ore mines in Odisha, JSW Steel Ltd., Barbil, Odisha. The scope of work as outlined in the work order was.

- i. To undertake the study of slope stability to arrive ultimate pit slope and dump slope for long term safety.
- ii. Suggest methods for dump slope monitoring.
- iii. Suggest best practices for slope maintenance and its stabilization.
- iv. Optimization of dump slope parameters for capacity maximization.
- v. Recommendation for following, considering geotechnical characteristics of deposit:
  - a) Slope angle for working and final pit
  - b) Dump design parameters (Dump height and slope; bench height and slope angle)
  - c) Monitoring method of PIT and dump slope stability

### **1.2.1 Background of the problem**

The concerned mine belonging to JSW Steel Limited is a Category – A (fully mechanized category) mine and is worked by opencast mining method with formation of benches by drilling and blasting. It results in higher rates of recovery from the mine with an increased percentage of iron ore recovery, thereby improving productivity and sales. The analysis investigation of the prevalent geo-mining conditions of the mine, collection of pertinent geotechnical data, and their influence. Thereafter, a suitable rock mass classification system was adopted to classify the rock based on its physical properties followed by reducing the strengths of the material cover present at the site by their visible characteristics following scientific approaches and lastly, numerical modelling was adopted to simulate the models of failure in determining safety factors.



## **2.0 Geology**

### **2.1 Regional Geology**

Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine lies over the Upper Shale Formation of the Koira Group as described by Murthy & Acharya (1975). Litho units like Iron ores of HLO, SLO, lateralized HLO types, Fe-Shale, laterites of both aluminous and ferruginous nature, float ores concealed under soil and alluvial cover at places are mapped in the Nuagaon Iron Ore Mine. The lease area is characterized by hilly as well as flat ground having elevation from 520m to 702m above M.S.L. The hills and hill ranges located within the lease area are Udalbari, Guali, Topadihi, Dumkahudi, Barpada, Kanhusahi & Bichhagarh-Katasahi. The M.L. area discerns a fairly wide range of rock types of the iron ore group. The area has a geomorphic trend of North-North-East to South-South-West which is almost conformable with the strike trend of the rock types. The different rock types observed in field from the exposures and mine working areas are as follows:

Litho units	Disposition of various litho units	
Soil & alluvium	Soil thickness of 1 to 1.5m occurs in the western part and along both side of NH-520.	
Laterite	Most part of the area is covered by laterite of various types. The laterites have been developed mostly over the shale unit of the area and depending upon the composition of the shale, different types of laterites have been developed. The shale rich in alumina has given rise to aluminous laterite and those rich in iron developed into ferruginous laterites. Ferruginous laterite occurs as capping in the southern, central, northern and western part of the lease area. The thickness of laterite is about 7-10m and depends upon topography of the hills.	
Lateritic Iron ore	As per bore hole data and exposed quarries top benches of quarries are found with lateritic iron ore. The thickness of lateritic ore varies from 10m to 15m.	
Upper Shale Formation	Ferruginous Shale Unit: Shales of different color like pink, yellow, variegated with inter beds of Iron ore occurs within Chhenaguda quarry, Gangeiguda quarry etc. The colouration of the shale is largely dependent on the mineral composition (Murthy & Acharya, 1975). It is mostly composed of clayey micaceous minerals, with lenses of chert. Most of the area containing this unit is lateralised extensively.	
Banded Iron Formation	HLO SLO Blue dust	Based on surface exposures and sub-surface geology 4 (four) types of iron ore have been recorded in the lease area. These are Hard Laminated Ore (HLO), lateralized HLO, Soft laminated Ore (SLO) and powdery ore (blue dust, reddish brown powdery ore). The HLO is exposed on the benches of mostly top of the Chennaguda quarry, B-top, B-bottom, Gangeiguda quarry, Sonukocha quarry. The length of individual HLO varies from quarry to quarry. Strike of the HLO mostly matching with the regional strike i.e. NE-SW The lateralized HLO exposed on the NE part of Gangeiguda quarry as well as B-top, B-bottom. The SLO due to its soft nature are not exposed on the surface. In all the quarries when we go down SLO and blue dust/powdery ore can be found.
Lower shale	Lower shale occurs within western and south western part of Katasahi quarry and North eastern part of MDH quarry.	
BHJ/BHQ	BHJ comprises alternate bands (laminations less than 5mm thick) of hematite and dark brown to red jasper. BHJ have been intersected nearer to the bottom portion of the boreholes. BHJ/BHQ occurs within southern part of Chhenaguda quarry, and Guali quarry.	

## **2.2 Structural Features**

In general, the Iron Ore Super Group represented by the Bonai-Kendujhar belt in Koira basin is disposed in the form of an “Omega” and referred to as “Horse shoe synclinorium” (Jones, 1934). This belt is 60 km long and 25 km wide extending from south of Malangtoli in Kendujhar district up to Chakradharpur in West Singhbhum district (Jharkhand). The structural fabrics in the above, feebly metamorphosed volcano-sedimentary litho-sequence indicate at least two phases of deformation and folding. The earlier phase is the most prominent and resulted in formation of two synclines intervened by an anticline trending NNE-SSW with a low north-north easterly plunge. The western limb is slightly overturned to the east and dip westerly ( $65^{\circ}$ - $75^{\circ}$ ) whereas, the eastern limb is a normal one with moderate to low ( $30^{\circ}$ - $45^{\circ}$ ) westerly dip. This phase of folding is affected by a later NW-SE to WNW-ESE trending fold axis resulting in broad warps and formation of structural domes and basins in the area. The western syncline known as Koira syncline, due to steep dip and overturned nature of its limb forms a deeper basin with thick sequence of younger shale in the core region.

## **3.0 Mining Methodology**

The mine is operated by the opencast fully mechanized method. There are 4 major well-developed mechanized quarries as Sonu Kocha, MDH, Chenagoda and Kahnusahi. In all quarries, bench height is maintained up to 10 m and width up to 18 - 21 m, adhering to the MMR-2016 guidelines. During the proposed period of mining operation, excavation for iron ore is done in four of the quarries. Production capacity per annum of the mine is envisaged as 7.99 million tons per year from the in-situ reserve. The Mineable reserves are 622.51 MT. MMR-1961 is adopted for regulatory and excavation activities.

Drilling was carried out using 115mm diameter drills with 10% subgrade drilling to avoid toe formation. Blasting was by SME (Site Mixed Emulsion) explosives manufactured and supplied by Solar Industries India Ltd., Nagpur, Maharashtra. Its VOD and final density are  $4000\pm 500$  m/sec, and  $1.15\pm 0.005$  g/cc respectively. The mines used 17 and 25 milliseconds for the Trunk-Line-Delay, and 250 milliseconds for the Down-The-Hole delay. The burden for blast hole pattern varied between 2.5 to 3.5 and spacing from 3 to 3.5. Series pattern was adopted to reduce the maximum charge per delay. Controlled blasting along with a shock tube initiation system/NONEL system was practiced to get optimum blast results and minimize hazards. In addition, rock breakers are used to reduce the size of undesirable boulders produced during blasting. The design parameters of the mine are in table 1.

Table 1. Design Features

Sl. No.	Salient Feature	Description
1	Method of Mining	Fully mechanized
2	Production	7.99 Mt/yr Iron ore (ROM)
3	Means of Raising	Drilling, blasting, excavation, processing, etc
4	Bench Height	upto 10 m
5	Bench Width	18-21 m
6	Bench Angle	85°
7	Overall Slope	33°
8	Transportation of ore to the stacking yard	Through dumpers and tippers
9	Blasting Proposal	Deep hole blasting is carried out to dislodge the boulders

### 1.5 Safety Factor Analysis

The stability of rock slopes depend on behaviour of the shear strength created along the sliding surfaces. In general rock or rock material, is assumed to follow the Mohr Coulomb criteria and the strength is expressed in terms of cohesion 'c' and friction angle ' $\phi$ ' and is expressed mathematically as  $\tau = c + \sigma' \tan \phi$  [ $\tau$  = shear strength,  $c$  = cohesion,  $\sigma'$  = effective normal stress, and  $\phi$  = friction angle]

The effective normal stress is the difference between the stress due to the weight of the rock lying above the sliding plane and the uplift due to any water pressure acting on this surface.

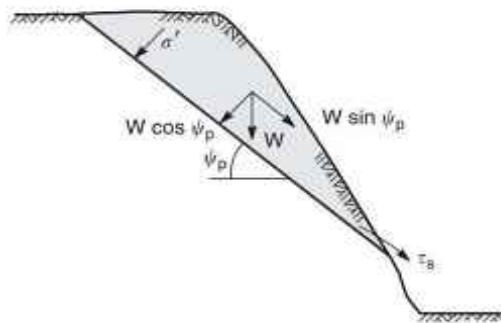


Figure II. Slope Block Analysis[12]

The stability of the block can be quantified by the ratio of the resisting and driving forces, which is termed the factor of safety (FOS). And is given by

$$FOS = \frac{\text{Resisting Forces}}{\text{Driving Forces}}, \text{ or}$$

$$FOS = \frac{cA + W \cos \psi_p \tan \phi}{W \sin \psi_p}$$

The resisting strength is more than the displacing stress for stability of the slope.. The FOS equation at equilibrium is

$$FOS = \frac{\cos \psi_p \tan \phi}{\sin \psi_p} \text{ or } FOS = 1 \text{ When } \psi_p = \phi$$

It shows that when there are no in-filling materials, the block of rock will slide when the dip angle of the sliding surface equals the friction angle of this surface, and the stability is independent of the size of the sliding block. The block is at a condition of “limiting equilibrium” when the driving forces are exactly equal to the resisting forces and the factor of safety is equal to 1.0. Therefore, the method of slope stability analysis is termed limit equilibrium analysis. For the investigation of stability of the existing slopes, the minimum factor of safety is from 1.3 to 1.5 [3]

The Limit Equilibrium Method (LEM) is a well-known computational methodology for evaluating the Factor of Safety (FOS) and stability degree of slopes (Duncan, 1996, Krahn 2003). Limit equilibrium is the method where limit state conditions are assumed. The limited equilibrium methods (LEMs) are popular to assess the slope stability of mine geological sections.

In this slope stability investigation project, a dedicated software for LEM code Slide2D (RocScience Inc., Canada) used. Slide 2 is a two-dimensional limit equilibrium slope stability analysis program for evaluating the probability of failure of geological transverse and geological sections by identifying circular or non-circular failure-prone surfaces in soil or rock slopes. It analyzes the stability of slip surfaces using vertical slice or non-vertical slice limit equilibrium methods. This code has extensive probabilistic analysis capabilities that can be utilized to assign statistical distributions to almost any input parameters, including material properties, support properties, loads, and water table location. The probability of failure/reliability index is determined, providing a measure of the risk factor associated with a slope design.

The evaluation needs geotechnical data that were obtained from laboratory testing through the samples supplied.

## 1.6 Geotechnical Investigation

For a planned excavation or for an engineered earth-system design, the most important consideration is the reaction of the rocks to the changes in stresses due to the proposed excavation provided that the resultant strain is within the tolerable limit of the engineering

design. Typically, the behavior of rocks is determined from unbroken rock pieces, i.e., intact rock or rock core through rocks are heterogenous, anisotropic and inelastic. The geotechnical investigation of core specimen includes the laboratory determination of the pertinent parameters.

### 1.6.1 Location of sample collection points

Slope stability analysis involves understanding and dealing with the behavior of earth materials at specific locations e.g. face, bench, strata, etc. The behavior of materials are scientifically represented by its geotechnical properties as cohesion, density, angle of internal friction, compressive strength, etc. it needs sample collection and testing by established processes.

The locations of samples were collected were carefully chosen depending upon site characteristics. It was made sure that the samples were collected from the bench faces. Fresh samples were collected freshly exposed as so after blasting. The information from the result of any test depends on the health of the sample or specimen tested for the purpose. In this investigation samples for various parameters have been prepared from the samples collected. In absence of regular core logs, boulders of adequate sizes of about  $900\text{cm}^3$  each were collected and transported to the laboratory. NX core samples were prepared from those boulders. Soft material as alluvium, laterite and ochre were collected in air tight bags and processed for shear testing. The following sections discuss the procedure adopted for testing. The test specimens were obtained by cutting the core samples perpendicular to the cylindrical axis with the help of a rock cutting machine fitted (make: AIM 202, AIMIL, India). The length to diameter ratio was kept between 2.0 to 2.5 for the samples for determination of Compressive Strength and at 0.5 for tensile Strength. The loading surfaces of the test specimen were made flat within  $\pm 0.01\text{mm}$ . The following photographs are provided below.



*Figure III. Sample collection*

### 1.6.2 Testing Procedures:

The determination of different physical and mechanical properties were carried out by IS guidelines as mentioned against each type of test and described below.

- |                         |  |
|-------------------------|--|
| a. Density              | IS: 13030-1991 (Reaffirmed 1996)       |
| b. Compressive Strength | IS: 9143-1979 (Reaffirmed 1996)        |
| c. Triaxial Strength    | IS: 13047-1991 (Reaffirmed 2001)       |
| d. Shear Strength       | IS: 2720-part13-1986 (Reaffirmed 2002) |



*Figure IV. Coring operation and cored specimen*

#### 1.6.2.1 Density

Density reflects the information about the mineralogical or grain constituents. For determination of density Indian Standard 13030:1991 has been followed. Each specimen was machined to conform closely to the geometry of a right cylinder. The mass of each specimen was typically more than 600g. Each sample was put in an oven maintained at a temperature of  $105^{\circ} \pm 3^{\circ}\text{C}$  for 24 hours. The samples were removed from the oven after 24 hrs and placed in desiccators for cooling. Each sample was brushed to remove loose material sticking to it. The external dimension of each specimen was determined using a digital caliper (make: Mitutoyo, Japan) with an accuracy of 0.01mm. Average of three readings each for the length and diameter were taken for calculation of volume (V). The mass (M) of each specimen was determined using a

digital balance (make: Contech, India) with an accuracy of 0.001g. The density ( $\rho$ ) was determined using the formula  $\rho = \frac{M}{V}$  where M and V are Mass and volume of the sample respectively.

### 1.6.2.2 Uniaxial Compressive Strength

In most of the engineering design the compressive strength (UCS) of rock is one of the most important input parameter. It reflects the ultimate bearing capacity before the rock fails i.e. the total loss of integrity in the sample. The compressive strength of the test specimen was determined following IS:9143-1979. The selected specimen of length to diameter ratio between 2 to 2.5 was wiped clean and the dimensions were measured with the help a digital caliper. The measurement of diameter was carried out by taking the average of four reading obtained at about upper height, two mid-heights and lower height. The cross-sectional area was calculated from this measurement.



*Figure V. Determining UCS of rock sample*

The surfaces of the two bearing discs and the test specimen were wiped clean. The specimen was placed between the two platens. The upper disc was then gradually lowered onto the specimen. Care was taken to see that the axis of the specimen was properly aligned with the discs. The loading machine was operated at a stress level, typically between 0.5 to 1 MPa/sec so that the sample fails within 8 to 12 minutes of test. Load was then continuously applied at a constant rate till failure occurred and the maximum load on the specimen was recorded. The compressive strength is determined from the relation as given by the equation  $\sigma_c = \frac{F}{A}$  where

$\sigma_c$  is UCS; F is Failure load; and A is the cross sectional area of the sample

### 1.6.2.3 Triaxial Compression Test

Rock exhibits higher bearing capacity when the same is confined. The failure load varies with confinement pressure. Triaxial compression refers to a test with simultaneous compression of a rock sample and application of axisymmetric confining pressure. The triaxial Compressive Strength of rock samples was determined following IS 13047:1991. The result shows the cohesion and friction angle. The test sample was wiped clean and its diameter was measured at upper, two-mid and lower heights respectively. The average value was used to calculate the cross sectional area of the test sample. The sample was then put in the triaxial cell (make: AIMIL, India).



*Fig VI: Triaxial Setup and Fractured Sample*

The specimen, the platens and the spherical seat were accurately aligned to ensure that they are coaxial with others. The cell was then filled up with hydraulic oil, allowing the air to escape through an air bleeder valve. The air bleeder valve was then closed. The cell was then placed into the axial loading device. The axial load and the confining pressure were increased simultaneously in such a way that axial stress and confining pressure were approximately equal and until the predetermined test level for the confining pressure reached. The axial load was then increased continuously without shock to produce an approximately constant rate of load for deformation. The maximum axial load and the corresponding confining pressure were recorded. Then the confining pressure and corresponding longitudinal failure strength were plotted in the same scale to plot Mohr analysis for the determination of cohesion and angle of internal friction. The lateral confinement was provided between 0.0 and 3.92 MPa.

#### 1.6.2.4 Shear Strength Test

The top layers of the strata consist of different varieties of soil as yellow, yellow loamy, brown, of varying grain sizes, etc. The parameters that would govern its engineering behaviour are cohesion and the angle of internal friction apart from the unit weight. Those are typically determined from the direct shear strength test. The test involves applying horizontal load on the soil specimen so as to undergo shearing with a constant the vertical normal load. The relationship between normal stress and shear stress at failure provide the shear strength parameters (cohesion and internal friction angle). The specimen and testing of shear strength parameters was carried out as per IS:2720 (Part # 13, 1986 (Reaffirmed 2002)).



*Fig VII: Direct Shear test*

The joint in rock cores didn't exhibit any regular pattern, thickness, and presence. Hence the shear strength tests of the rock cores have not been performed to know the characteristics of joint filling material.

#### 1.6.2.5 Test Results:

The results of the different tests carried out on the rock cores are reported in following pages. Density values represent the average values of the particular rock type. The photographs of testing arrangement, some typical failure profiles obtained during the testing have been given in figures below for the rock in compression, tensile, shear, and triaxial testing.

#### 1.6.3 Rock Mass Classification

Cylindrical rock cores or samples of intact rocks are tested in the laboratory to determine their properties. However, such experimentations only reveal the strength of the intact rock masses and the data exhibited in the field often do not confirm to that in the laboratory tests. This is

mainly due to the presence of discontinuities that causes instability to the rocks in the form of planes of weaknesses. One such approach by which the strengths of the rocks are reduced by visibly observing the discontinuities present in them is the Geological Strength Index (GSI), wherein the strength parameters of the rocks are considerably reduced to conform to that of the rock masses exhibited in the field.

#### **1.6.4 GEOLOGICAL STRENGTH INDEX (GSI)**

A new rock mass classification scheme was introduced by Hoek and Brown (1997) based on visual observations of geological conditions making it simple, fast and reliable. It is called the Geological Strength Index (GSI). It reflects the property of a discontinuous or jointed rock mass which influences its strength and deformability. GSI considers the shapes of contact rock pieces as represented by its boundaries and degree of interlocking as well as the conditions on the surface separating those. The surface conditions vary from very good to very poor with GSI values between 100 and 0 respectively. The interlocking blocks vary between intact or massive to laminated or sheared.



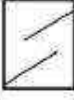




Geological Strength Index (GSI)		Surface conditions				
From the description of structure and surface conditions of the rock mass, pick an appropriate box in this chart. Estimate the average value of GSI from the contours. Do not attempt to be too precise. Quoting a range of GSI from 36 to 42 is more realistic than stating that GSI = 38.		Very good Very rough and fresh unweathered surfaces	Good Rough, maybe slightly weathered or iron stained surfaces	Fair Smooth and/or moderately weathered and altered surfaces	Poor Slackensided or highly weathered surfaces or compact coatings with fillings of angular fragments	Very poor Slackensided and highly weathered surfaces with soft clay coatings or fillings
Structure		Decreasing surface quality ↓				
	Intact/Massive – intact rock specimens or massive in-situ rock masses with very few widely spaced discontinuities	90			N/A	N/A
	Blocky – very well interlocked undisturbed rock mass consisting of cubical blocks formed by three orthogonal discontinuity sets	80				
	Very Blocky – interlocked, partially disturbed rock mass with multifaceted angular blocks formed by four or more discontinuity sets	70				
	Blocky/Disturbed – folded and/or faulted with angular blocks formed by many intersecting discontinuity sets	60				
	Disintegrated – poorly interlocked, heavily broken rock mass with a mixture of angular and rounded rock pieces	50				
		40				
		30				
		20				
		10				

Fig. VI: The Geological Strength Index (GSI) chart used for rock mass

### 1.7 Slope Design, Modelling and Boundary Conditions

The shear strength of the rock mass including that of the joints and discontinuities typically influence stability of slopes. The determination of the rock behavior subjected to deformation including that of the joint and joint filling materials is a complex phenomenon. Hence, those are determined indirectly involving both laboratory data and test data. A number of such approaches exist for the determination of slope stability, however, intact rock criteria, Mohr-Coulomb (MC) and Hoek-Brown are the most popular approaches that are evaluated here. MC considers a linear relationship between shear strength and gravitational loading whereas HB considers a

non-linear relationship. A few of those approaches for slope design are discussed below are used to find the shear strength as cohesion 'c' and angle of internal friction 'φ'.

### I. Mohr-Coulomb Approach:

It used the intact rock strength parameters i.e., cohesion and friction angle to find the factor of safety. It overestimates the rock mass strength or behavior in field conditions.

### II. Generalized Hoek-Brown Approach:

It considers rock mass parameters like mineralogy, composition, grain size influence, degree of fracture, site influence, disturbance expected due to blasting and stress relief as well as visual observation data. The following are some of the empirical equations used to predict the rock mass parameters:

$$m_b = m_i \exp\left(\frac{GSI - 100}{28 - 14D}\right)$$

$$s = \exp\left(\frac{GSI - 100}{9 - 3D}\right)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \left( e^{-\frac{GSI}{15}} - e^{-\frac{20}{3}} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{cm} = \frac{2c' \cos\phi'}{1 - \sin\phi'}$$

$$\sigma_{tm} = \frac{2c' \cos\phi'}{1 + \sin\phi'}$$

$$\sigma_{tm} = -\frac{S \cdot \sigma_{ci}}{m_m}$$

Where,  $\sigma_{cm}$ ,  $\sigma_{tm}$ ,  $\sigma_{ci}$ ,  $c'$  and  $\phi'$  are uniaxial compressive strength of rock mass, tensile strength of rock mass, uniaxial compressive strength of intact rock, cohesion and angle of internal friction of rock mass respectively. The other parameter  $D$  is a factor for near surface blast damage and stress reduction,  $m_m$ , and  $m_i$  are Hoek and Brown parameter for rock mass and intact rock respectively depending on mineralogy, composition and grain size influence,  $s$  is a rock mass characteristic, i.e., how fractured the rock mass is with typical values in the range of 0.001 to 1 and  $a$  is a site constant for quality of rock, about 0.5. in this investigation. The surface mine would require blasting for excavation process. Therefore the value of  $D$  is considered to be 1 for such conditions where production blasting is carried out, and 0.7 where the rock mass can be extracted by mechanical excavations. The compressive and tensile strength values exhibited at the field are much less than that obtained in the laboratory testing. The effective uniaxial compressive strength value of the

rock mass is determined from the empirical equation proposed by Marinou and Hoek (2001) as below:

$$\sigma_{cm} = 0.0034m_i^{0.8}\sigma_{ci}(1.029 + 0.025e^{-0.1m_i})^{GSI}$$

### III. Mohr-Coulomb Rock Mass Parameter Approach:

Mohr-Coulomb approach is quite popular and the various rock mass parameters such as cohesion,  $c'$  and angle of internal friction,  $\phi'$  have been developed from the Hoek-Brown approach using the following relations (Hoek et al, 2002).

$$\sin\phi' = \frac{6am_m(s + m_m\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{2(1+a)(2+a) + 6am_m(s + m_m\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}$$

$$\frac{c'}{\sigma_{ci}} = \frac{[(1+2a)s + (1-a)m_m\sigma'_{3n}](s + m_m\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{(1+a)(2+a)\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{6am_m(s + m_m\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{(1+a)(2+a)}\right)}}$$

$$\sigma'_{3n} = \sigma'_{3,\max}/\sigma'_{ci}$$

Where,  $\sigma'_{3,\max}$  is maximum value of lateral stress. It is related to slope height  $H$  and unit weight  $\gamma$  of the rocks. The effective maximum lateral stress of the rock is given by the relation as below:

$$\frac{\sigma'_{3,\max}}{\sigma'_{cm}} = 0.72 \left( \frac{\sigma'_{cm}}{\gamma H} \right)^{-0.91}$$

The design has considered the average values of the geotechnical parameters as determined from various approaches each with respective factor of safety with the application of gravitational force on the models created for analysis. The failure plane has been analyzed for wide variations in its locations and safety factors associated with the most critical plane is determined.

#### 1.8 Failure consideration of the Ore Body slope

Slope failures in surface operations involving hard rocks primarily depend on the characteristics of the rocks and the behavior of the geological features as well as the interaction between the geology and the rock characteristics. Soil or heavily fractured earth materials typically fail by circular failure whereas rock geometry fails by circular failures if there is any intrusion of weak layers incorporated into the rock mass or typically rock geometry fails by plane, wedge or toppling modes. The stability of the slope is generally controlled by the shear strength parameters along with others. Stability analysis typically follows the limit equilibrium method. In limit equilibrium method, failure or sliding occurs when a limit equilibrium condition is reached

i.e., when the resisting forces balance the driving forces such that any disturbances in the balance between them causes the slope to undergo failure. These design methods are widely accepted and are also commonly used and enable moderation of the slope performances with the variations in the parameters involved in slope design. The primary idea behind the limit equilibrium approach is to determine a state of stress along the surface which is likely to fail such that the free body, along with the slip surface and the free ground surface remains in static equilibrium. The state of stress is then compared with the available strength, which is the stress required to cause failure along the slip surface.

Thus, the analysis involves determination of the factor of safety against sliding for an unstable block of rock mass, represented by,  $FOS = F_r / F_s$ , where  $F_r$  is the total resisting force available against sliding and  $F_s$  is the driving force that induces the sliding. The analysis involves developing the model, assigning rock properties, specifying the boundary conditions followed by analyzing the whole of slope geometry to determine the location that would exhibit the lowest factor of safety.

### **1.8 Metal Mines Regulations, 2019**(reproduced verbatim)

The Metal Mines Regulations (MMR) as prescribed by the Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS) lays the following guidelines in Section 116 and 118 in accordance to the stability of slopes those are reproduced verbatim below.

#### **116. Mechanised Opencast working:**

(1) The height of the benches in overburden consisting of alluvium soil, morum, gravel, clay, debris, soft ore body or other similar ground shall not exceed three meters and the width thereof shall not be less than three times the height of the bench or three times the width of the dumper if dumpers ply on the bench or as determined by the scientific study, whichever is more.

(2) The height of the benches in hard and compact ore body and overburden of rock formation other than that mentioned in sub-regulation (4) shall not be more than the digging height or reach of the excavation machine in use for digging, excavation or removal, and the width thereof shall not be less than -

(a) The width of the widest machine plying on the bench plus two meters; or

(b) If dumpers ply on the bench, three times the width of the dumper; or

(c) The height of the bench; or

(d) As determined by the scientific study whichever is more.

### **118. Spoil-banks and dumps.**

(1) While removing overburden, the top soil shall be stacked at a separate place, so that, the same is used to cover the reclaimed area.

(2) The slope of a spoil bank shall be determined by the natural angle of repose of the material being deposited but, in any case, shall not exceed 37.5 degrees from the horizontal or an angle in excess of natural angle of repose or as determined by the scientific study, whichever is less and such spoil bank shall not be retained by artificial means: Provided that where in any mine, a steeper slope of a spoil bank in excess of 37.5 degrees or natural angle of repose has been recommended as a result of a scientific study by any scientific agency or institution, having expertise in slope stability, the Regional Inspector may, by an order in writing and subject to such conditions as he may specify therein, permit a steeper slope of the spoil bank.

(4) Any spoil bank exceeding 30m in height shall be benched so that no bench exceeds 30m in height and the overall slope shall not exceed 1 vertical to 1.5 horizontal: Provided that, the Regional Inspector may, by an order in writing and subject to such conditions as he may specify therein, restrict height and overall slope of the spoil bank.

(5) The toe of a spoil bank shall not extend to any point within a distance equal to height of the spoil bank from a mine opening, railway or other public works, public road or other permanent structure not belonging to the owner: Provided that, the Regional Inspector may, by an order in writing and subject to such conditions as he may specify therein, may increase the distance in variance of the above.

### **1.8.2 Safety Analysis of Slope Profiles**

The geological transverse sections for Nuagaon provided by JSW Steel Limited have been considered and those slope profiles were analysed. Each material present have been assigned suitable strength characteristics as obtained from laboratory testing and field observations and the factor of critical safety value is computed. A number of such sections have been analysed that are represented below. Ground water table is present well below the slope forming materials and hence is assumed to have no effect on the stability of the slopes that have been considered for stability analysis.

For Rock samples, the cores were used to determine its representative UCS values and for the loose rock mass the samples, their cohesion and internal friction were calculated by direct shear test. However these values are much higher and it's not a reliable demonstration of the field condition. Therefore the GSI value is incorporated in the determination of cohesion and friction

angle which is a much better representation of the field situation. Here, The GSI values were obtained from the on-site survey of the undisturbed exposed mineral outcrop. The  $m_i$  values were determined from the predefined values which best represents the rock strength. The Disturbance factor is considered 1 or 0.7 as per the mine practice.

*Table 1 Geotechnical parameters of rock samples*

ORE TYPE	GSI	UCS (MPa)	MC Rock Mass Parameters		HB Rock Mass Parameters		Average Density (g/cc)
			Cohesion (MPa)	Friction Angle (Degree)	Cohesion (MPa)	Friction Angle (Degree)	
BHJ/BHQ	65	180	1.080	63	0.89	68	2.8
Lateritic Ore	55	35	0.131	53	0.079	67	1.83
Hard Laminated Ore	75	85	1.256	61	1.02	68	4.89

*Table 2 Dry Rock Mass parameters*

ORE TYPE	GSI	MC Rock Mass Parameters		Average Density (g/cc)
		Drained		
		Cohesion (MPa)	Friction Angle (Degree)	
SLO	46	0.07	39	3.26
Laterite	40	0.032	39	2.74
Blue Dust	39	0.03	28	2.95
Shale	60	0.017	35	1.87

*Table 3 Saturated Rock Mass parameters*

ORE TYPE	GSI	MC Rock Mass Parameters		Average Density (g/cc)
		Undrained		
		Cohesion (MPa)	Friction Angle (Degree)	
SLO	46	0.041	30	2.97
Laterite	40	0.027	39	2.47
Blue Dust	39	0.028	26	2.634
Shale	60	0.014	32	1.66

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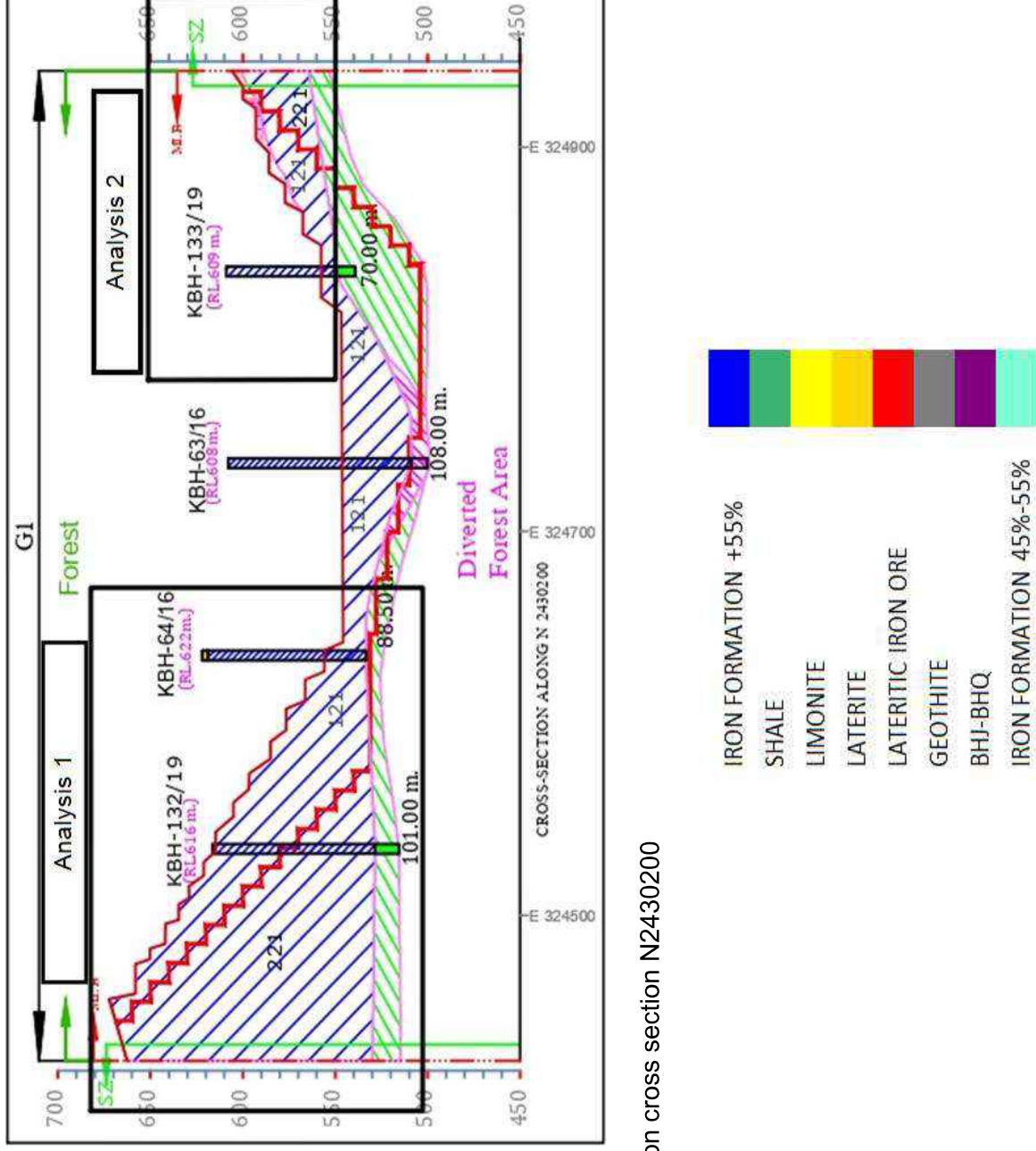


Figure 1 Nuagaon cross section N2430200

Analysis 1-E324500

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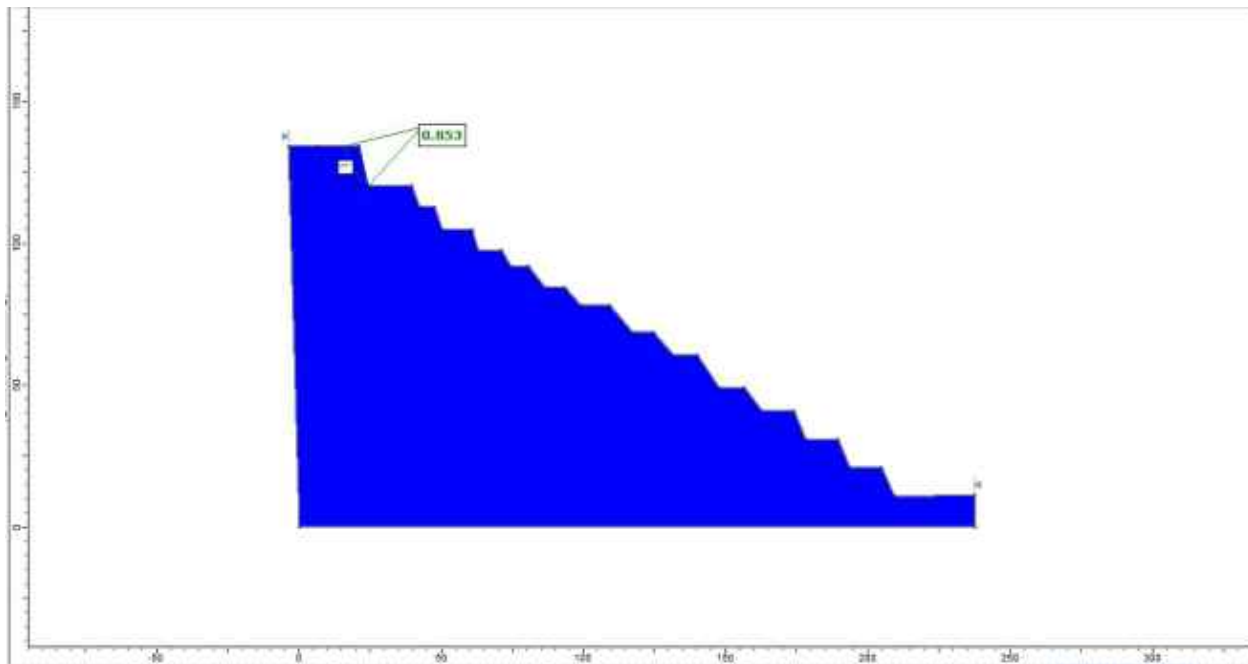


Figure 2 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 0.853

1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

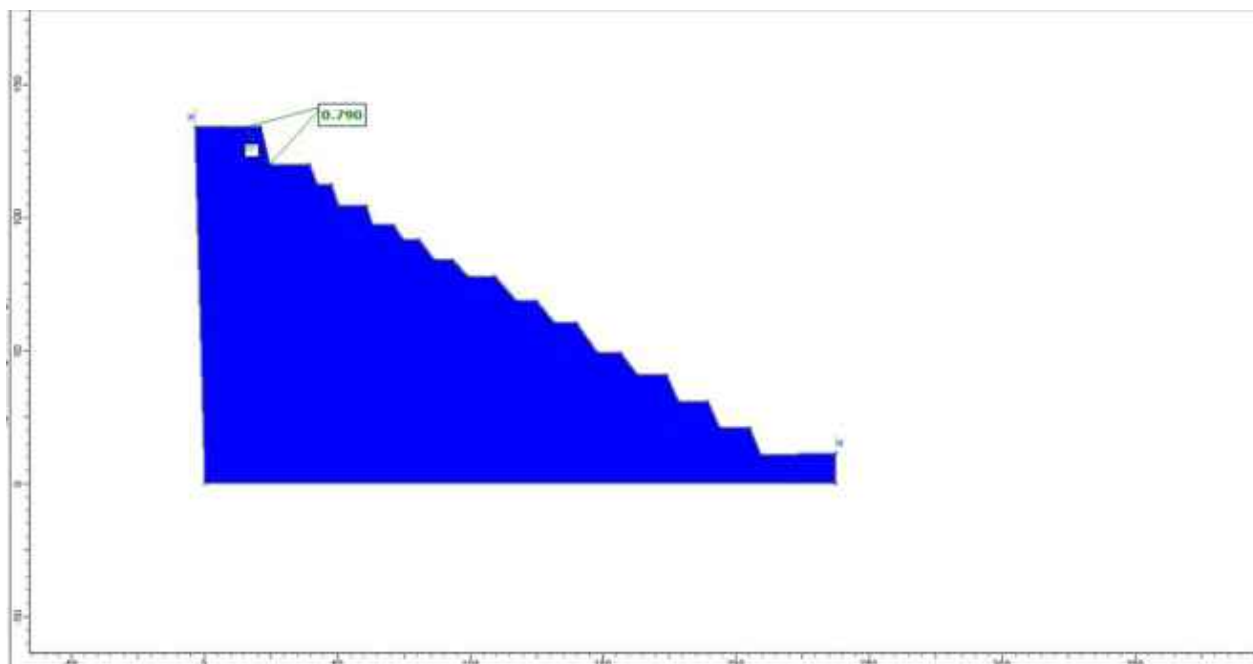


Figure 3 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 0.790

Analysis 2- E324900

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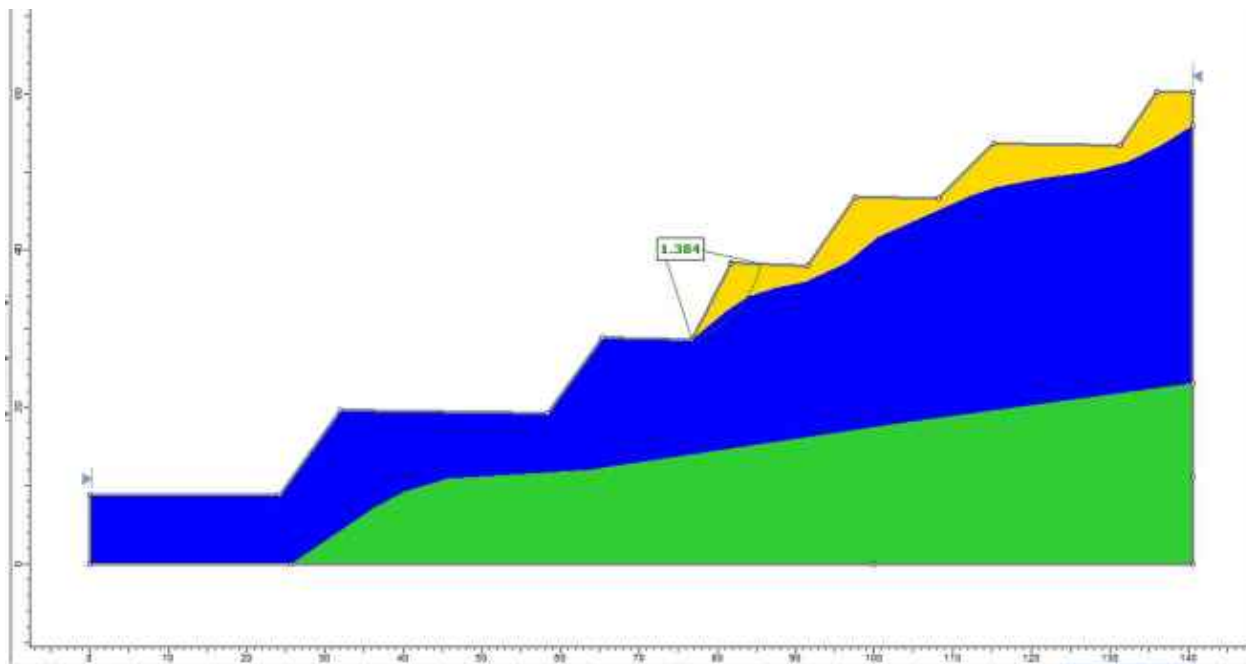


Figure 4 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.384

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION

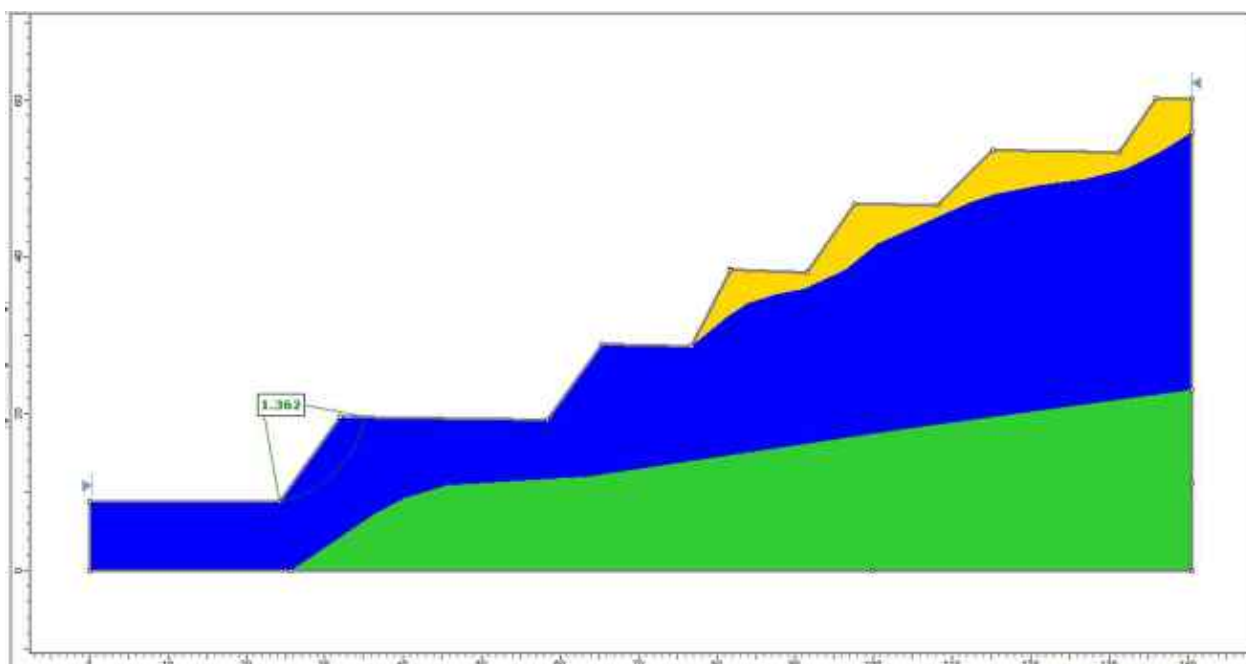
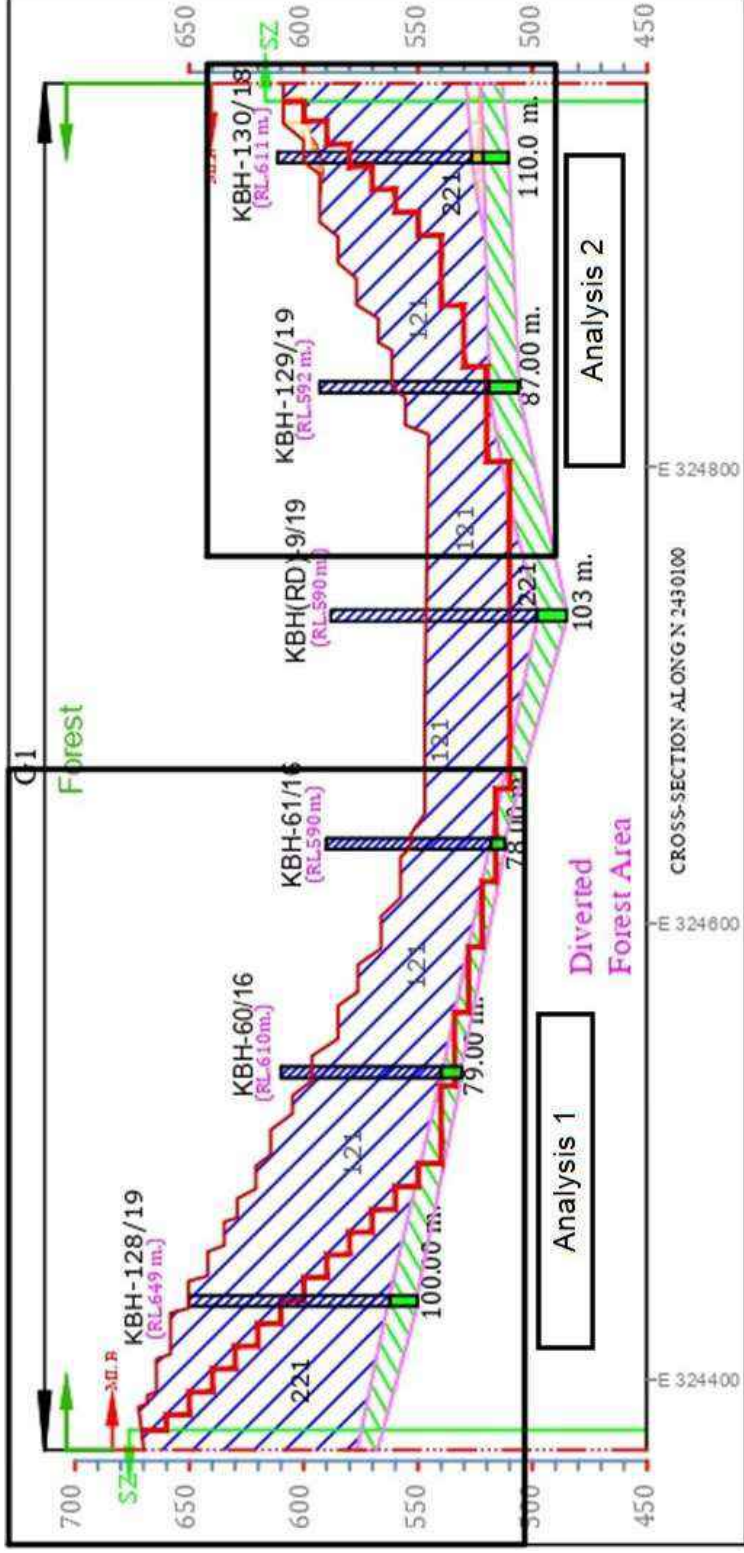


Figure 5 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.362

**N2430100**



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
- LATERITIC IRON ORE
- GEOHITE
- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Figure 6 Nuagaon cross-section N2430100

Analysis 1 - E324400

DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

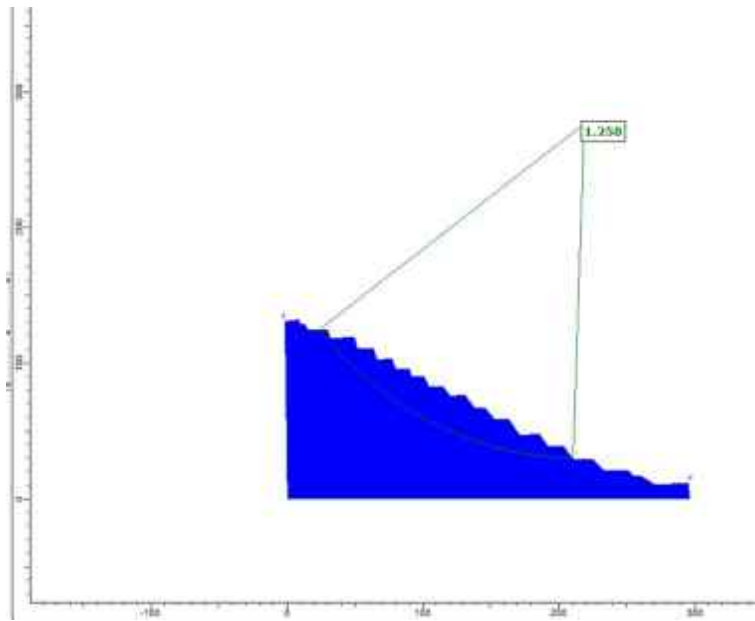


Figure 7 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.258

SATURATED CONDITION

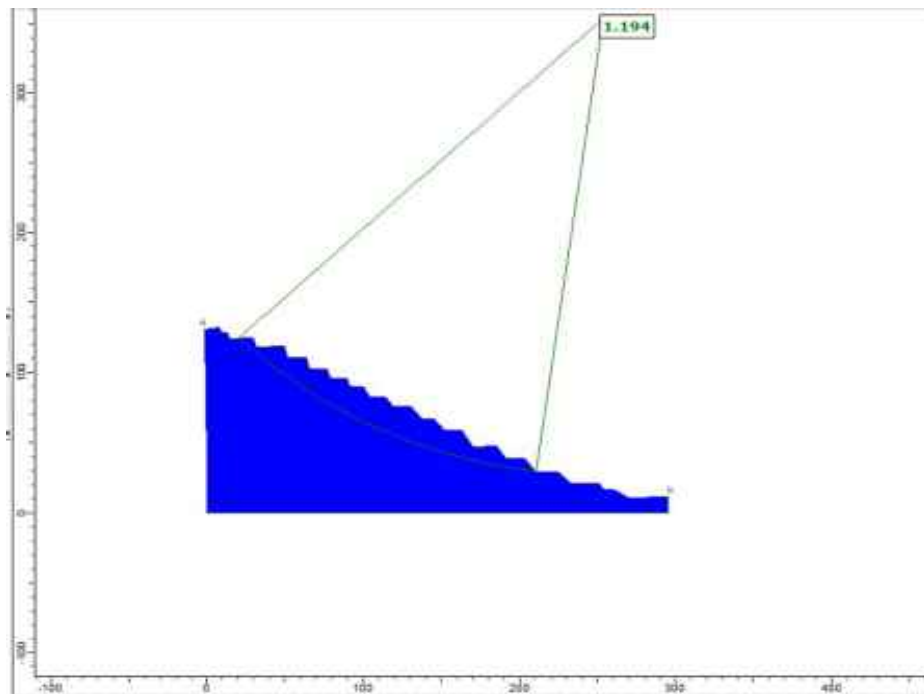


Figure 8 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.194

Analysis 2 - E324800

DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

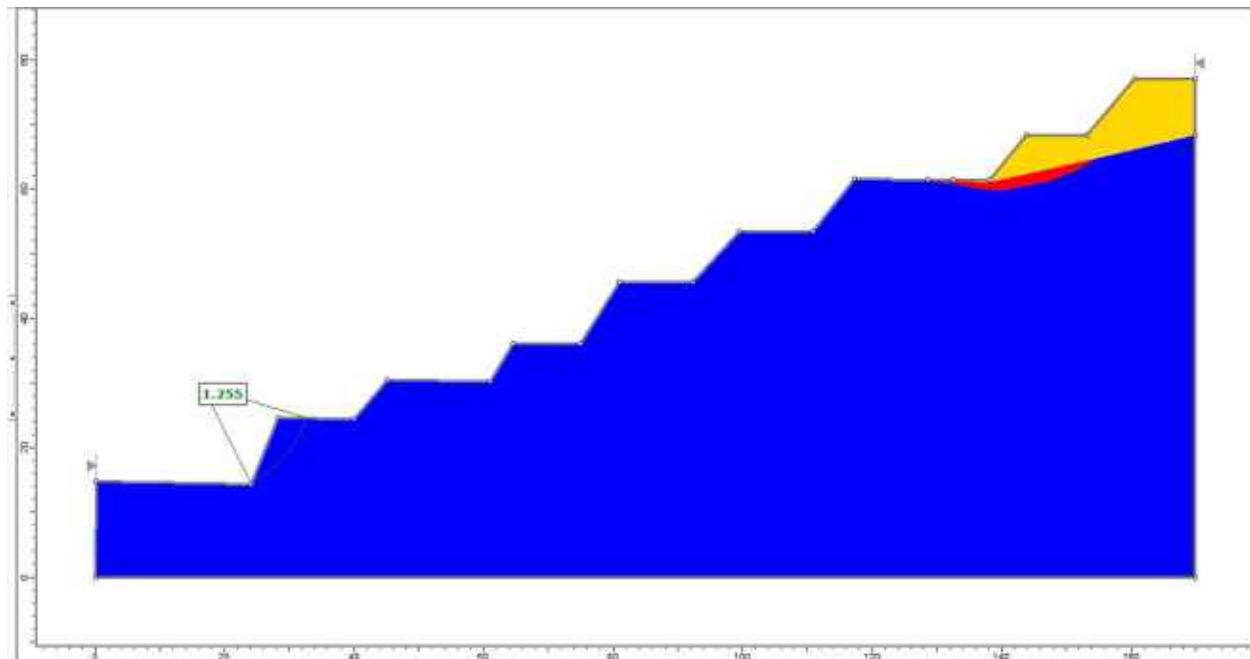


Figure 9 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.255

SATURATED CONDITION

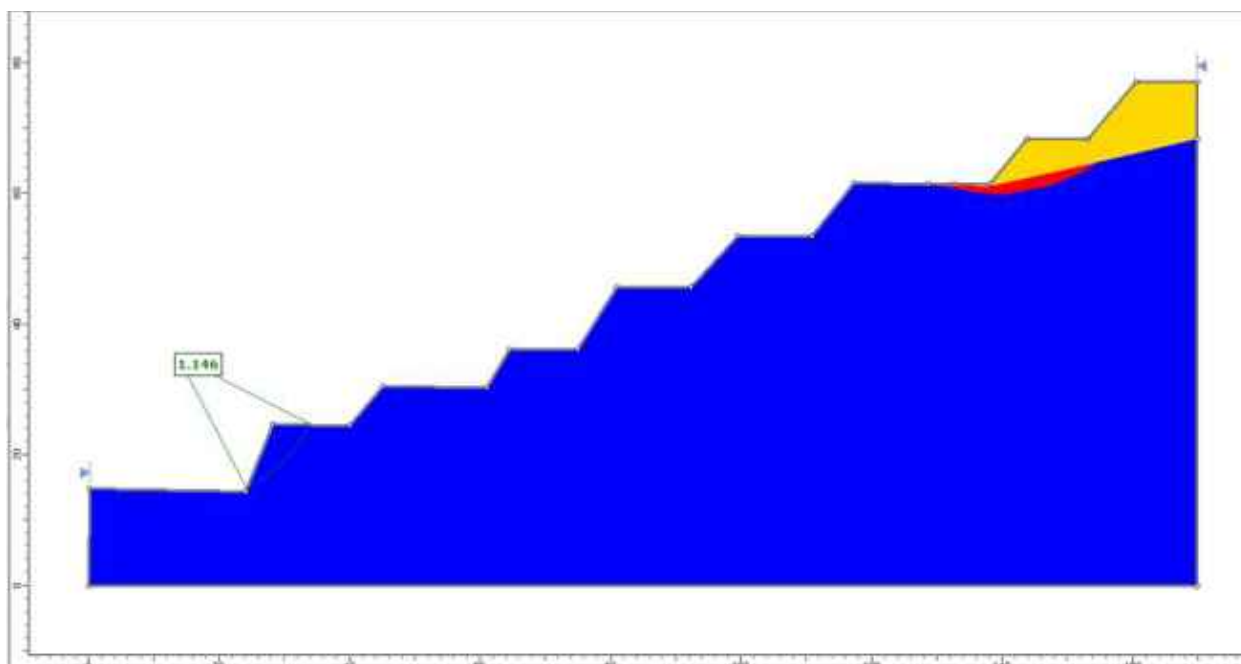
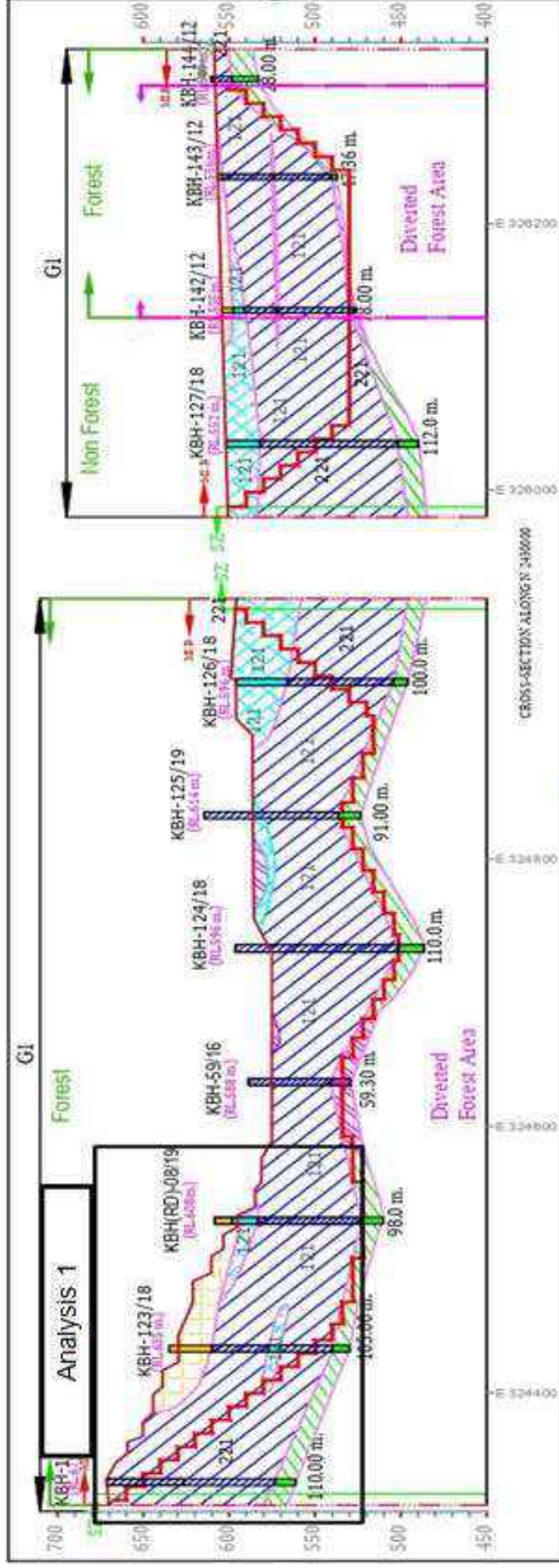


Figure 10 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.146

**N2430000**



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
- LATERITIC IRON ORE
- GEOHITE
- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Figure 11 Nuagaon cross-section N2430000

## Analysis 1

### 1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

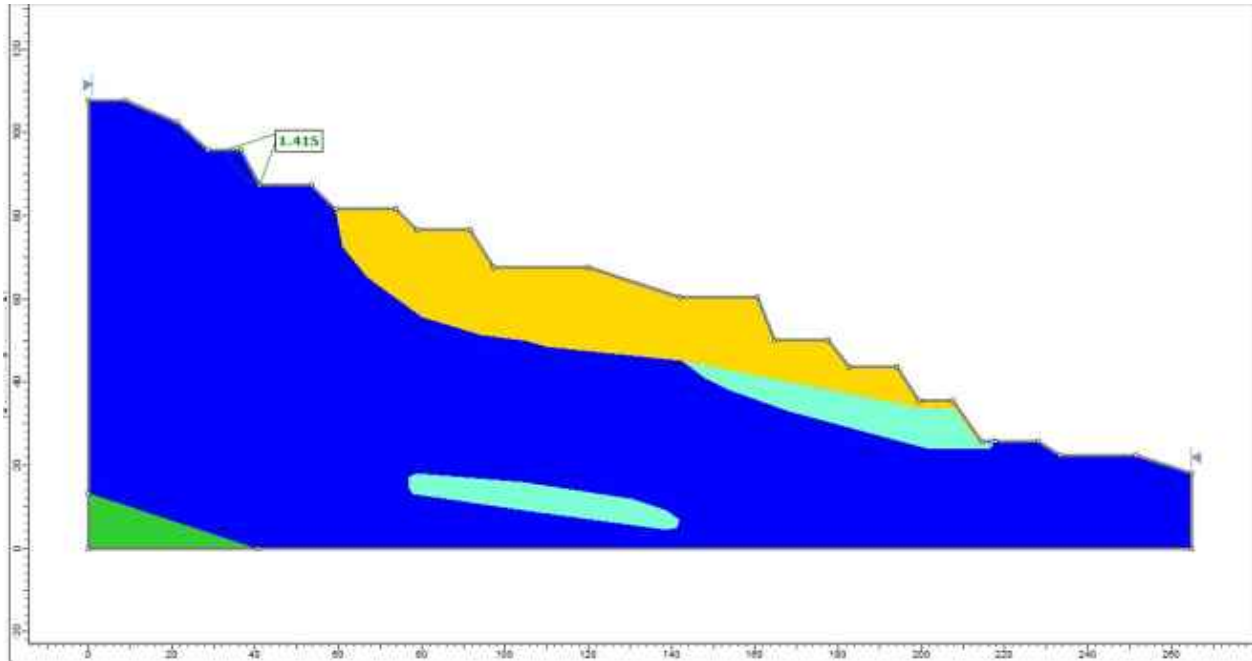


Figure 12 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.415

### 1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

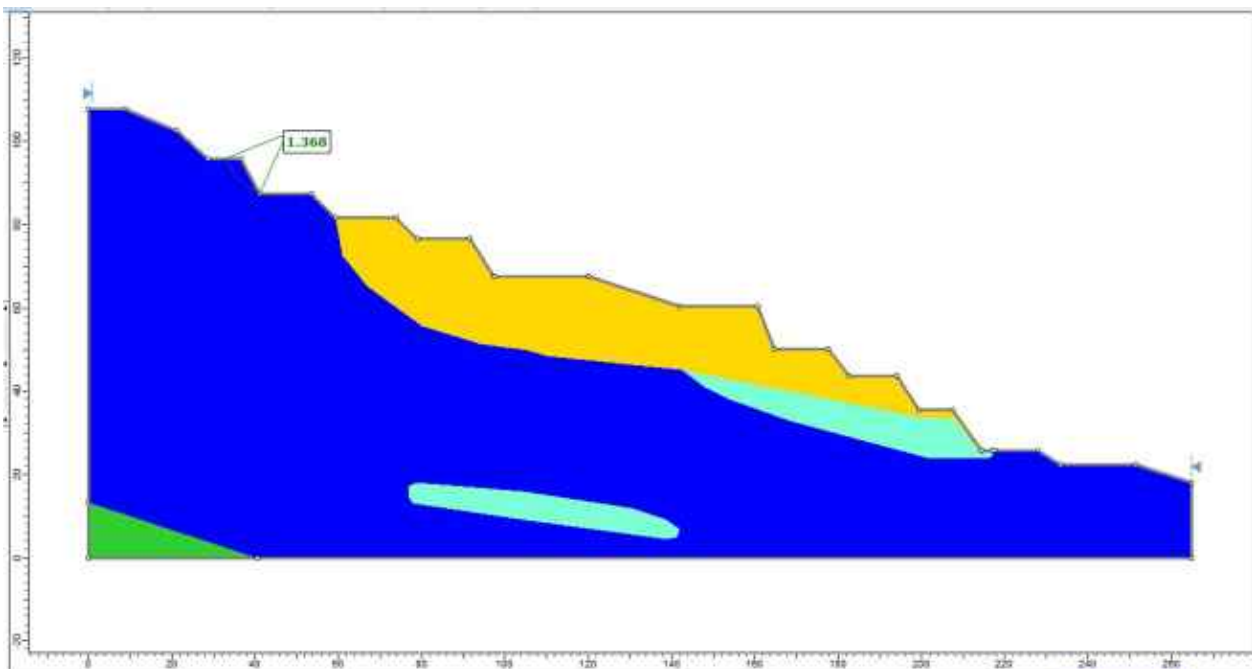


Figure 13 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.368

**N2429900**

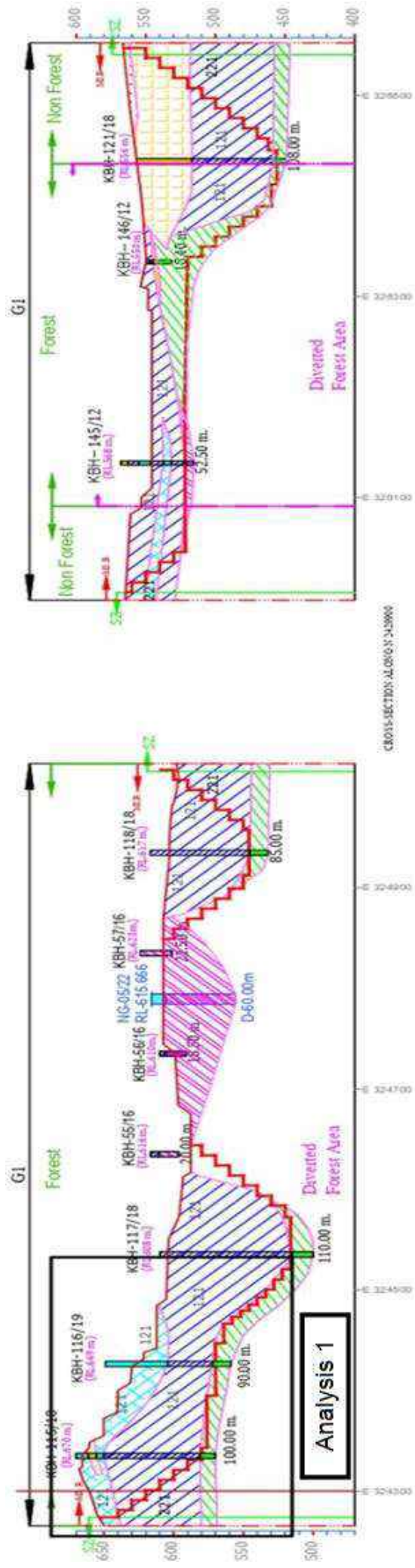


Figure 14 Nuagaon cross section N2429900



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
- LATERITIC IRON ORE
- GEOTHITE
- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Analysis 1

DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

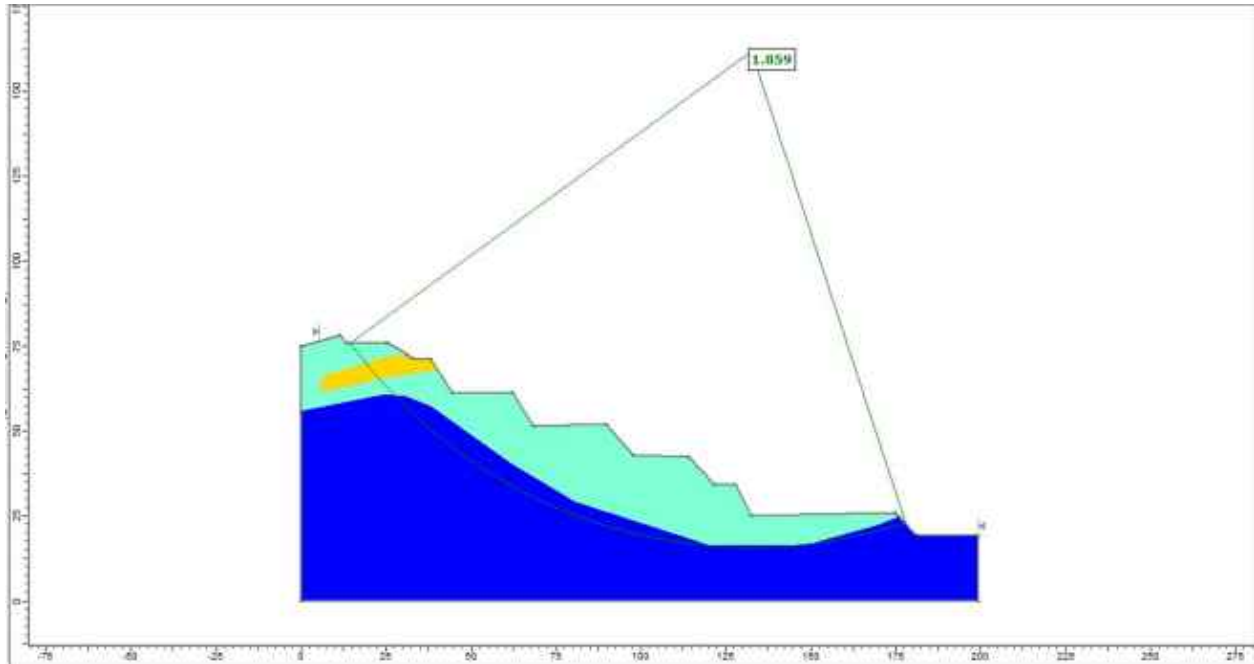


Figure 15 Slope stability analysis of a laterite and friable ore slope having FOS of 1.859

SATURATED CONDITION

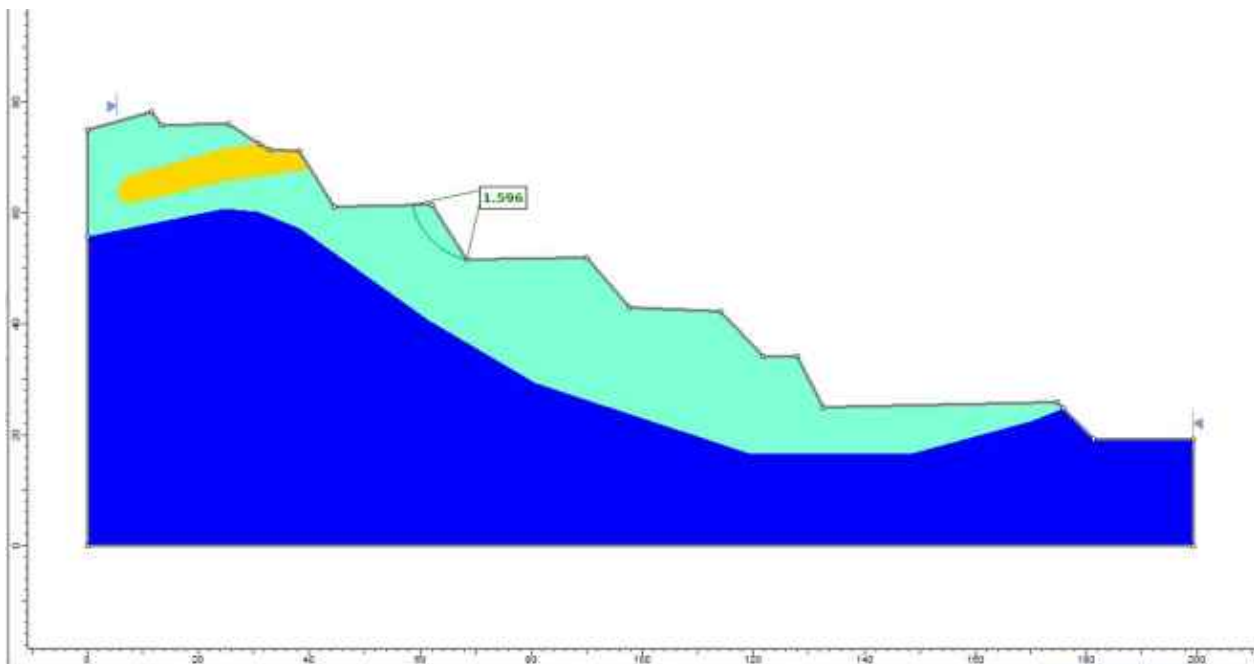


Figure 16 Slope stability analysis of a laterite and friable ore slope having FOS of 1.596

**N 2429800**

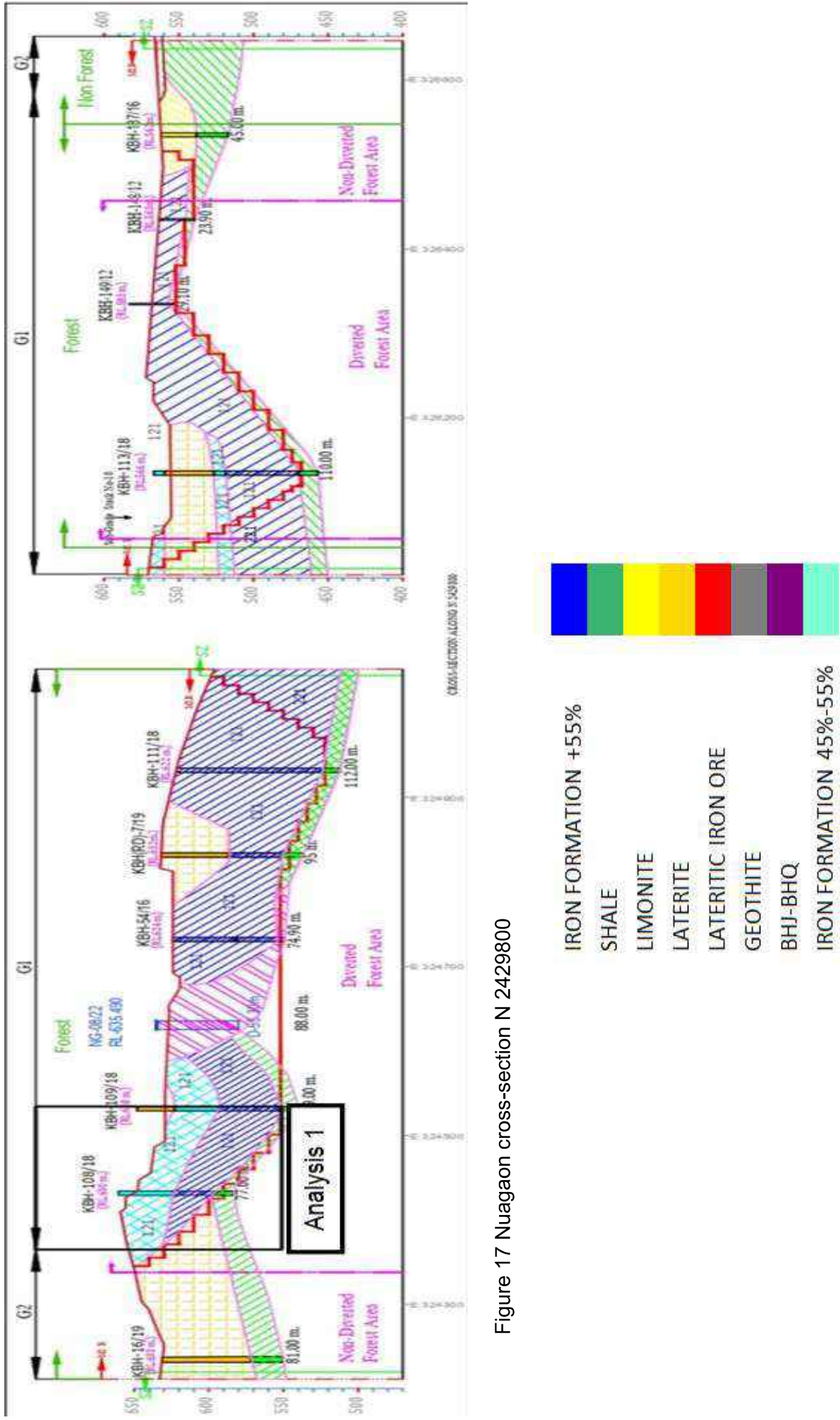


Figure 17 Nuagaon cross-section N 2429800

## Analysis 1

### 1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

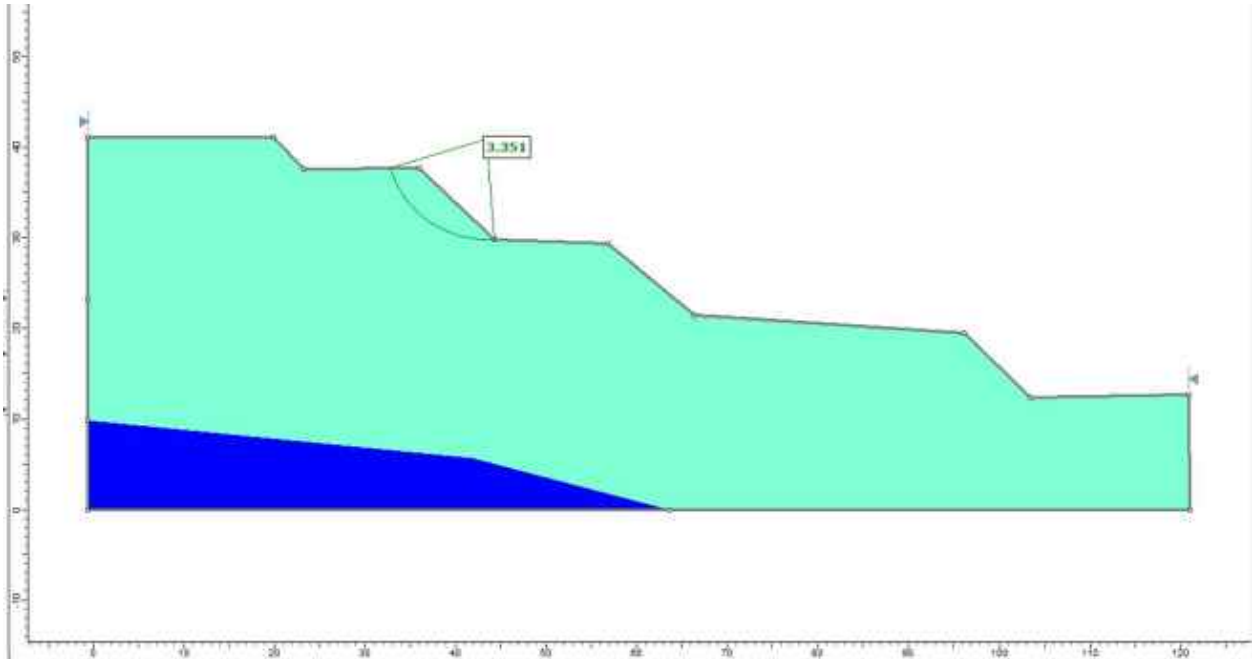


Figure 18 Slope stability analysis of a Iron Ore > 55% slope having FOS of 3.351

### 2.1 SATURATED CONDITION

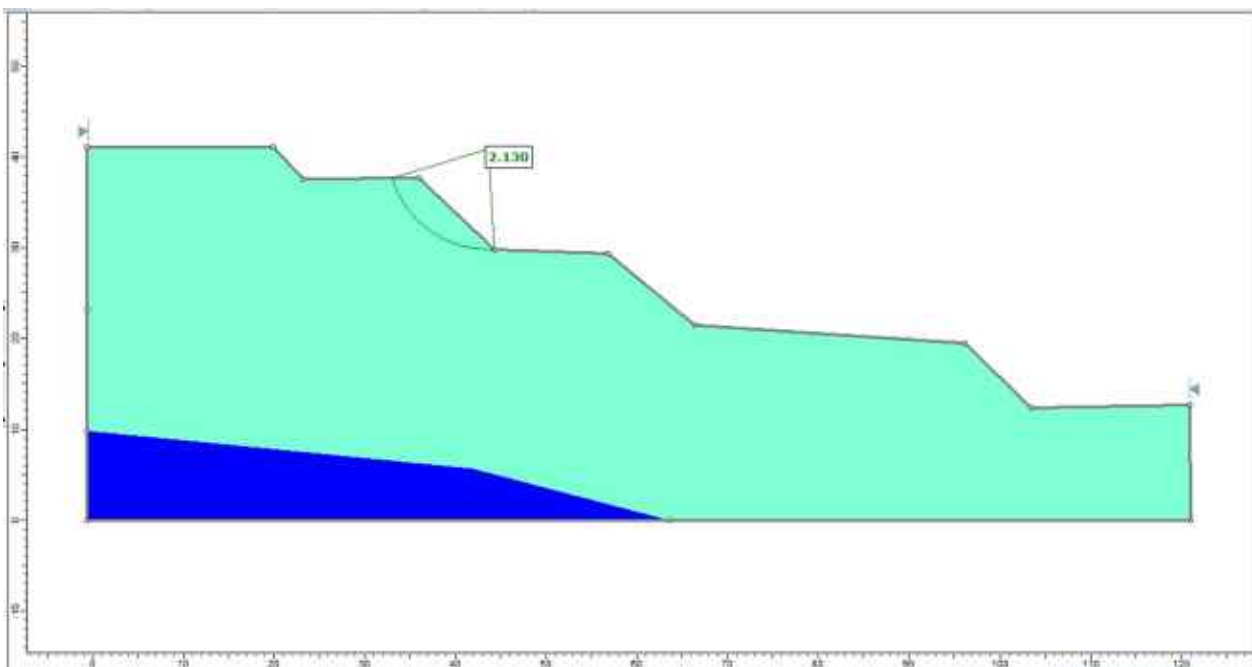


Figure 19 Slope stability analysis of a Iron Ore > 55% slope having FOS of 2.130

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N2429000

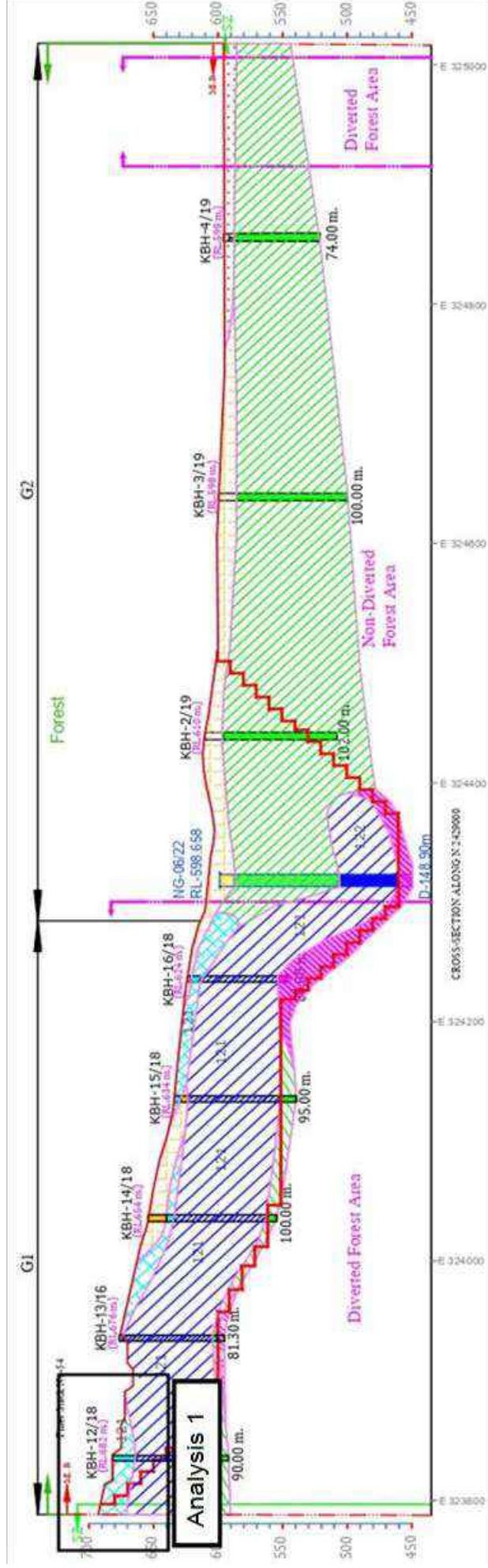


Figure 20 Nuagaon cross section N2429000

## Analysis 1

### 1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

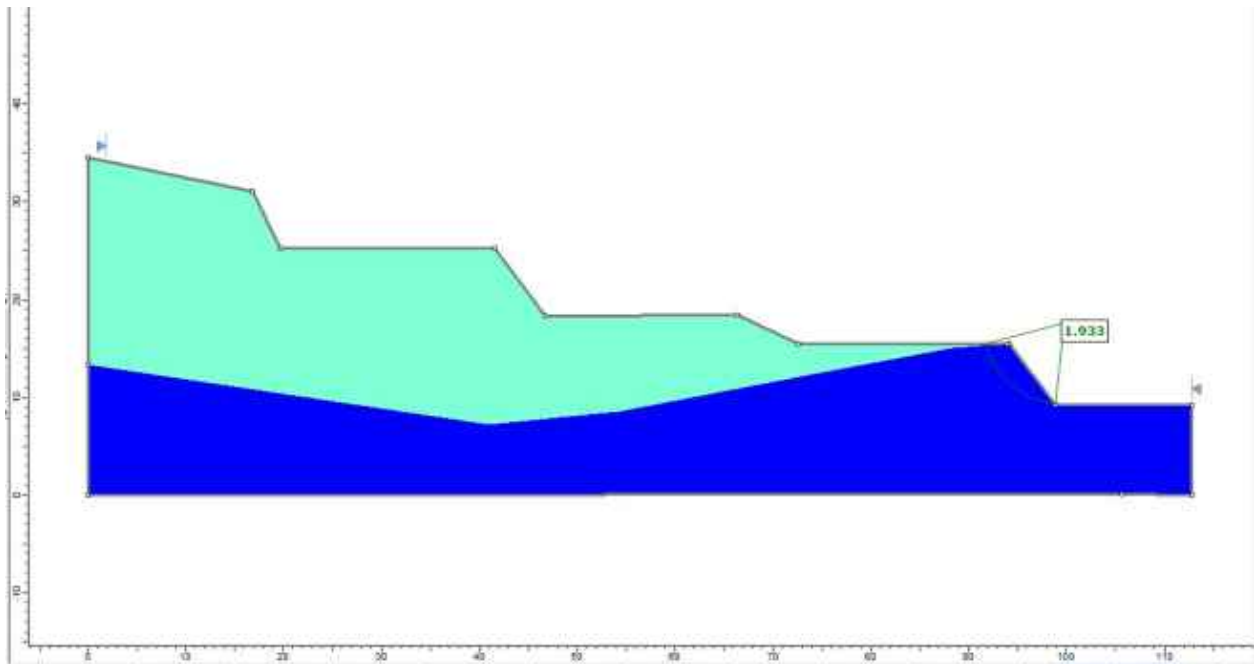


Figure 21 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.933

### 1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

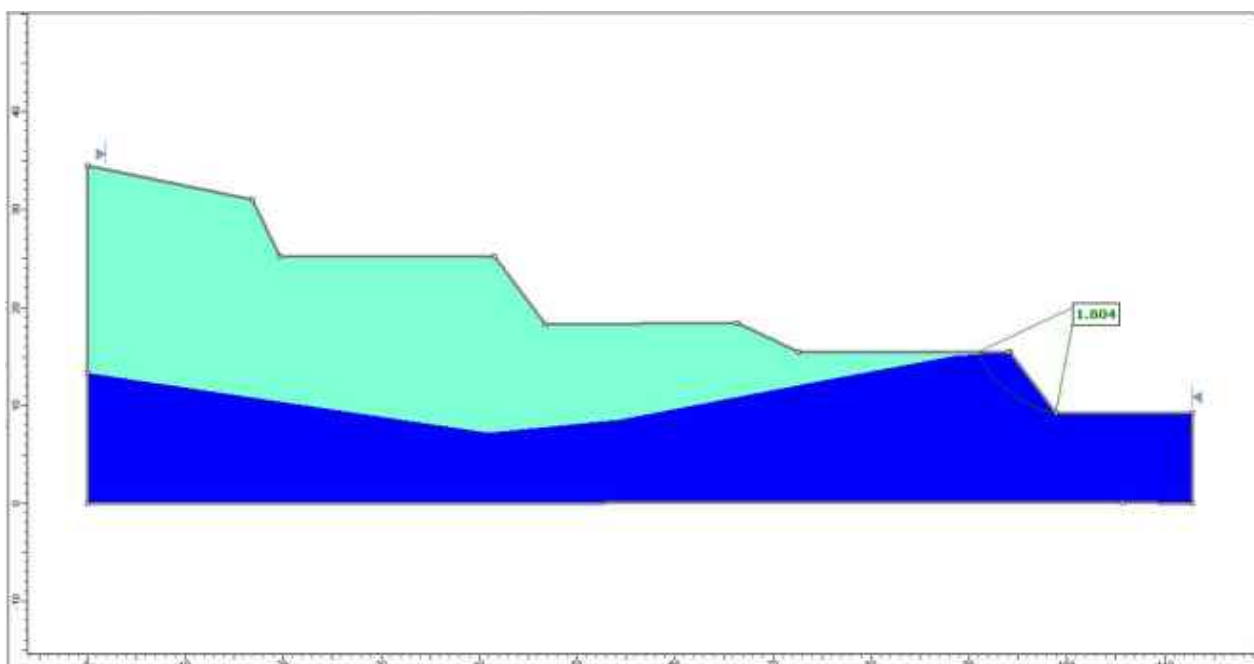


Figure 22 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.804

**N2428900**

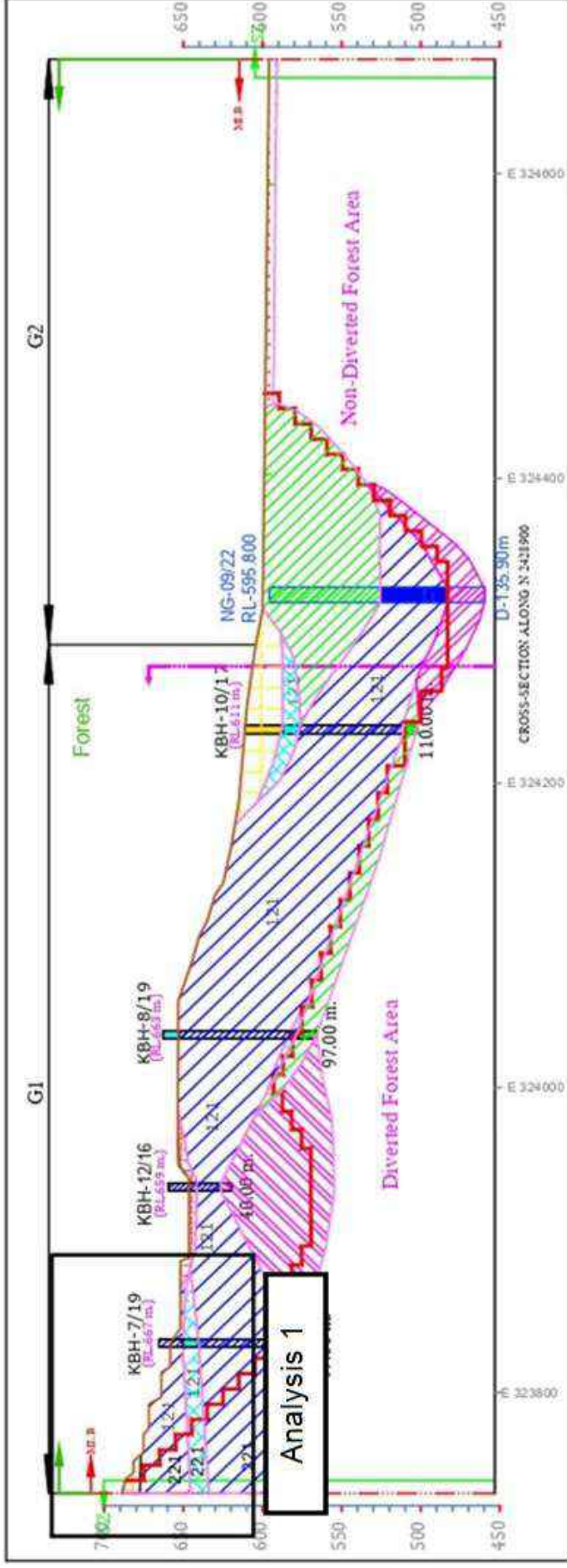


Figure 23 Nuagaon CROSS SECTION N2428900



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
- LATERITIC IRON ORE
- GEOHITE
- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

## Analysis 1

### 1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

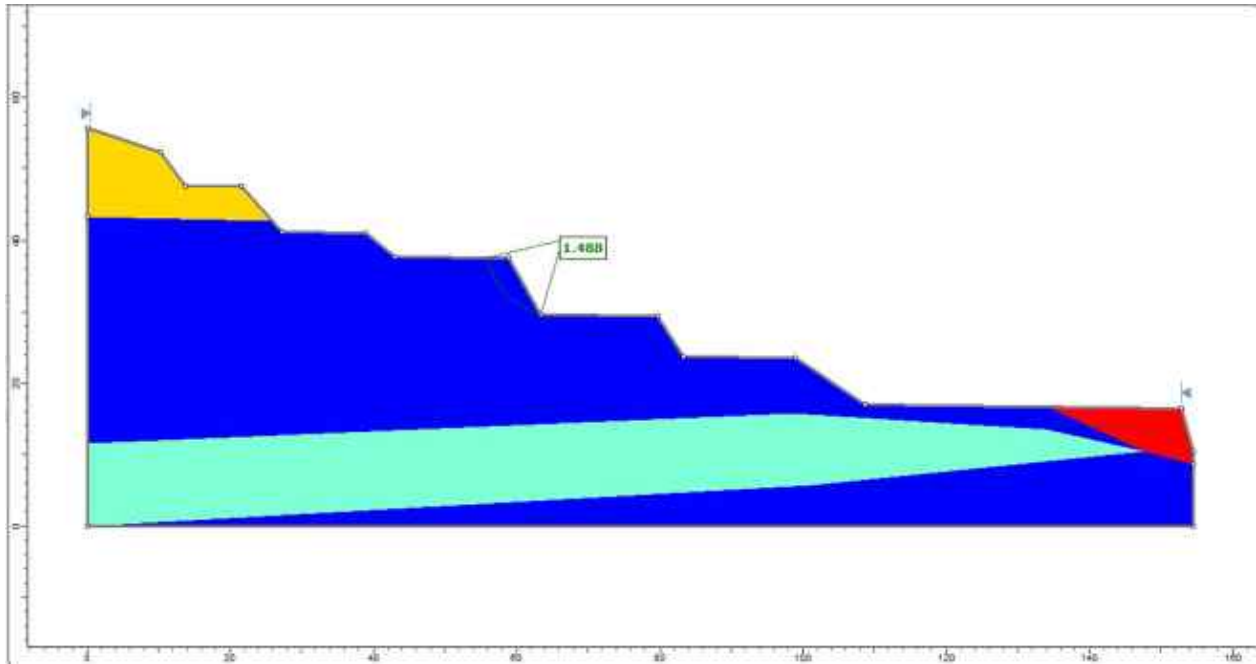


Figure 24 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.488

### 1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

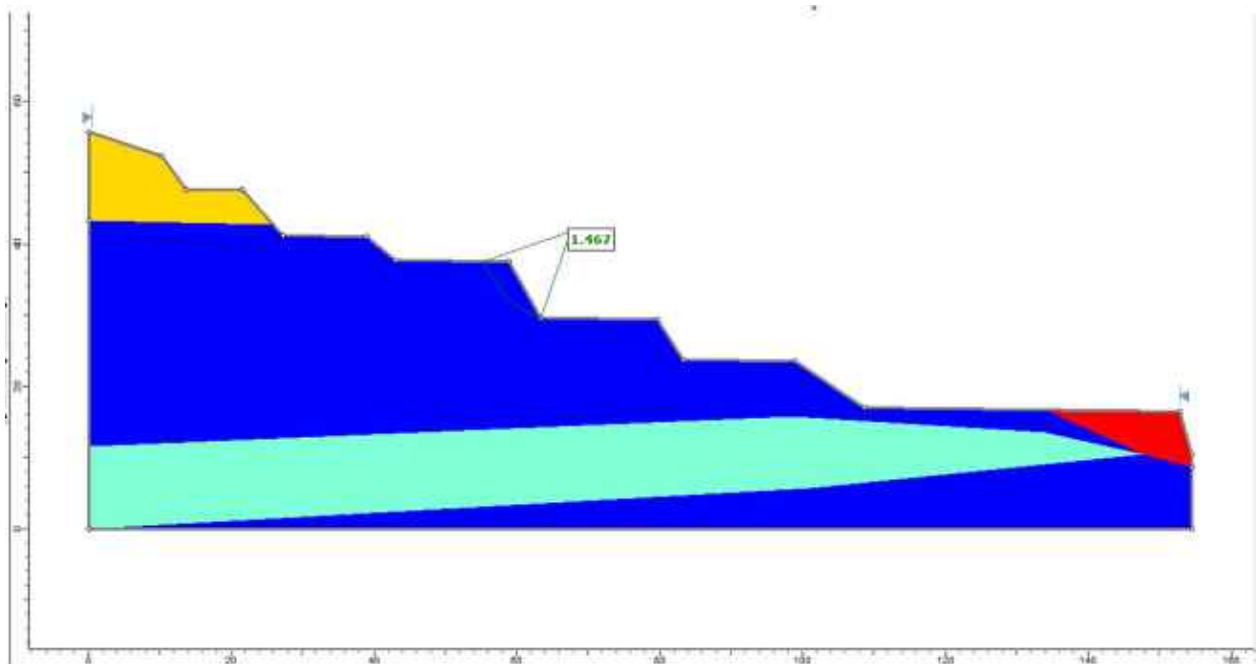


Figure 25 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.467

**N2428800**

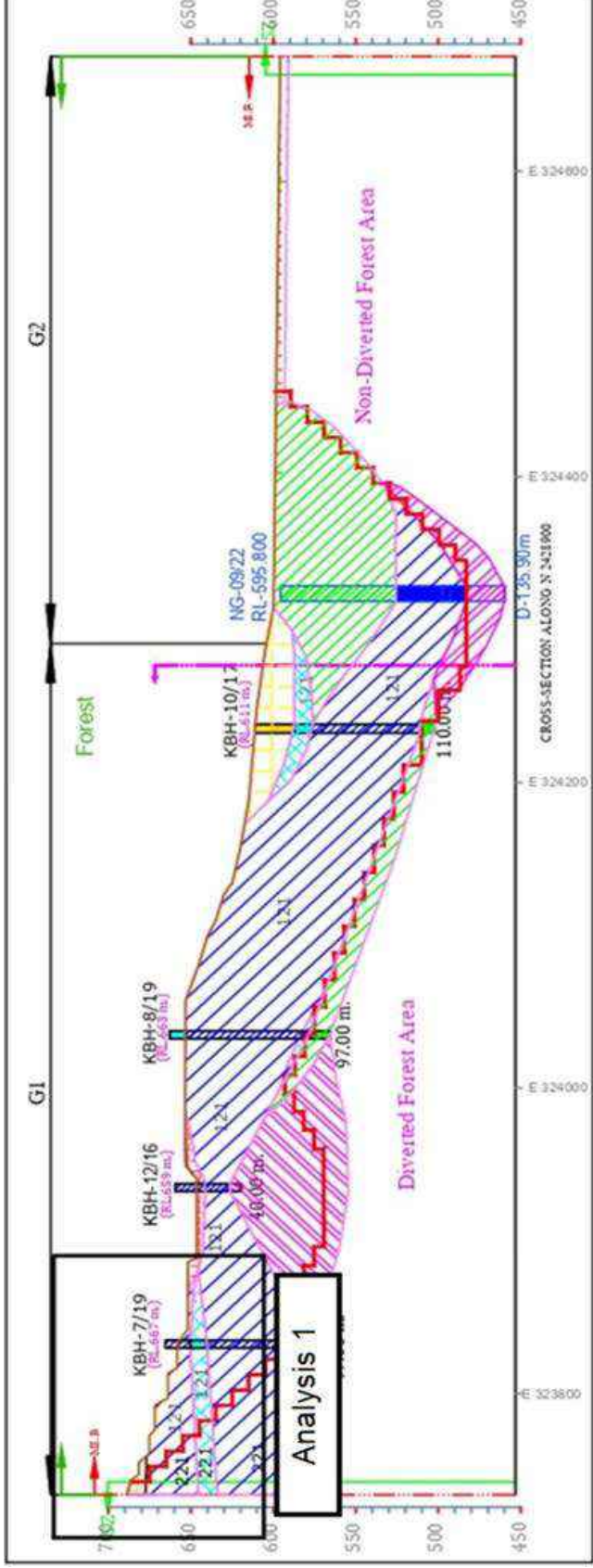


Figure 26 Nuagaon cross section N2428800



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
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- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

## Analysis 1

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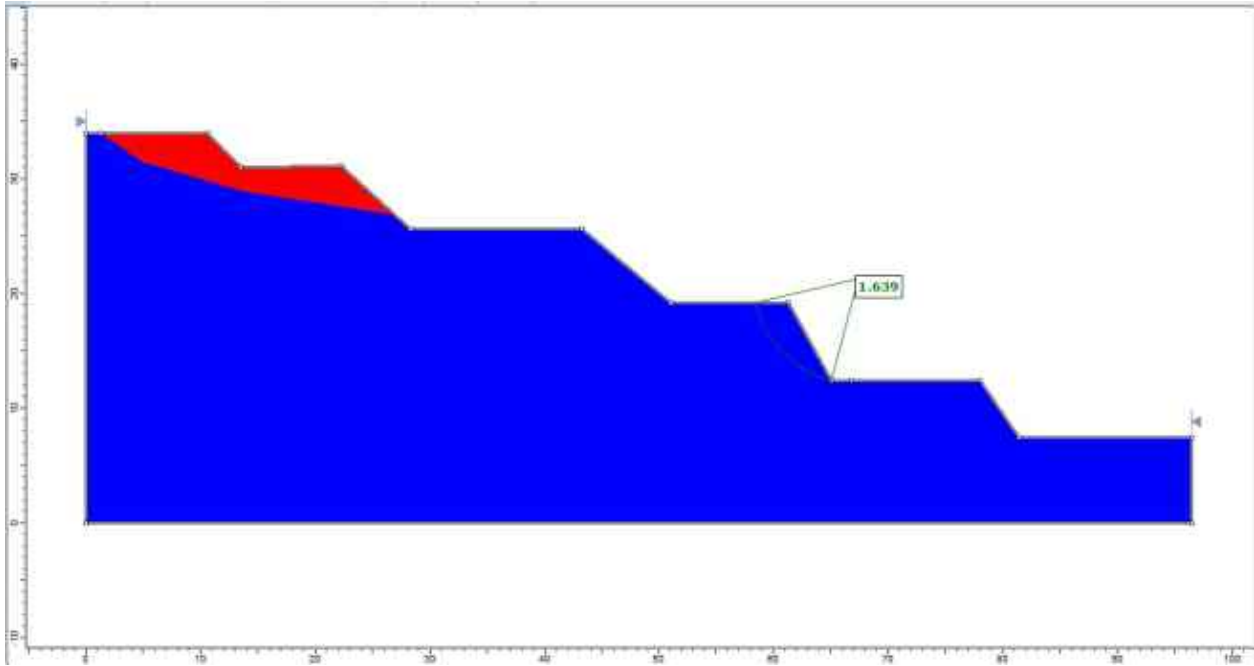


Figure 27 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.639

### 1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

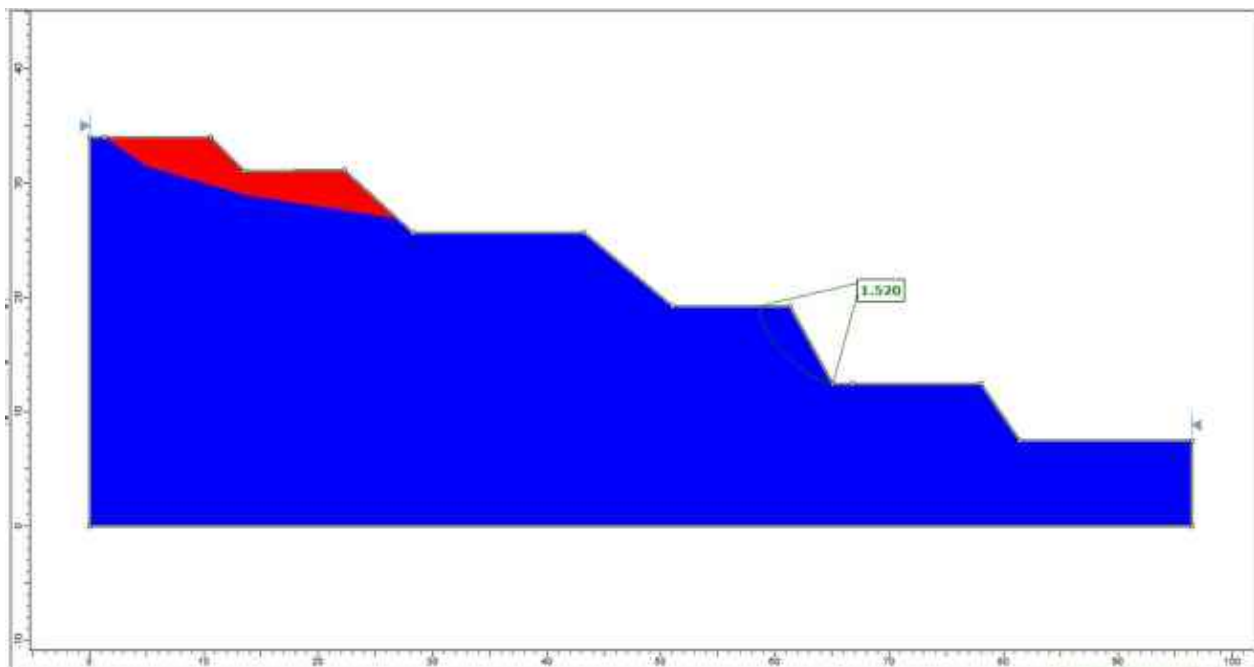


Figure 28 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.520



Analysis 1

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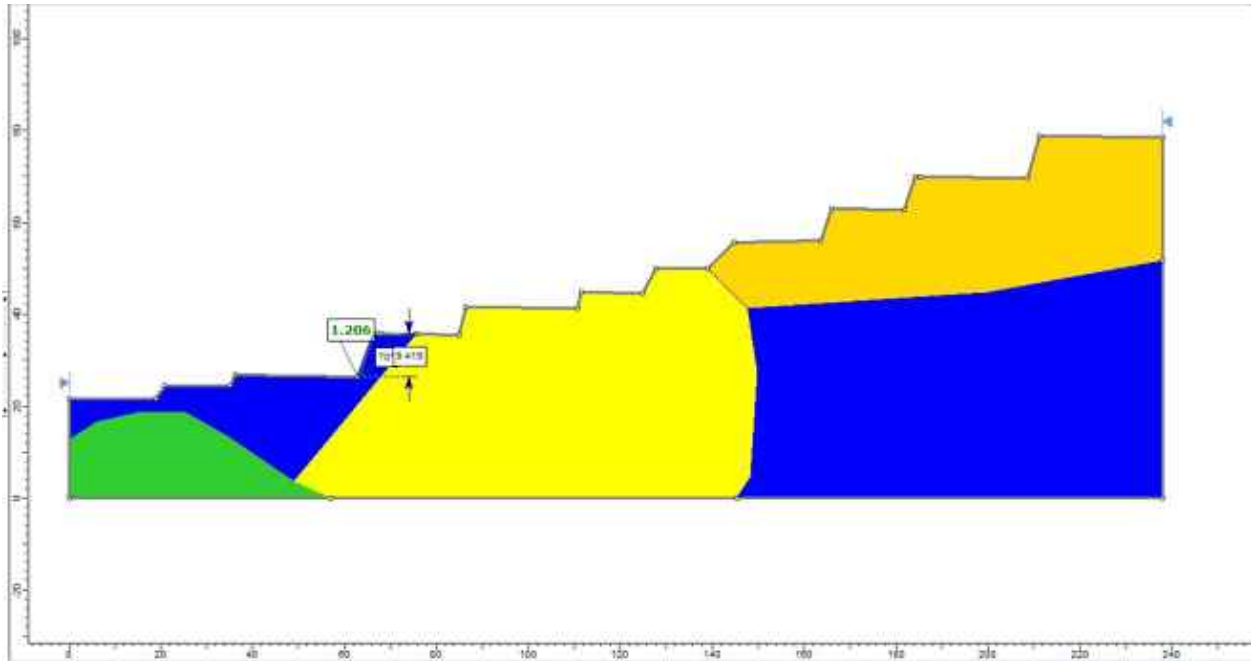


Figure 30 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having bench height 9.4 m and bench angle 70, showing FOS of 1.206

1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

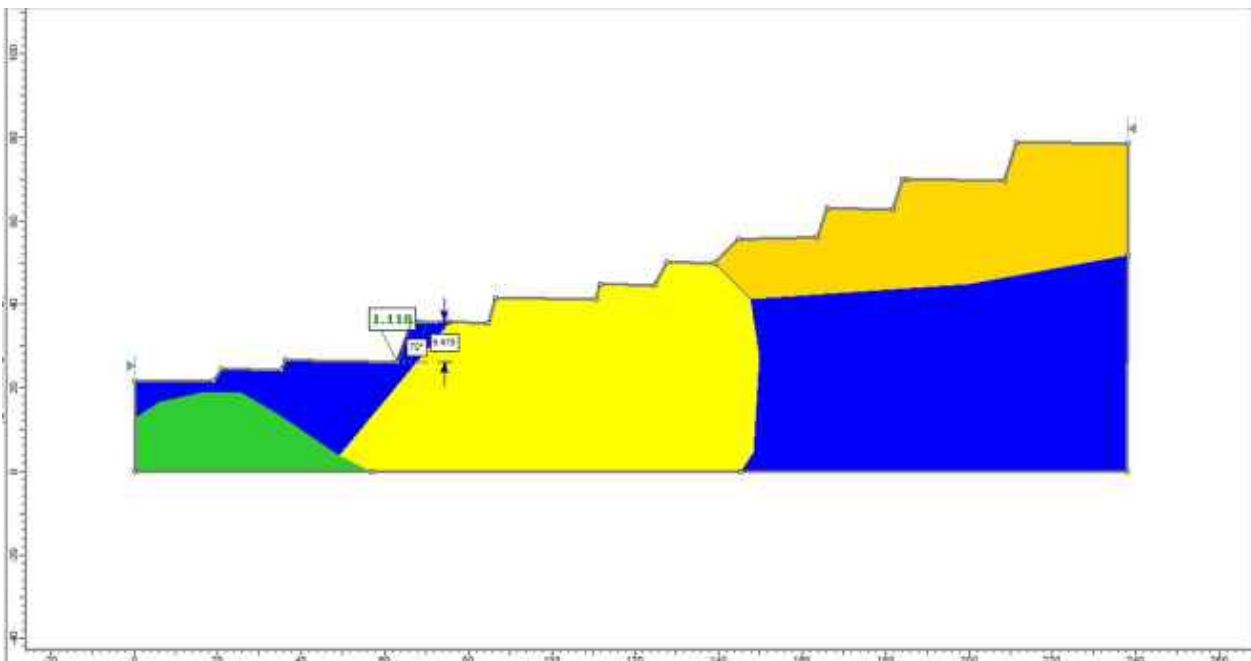


Figure 31 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having bench height 9.4 m and bench angle 70, showing FOS of 1.118



Analysis 1-E323600

1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

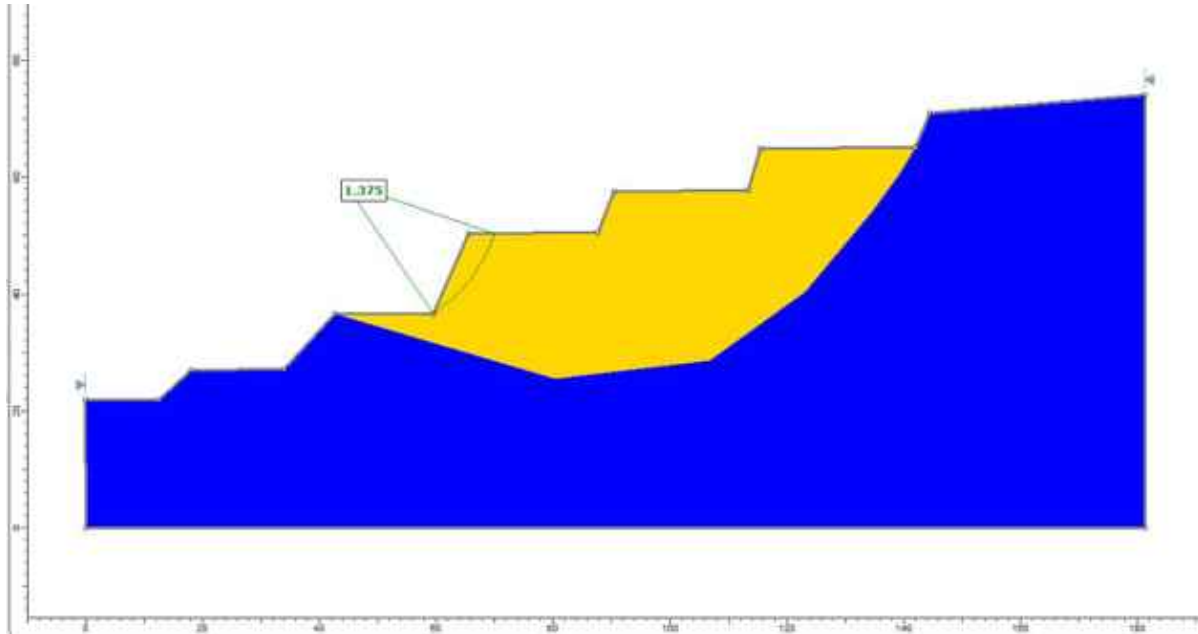


Figure 33 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.375

1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

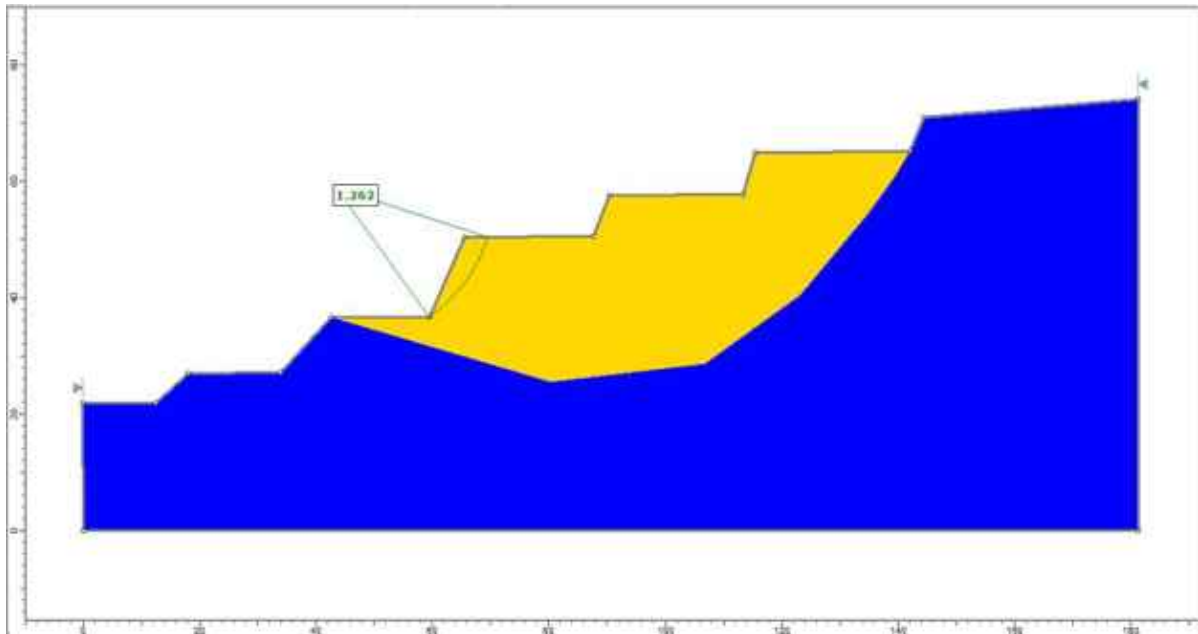


Figure 34 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.262

Analysis 2-E324400

2.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

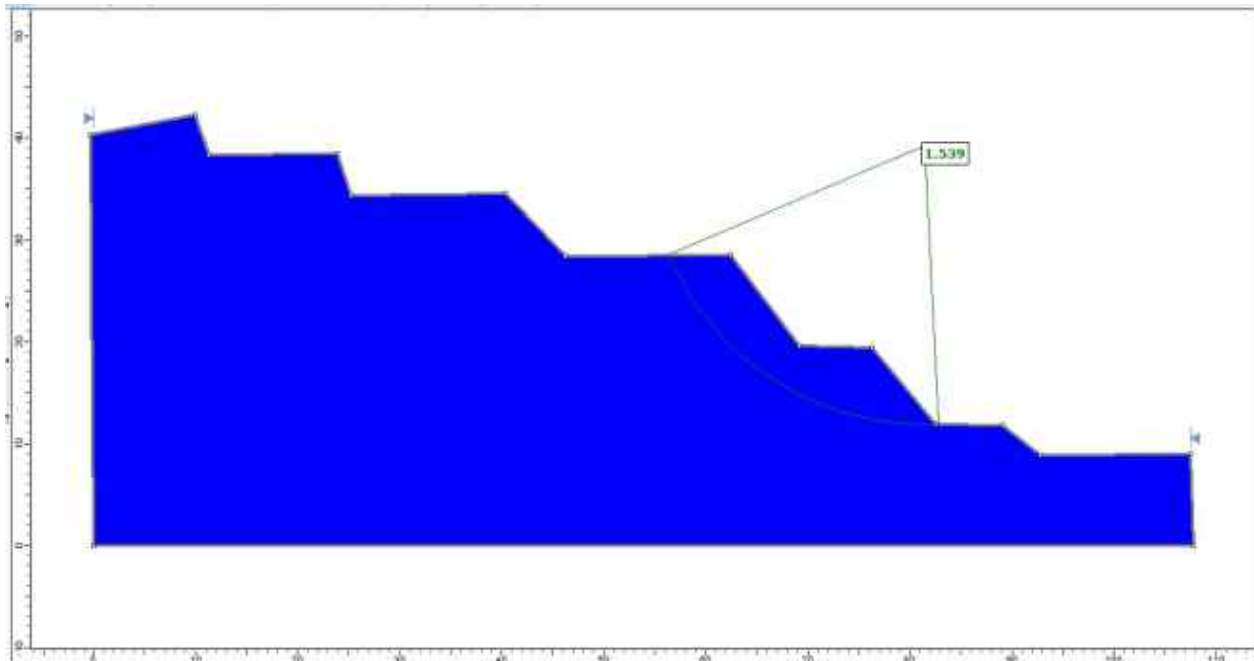


Figure 35 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.539

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION

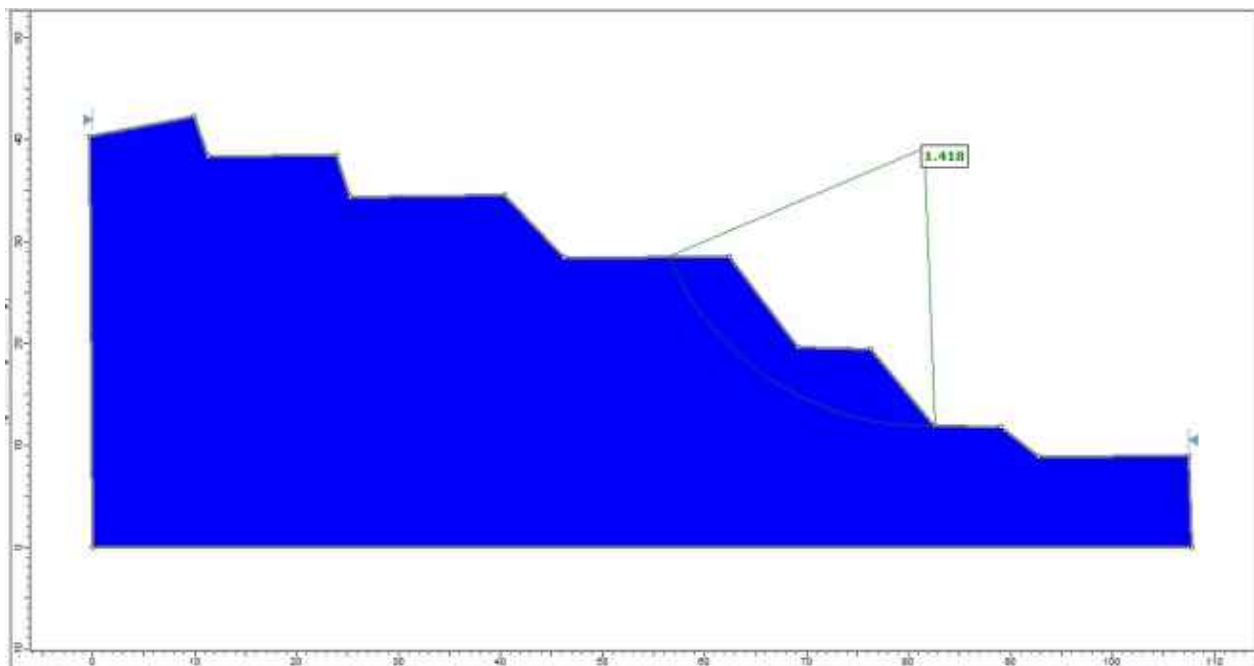


Figure 36 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.418

Analysis 3-E324600

3.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

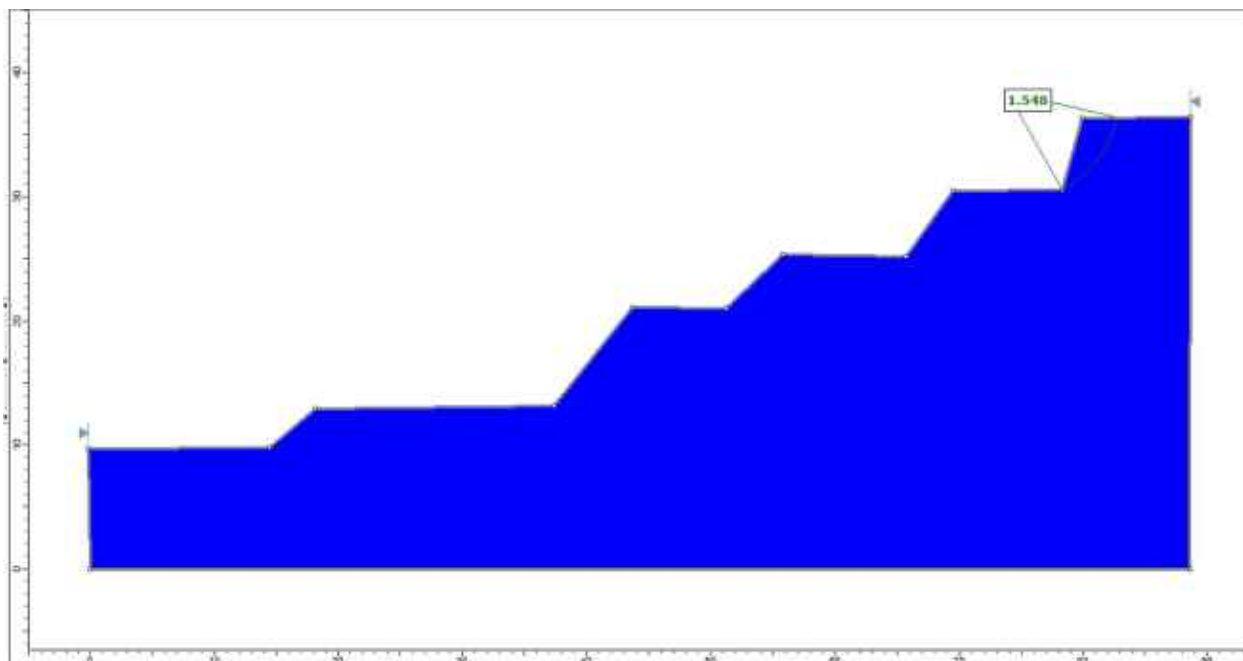


Figure 37 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.548

3.2 SATURATED CONDITION

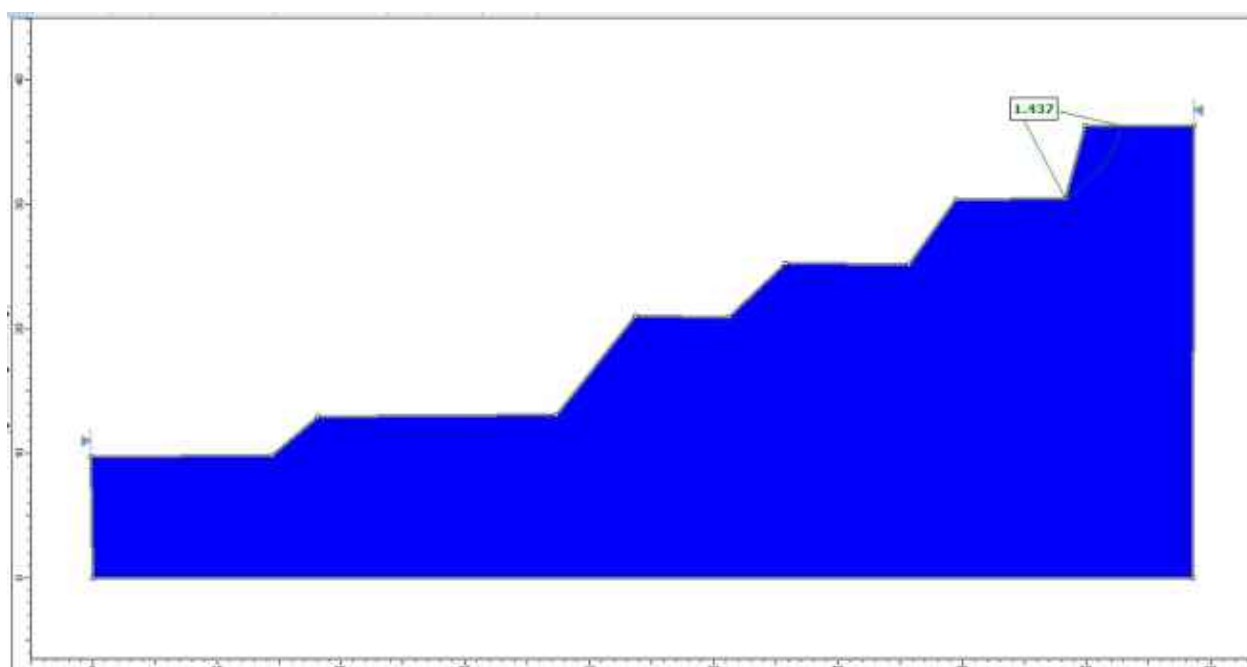


Figure 38 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.437

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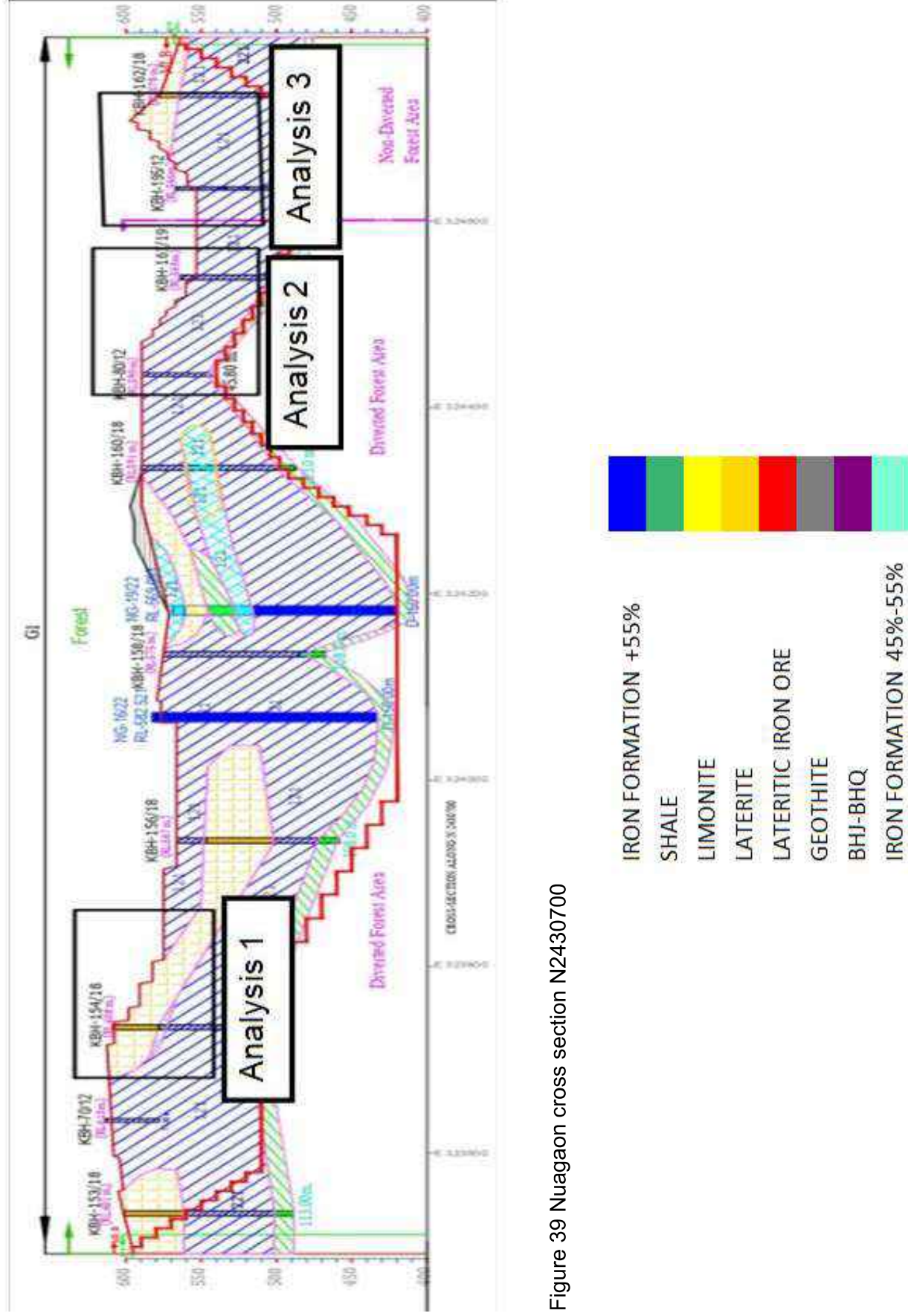


Figure 39 Nuagaon cross section N2430700

Analysis 1 - E323800

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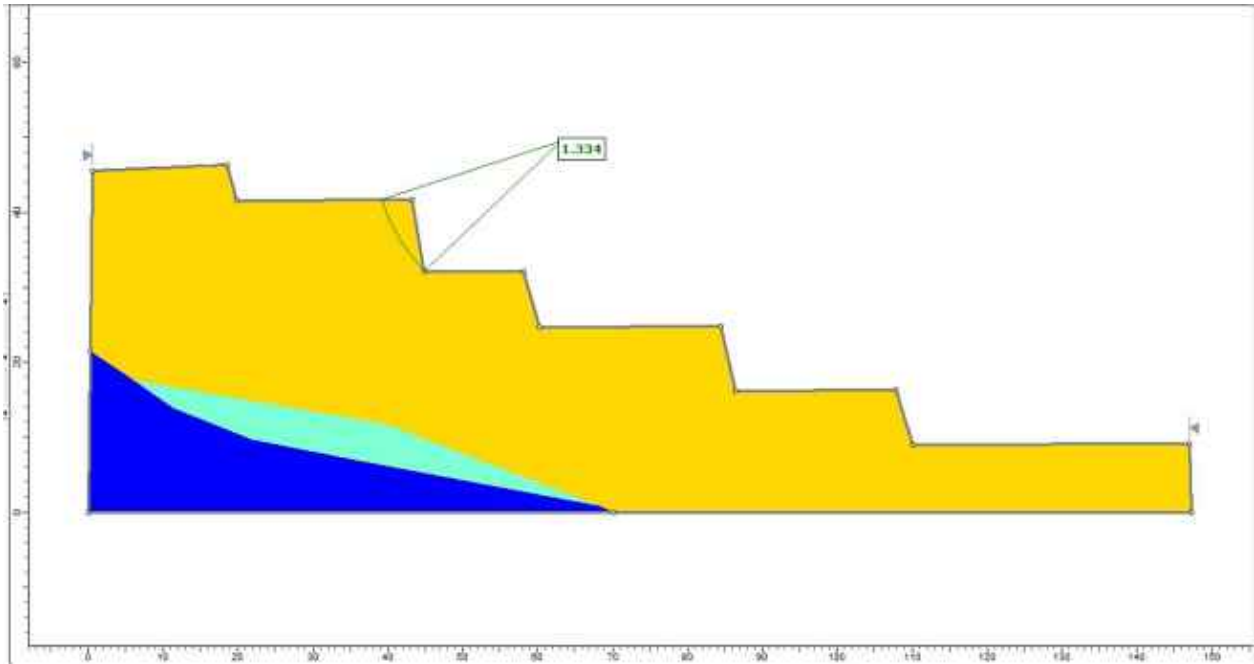


Figure 40 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.334

1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

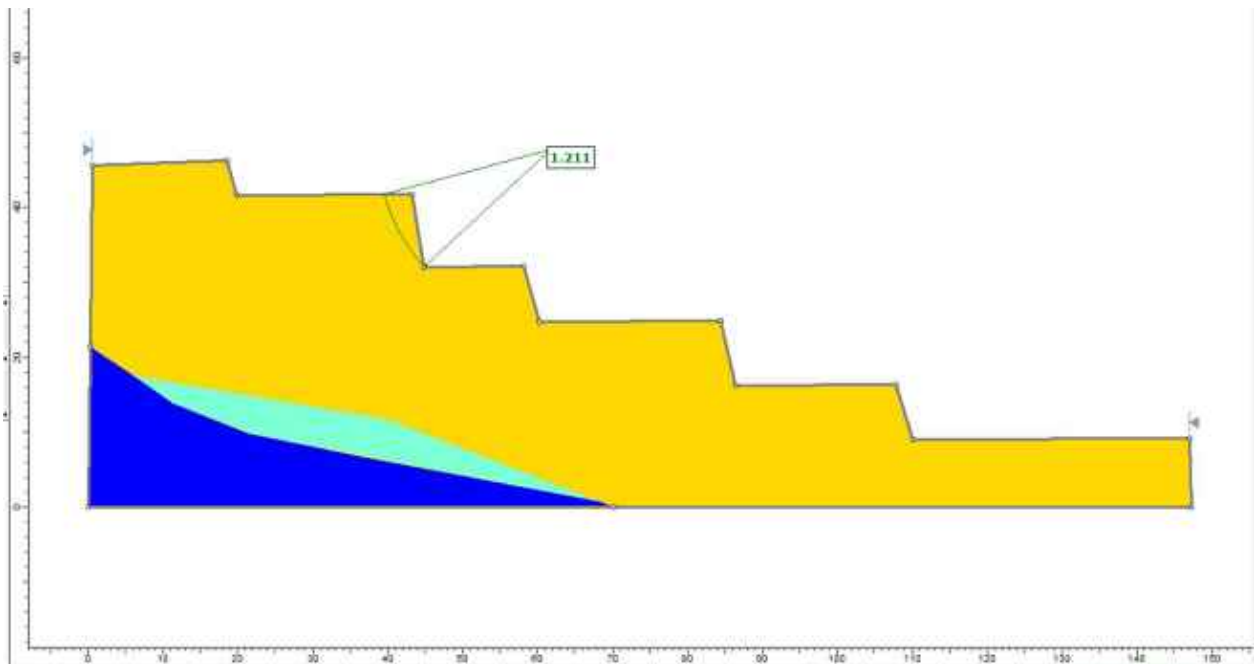


Figure 41 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.211

Analysis 2-E324400

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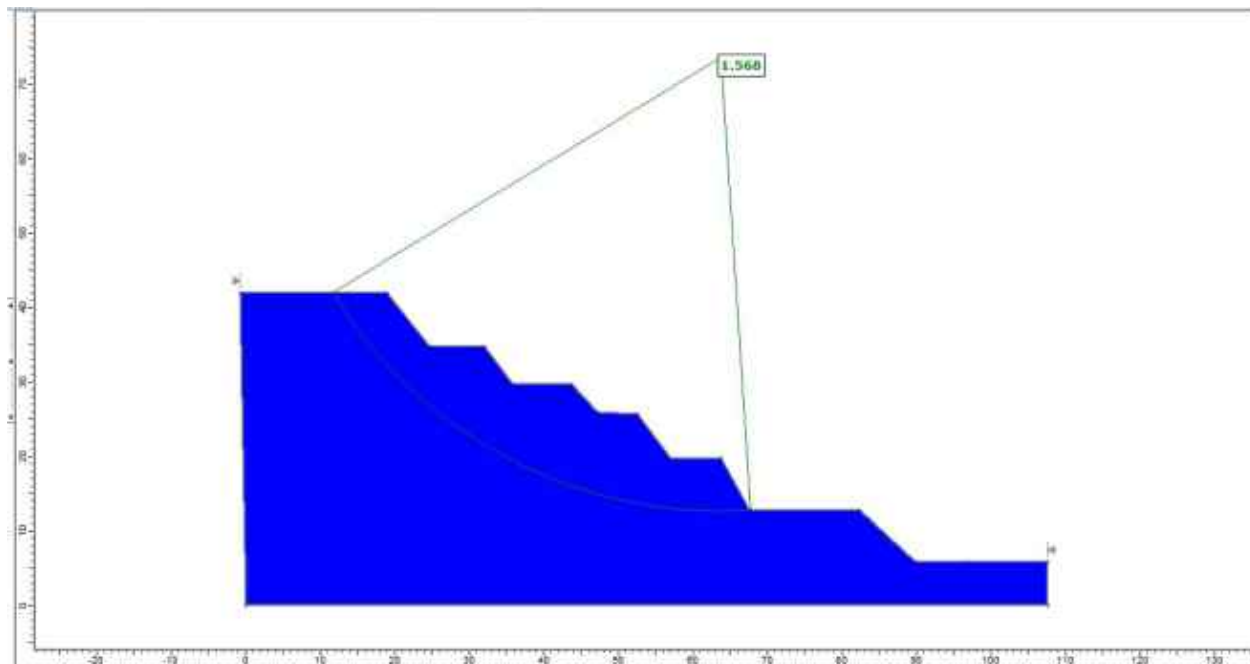


Figure 42 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.568

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION

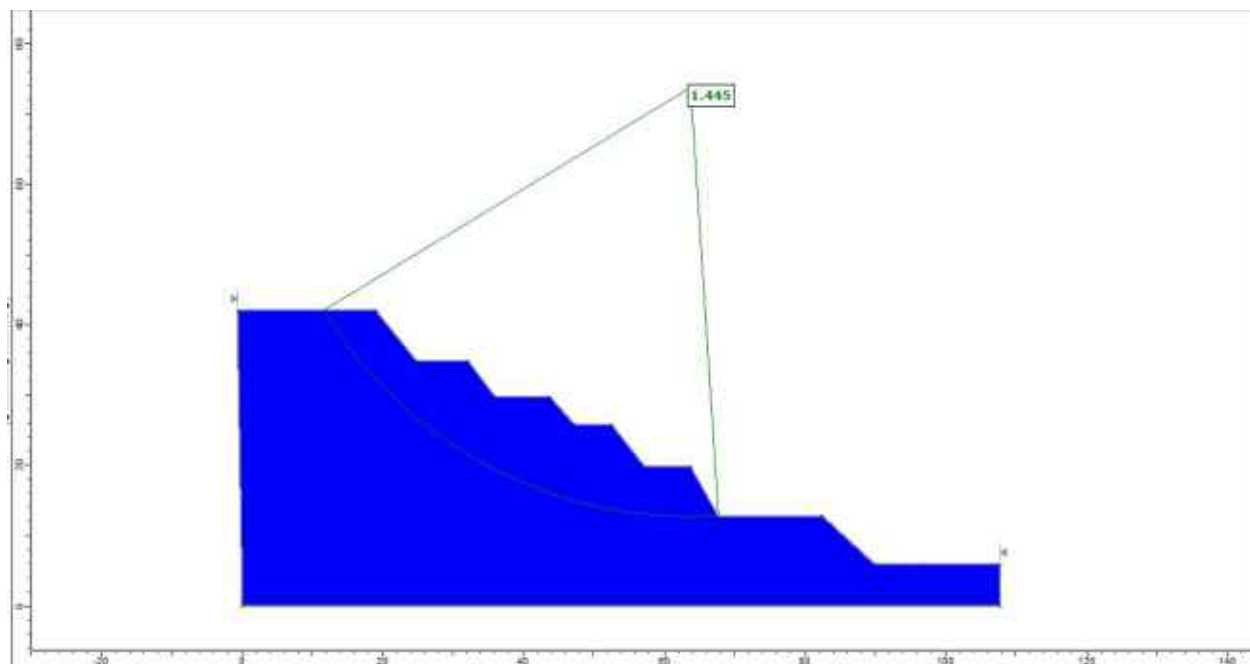


Figure 43 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.445

Analysis 3 - E324600

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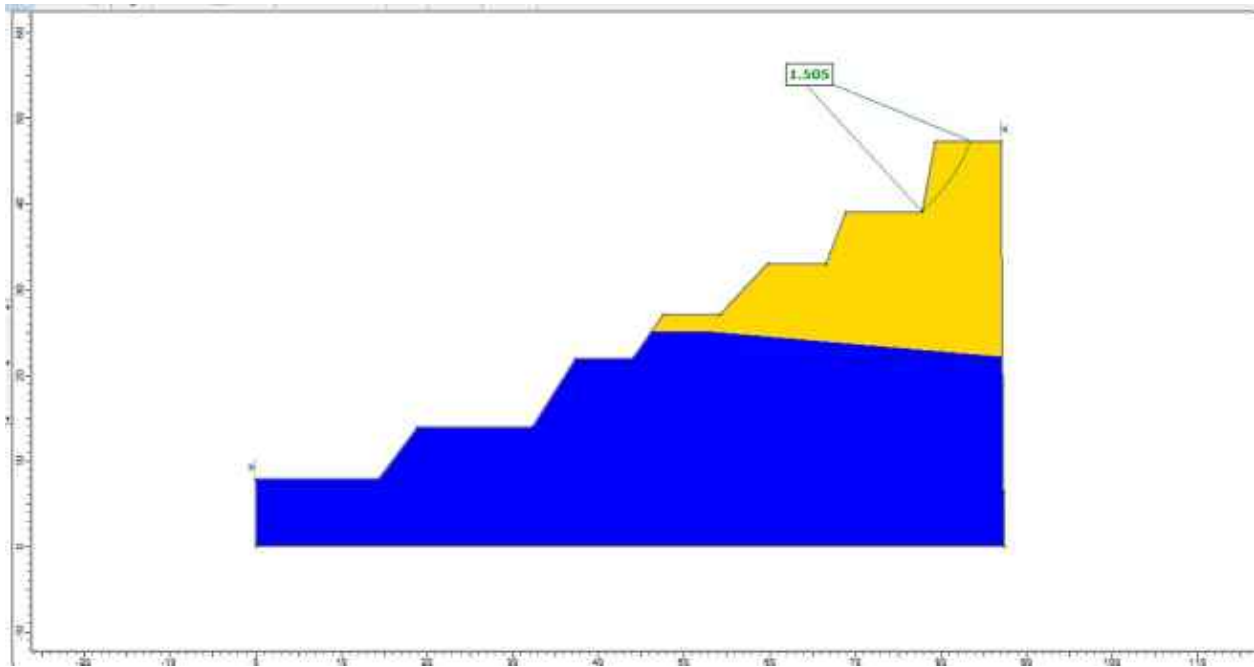


Figure 44 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.505

3.2 SATURATED CONDITION

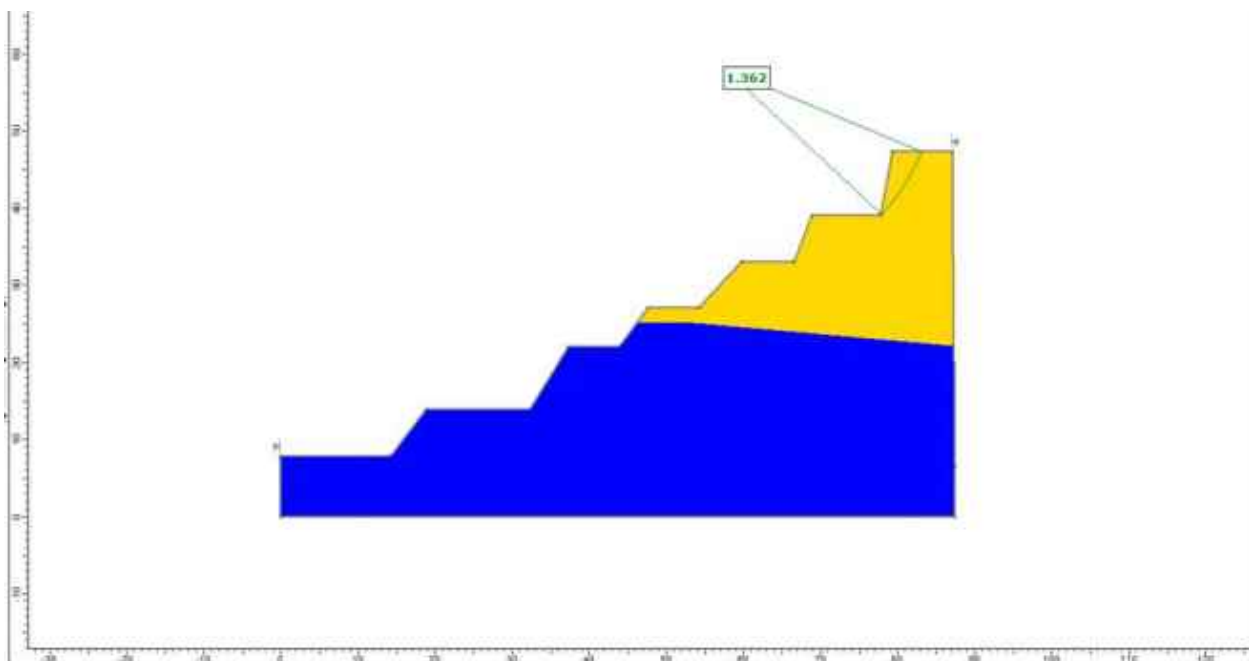
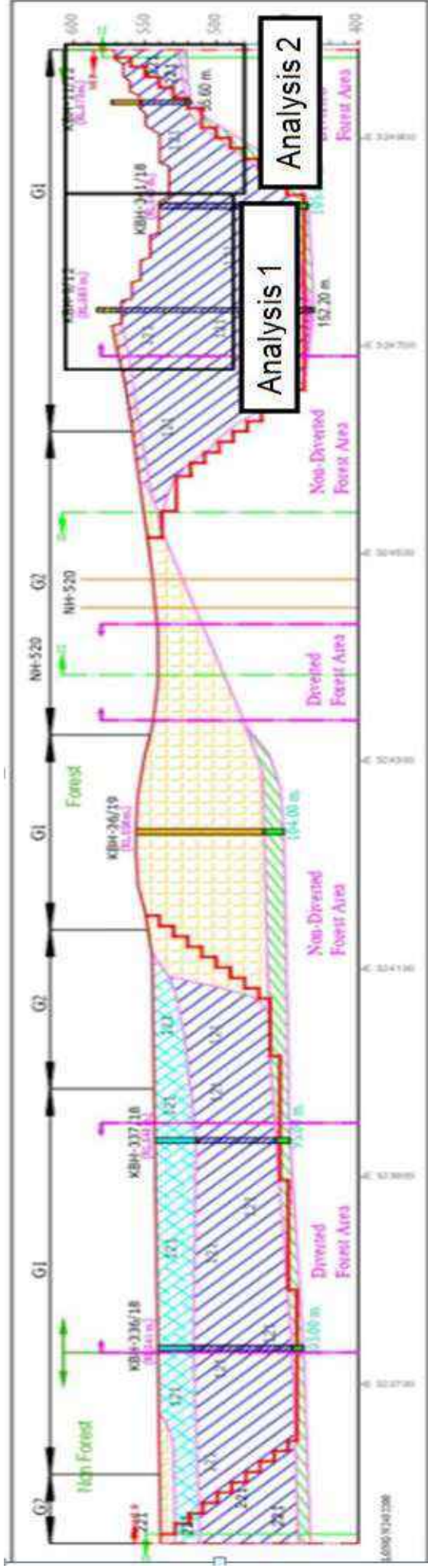


Figure 45 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.362

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- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
- LATERITIC IRON ORE
- GEOHITE
- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Figure 46 Nuagaon cross-section N2432200

Analysis 1 -E324700

1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

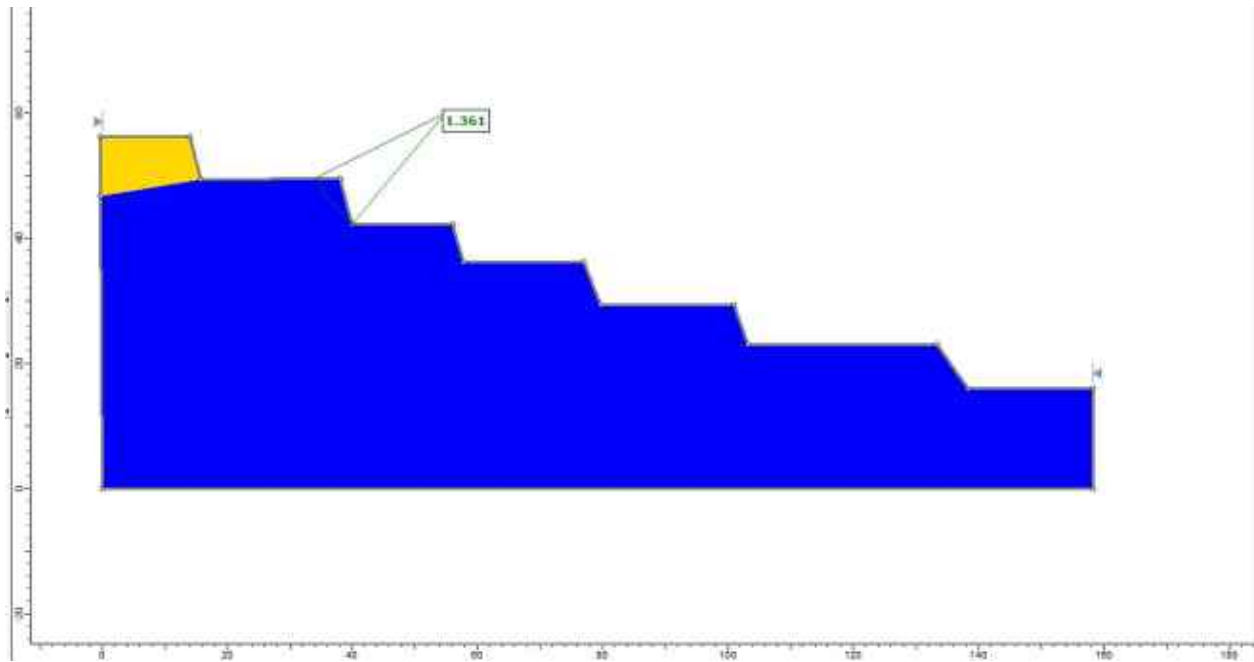


Figure 47 Slope stability analysis of a laterite slope having FOS of 1.361

1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

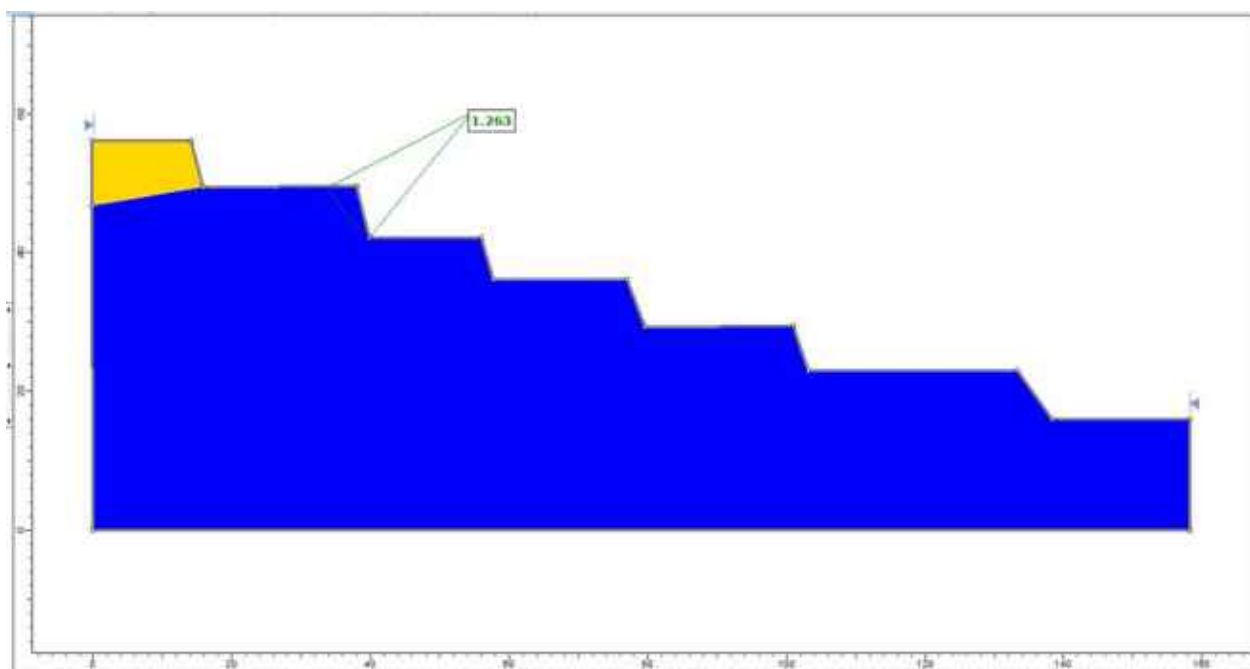


Figure 48 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.263

Analysis 2 -E324900

2.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

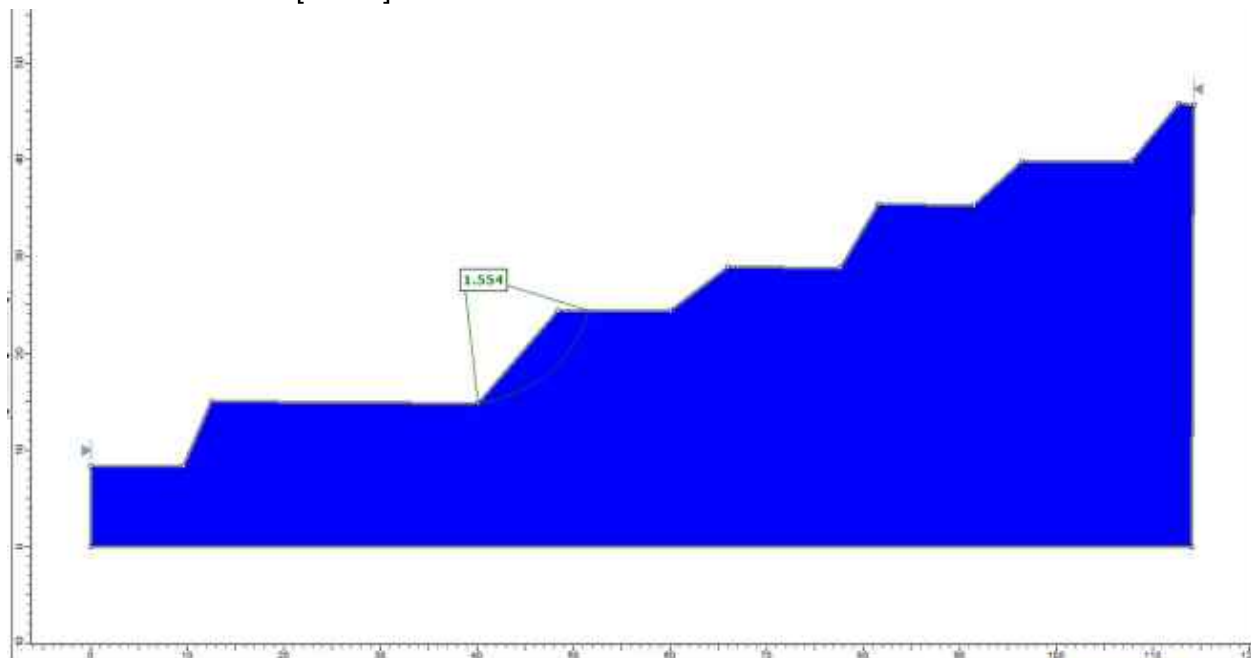


Figure 49 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.554

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION



Figure 50 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.521

**N2432100**

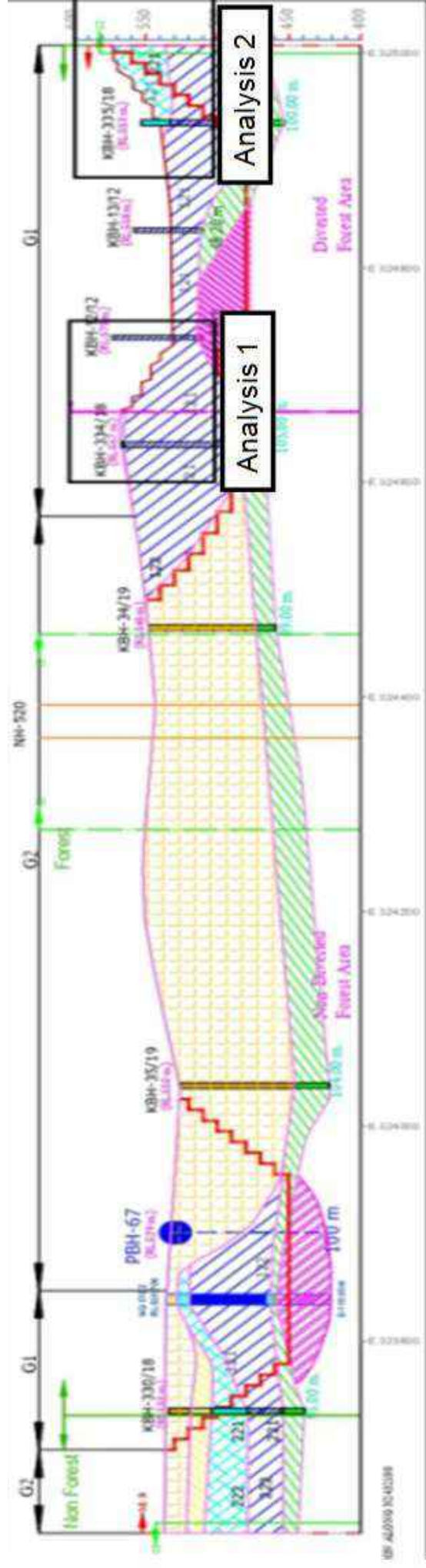


Figure 51 Nuagaon cross section N2432100

- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
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- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Analysis 1- E324600

1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

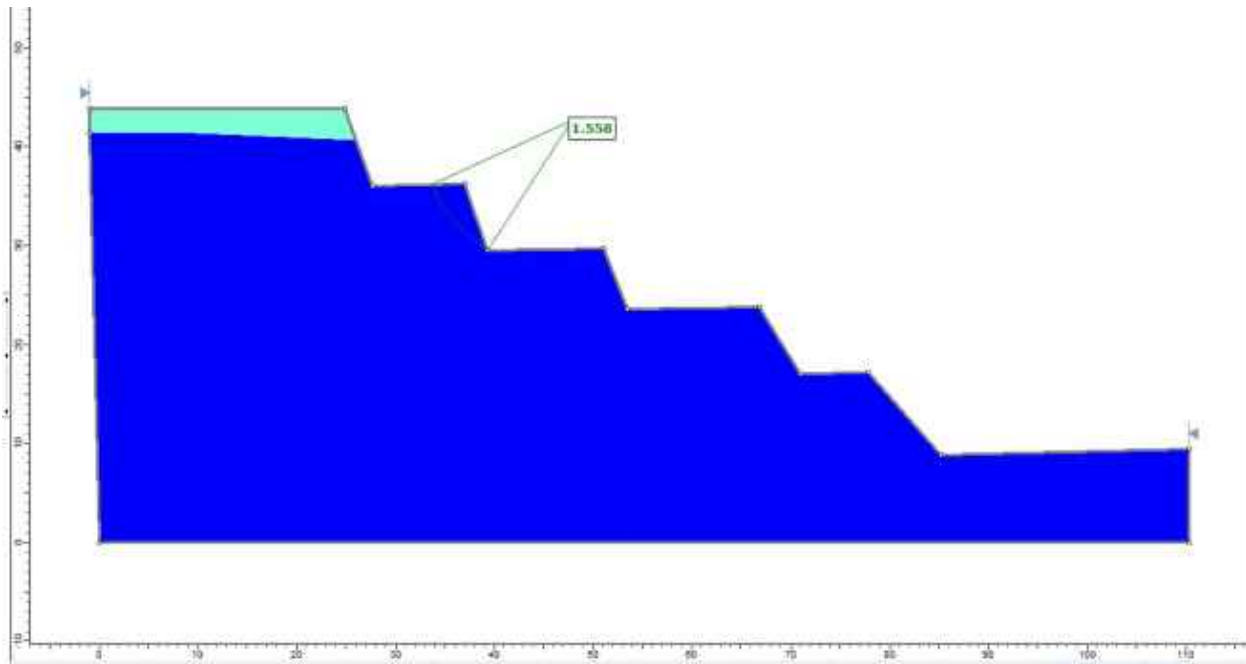


Figure 52 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.558

1.2 SATURATED CONDITION

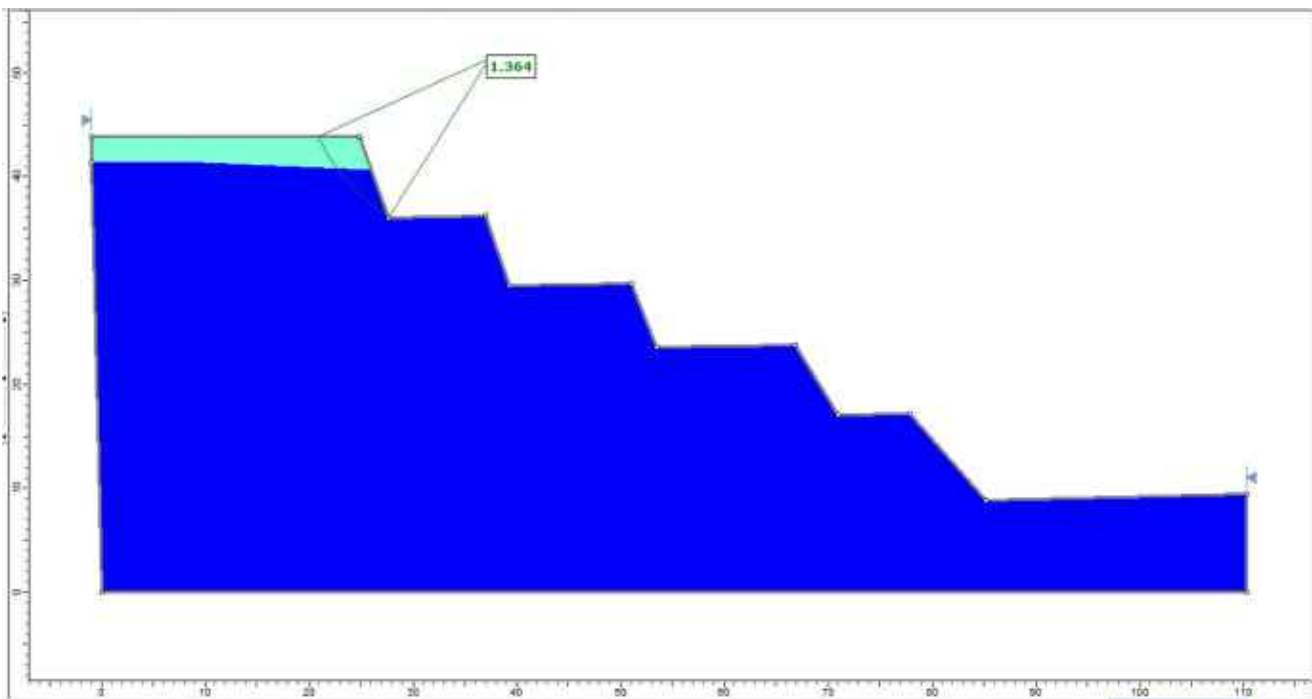


Figure 53 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.364

Analysis 2- E3325000

2.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

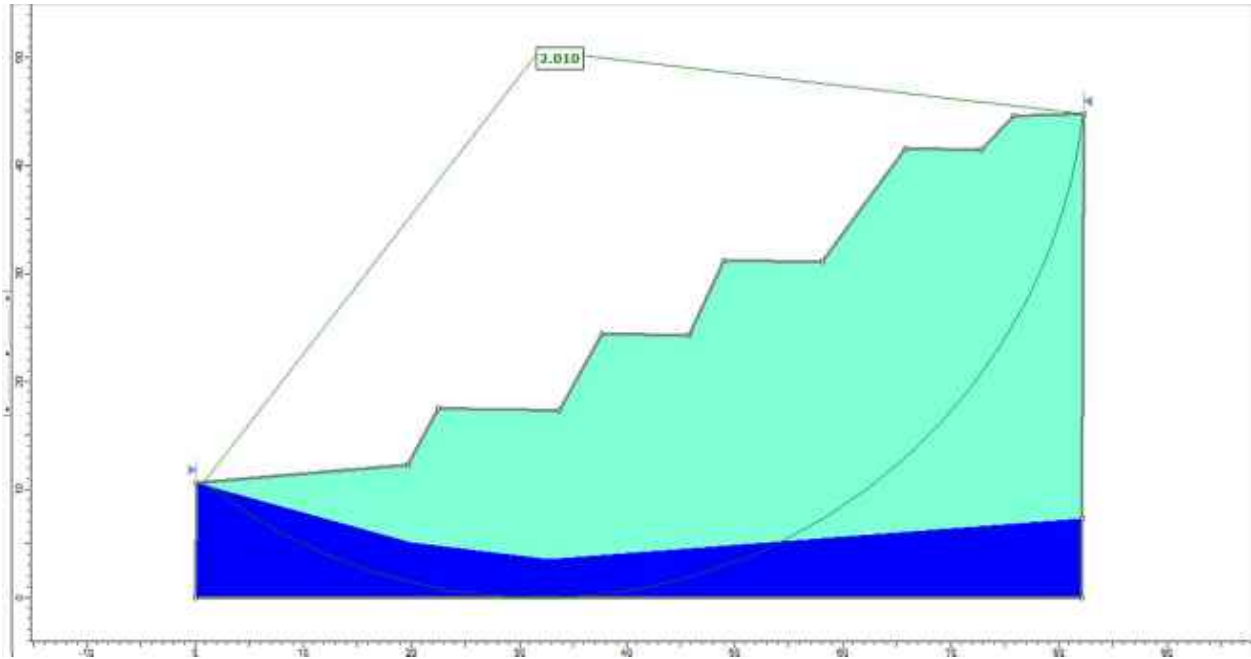


Figure 54 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 2.010

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION

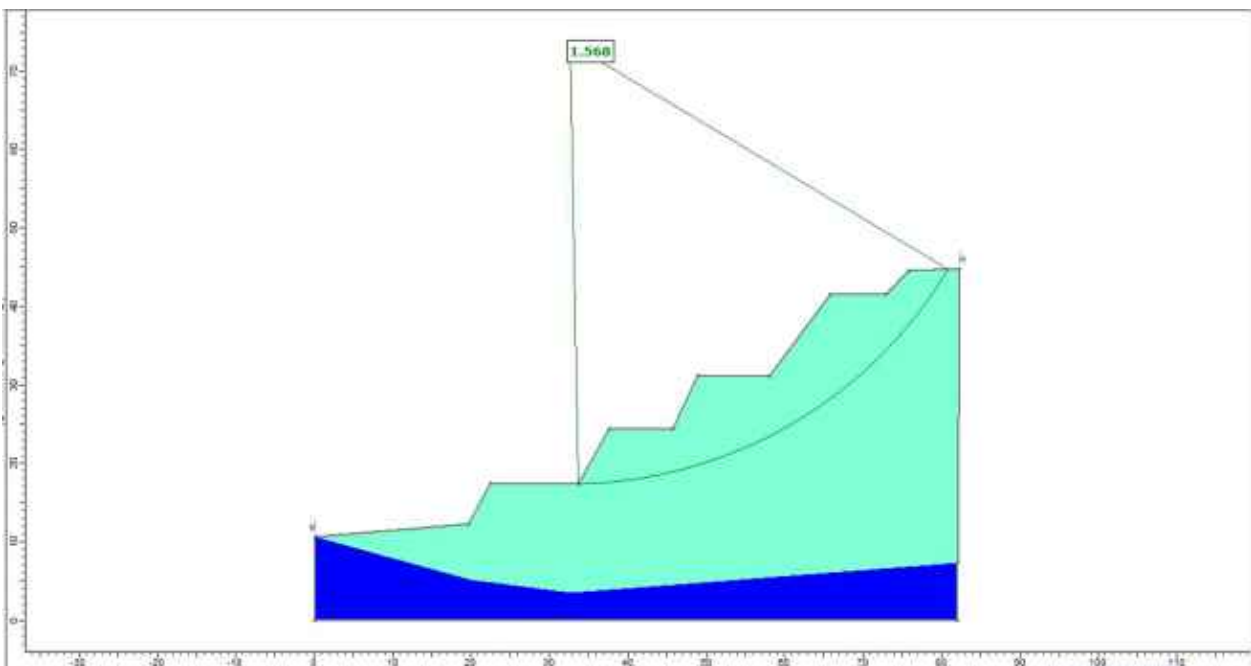


Figure 55 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.568

N2432000

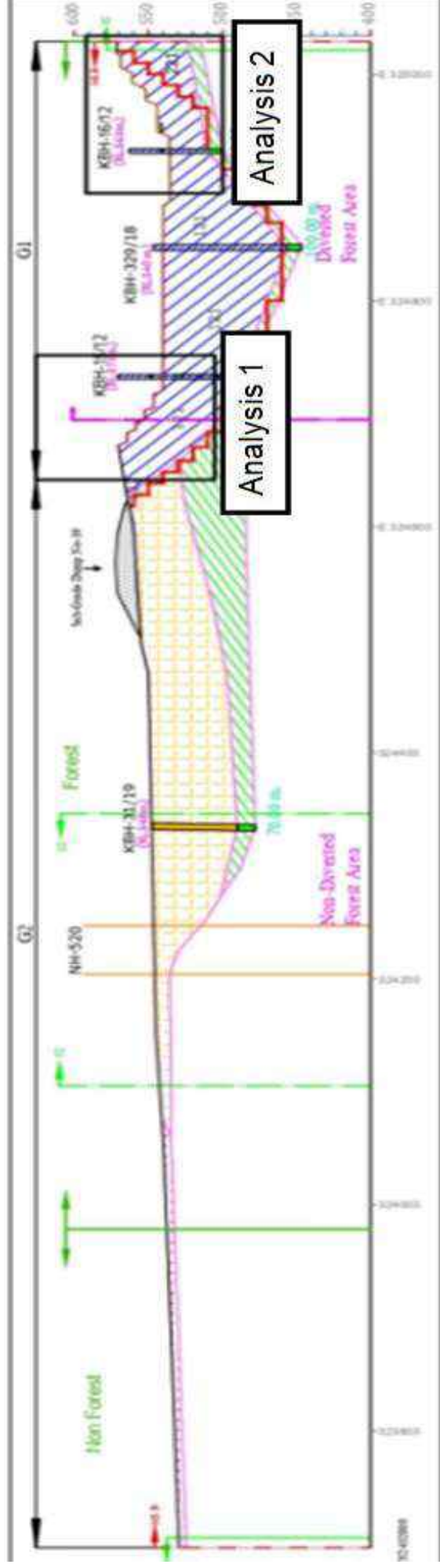


Figure 56 Nuagaon cross section 2432000



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
- LATERITIC IRON ORE
- GEOHITE
- BHI-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Analysis 1-E324600

1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

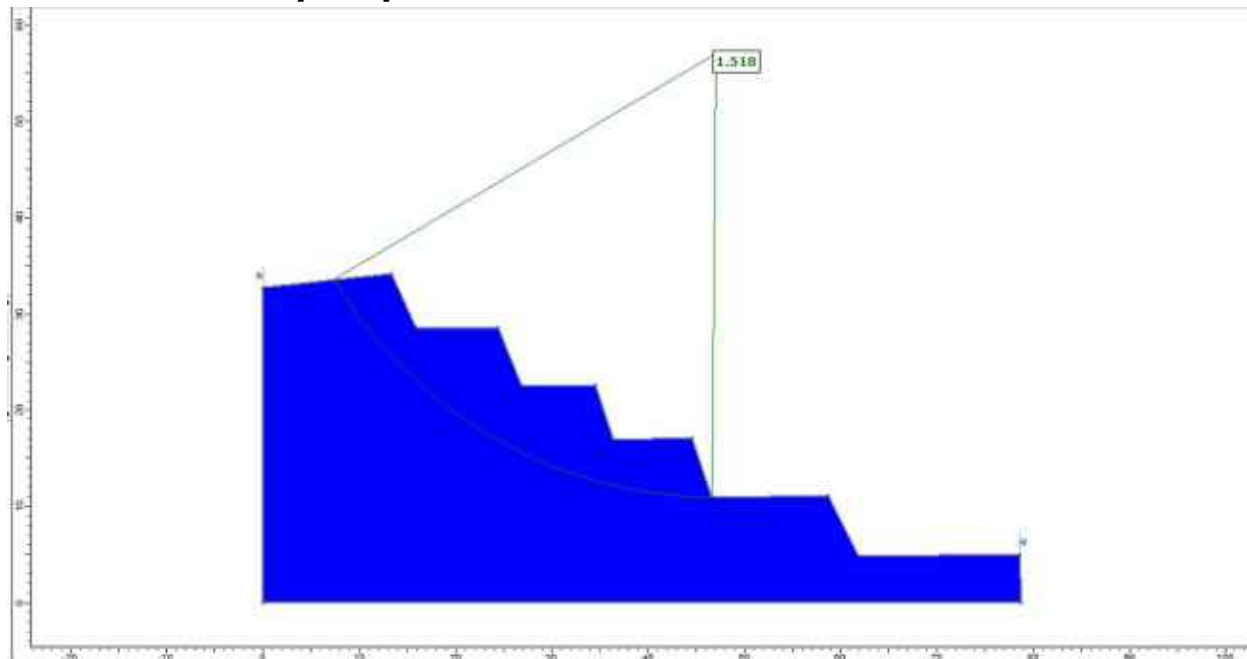


Figure 57 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.518

2.1 SATURATED CONDITION

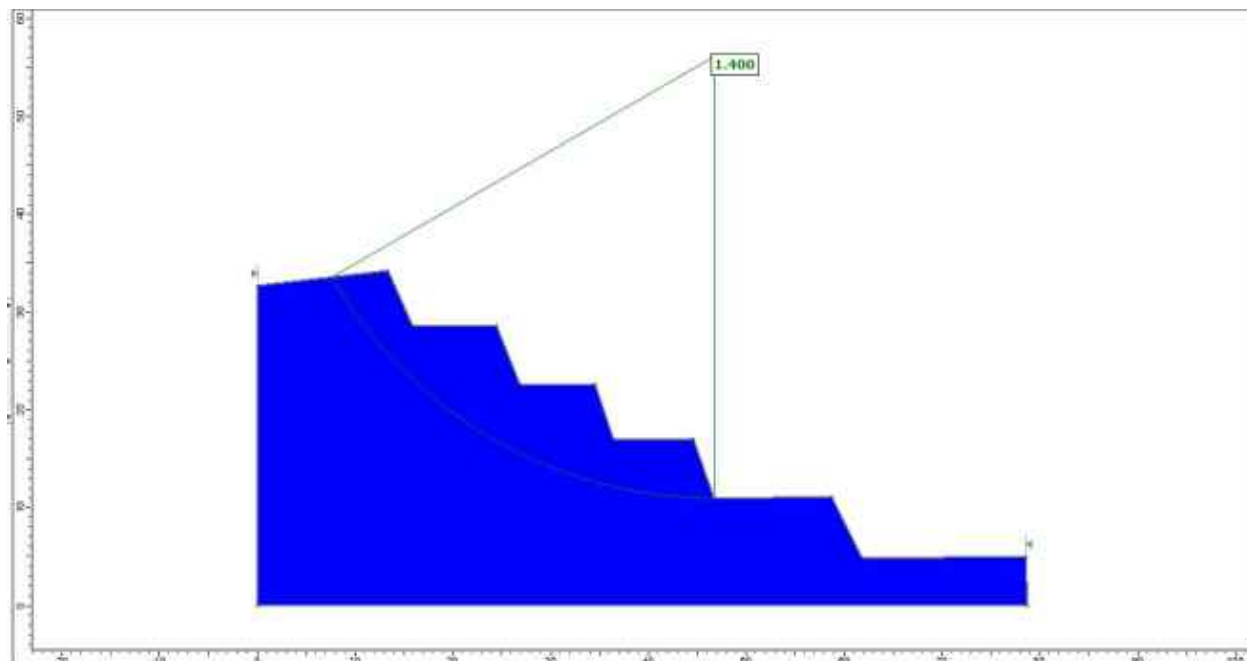


Figure 58 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.4

Analysis 2-E325000

2.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]



Figure 59 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.485

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION



Figure 60 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.376

**N2431900**

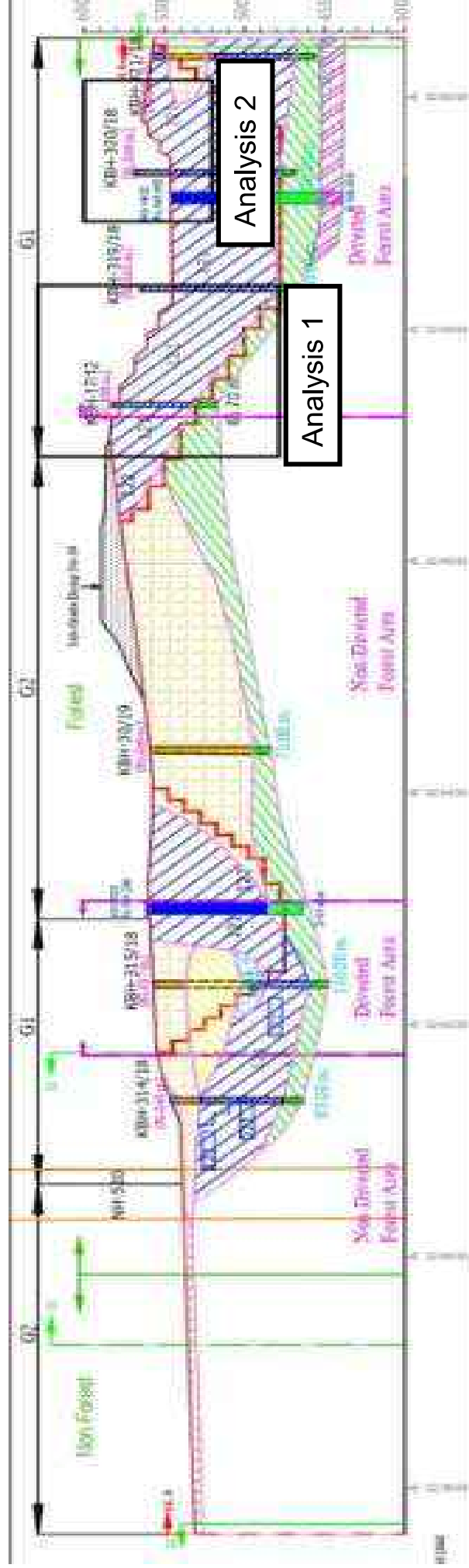


Figure 61 Nuagaon cross section 2431900



- IRON FORMATION +55%
- SHALE
- LIMONITE
- LATERITE
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- BHJ-BHQ
- IRON FORMATION 45%-55%

Analysis 1-E324800

1.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

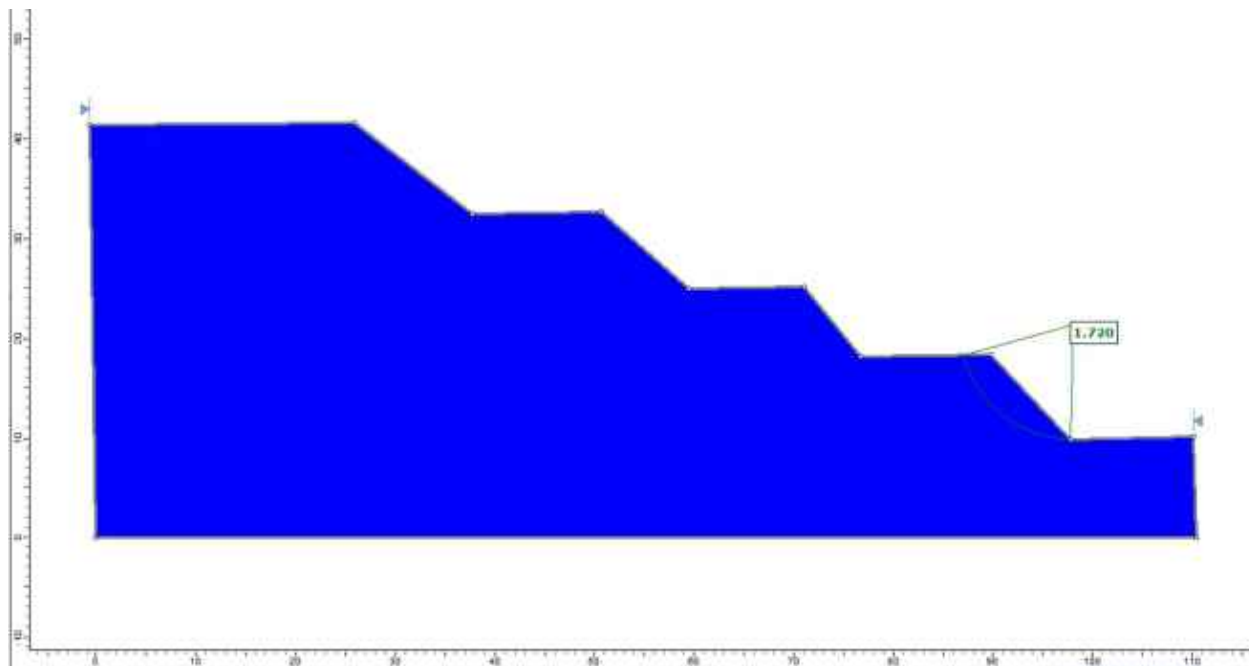


Figure 62 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.720

2.1 SATURATED CONDITION



Figure 63 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.593

Analysis 2- E325000

2.1 DRY CONDITION [in-situ]

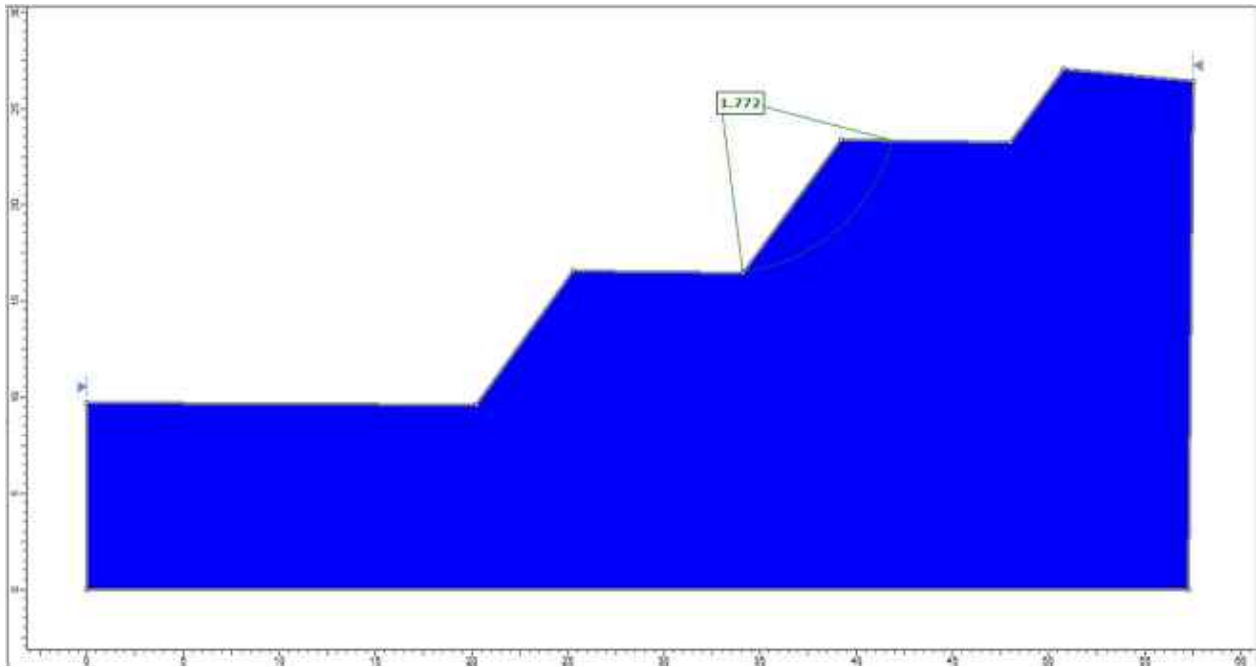


Figure 64 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.772

2.2 SATURATED CONDITION



Figure 65 Slope stability analysis of a friable ore slope having FOS of 1.642

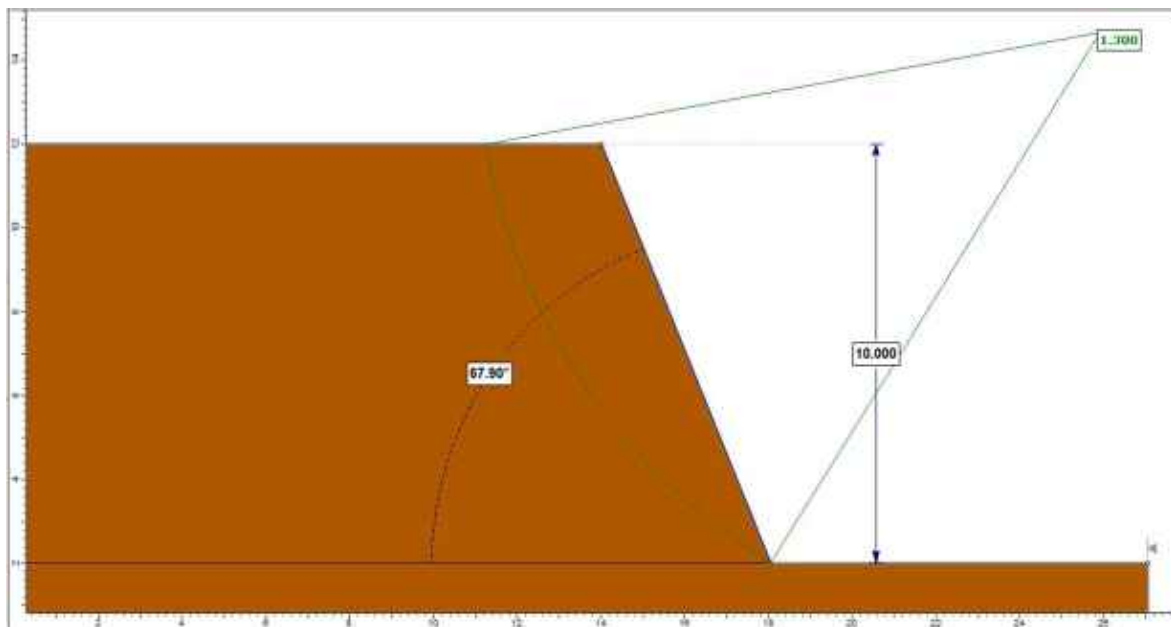
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	2.2 Saturated condition	1.362	Iron Ore > 55 %	5
N2430100	1.1 Dry condition	1.258	Iron Ore > 55 %	7
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	2.2 Saturated condition	1.146	Iron Ore > 55 %	10
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N2429900	1.1 Dry condition	1.859	Laterite + Iron Ore 45-55 % + Iron Ore > 55 %	15
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.596	Laterite + Iron Ore 45-55 % + Iron Ore > 55 %	16
N2429800	1.1 Dry condition	3.351	Iron Ore 45-55 %	18
	1.2 Saturated condition	2.130	Iron Ore 45-55 %	19
N2429000	1.1 Dry condition	1.933	Iron Ore > 55 %	21
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.804	Iron Ore > 55 %	22
N2428800	1.1 Dry condition	1.488	Iron Ore > 55 %	24
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N2430900	1.1 Dry condition	1.639	Iron Ore > 55 %	27
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.520	Iron Ore > 55 %	28
N2423800	1.1 Dry condition	1.206	Iron Ore > 55 %	30
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.118	Iron Ore > 55 %	31
N2430800	1.1 Dry condition	1.375	Laterite	33
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.262	Laterite	34
	2.1 Dry condition	1.539	Iron Ore > 55 %	35

	2.2 Saturated condition	1.418	Iron Ore > 55 %	36
	3.1 Dry condition	1.548	Iron Ore > 55 %	37
	3.2 Saturated condition	1.437	Iron Ore > 55 %	38
N2430700	1.1 Dry condition	1.334	Laterite	40
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.221	Laterite	41
	2.1 Dry condition	1.568	Iron Ore > 55 %	42
	2.2 Saturated condition	1.445	Iron Ore > 55 %	43
	3.1 Dry condition	1.505	Laterite	44
	3.2 Saturated condition	1.362	Laterite	45
N2432200	1.1 Dry condition	1.361	Laterite	47
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.263	Iron Ore > 55 %	48
	2.1 Dry condition	1.554	Iron Ore > 55 %	49
	2.2 Saturated condition	1.521	Iron Ore > 55 %	50
N2432100	1.1 Dry condition	1.558	Iron Ore > 55 %	52
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.364	Iron Ore 45-55 %	53
	2.1 Dry condition	2.010	Iron Ore 45-55 %	54
	2.2 Saturated condition	1.568	Iron Ore 45-55 %	55
N2432000	1.1 Dry condition	1.518	Iron Ore > 55 %	57
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.4	Iron Ore > 55 %	58
	2.1 Dry condition	1.485	Iron Ore > 55 %	59
	2.2 Saturated condition	1.376	Iron Ore > 55 %	60
N2431900	1.1 Dry condition	1.720	Iron Ore > 55 %	62
	1.2 Saturated condition	1.593	Iron Ore > 55 %	63
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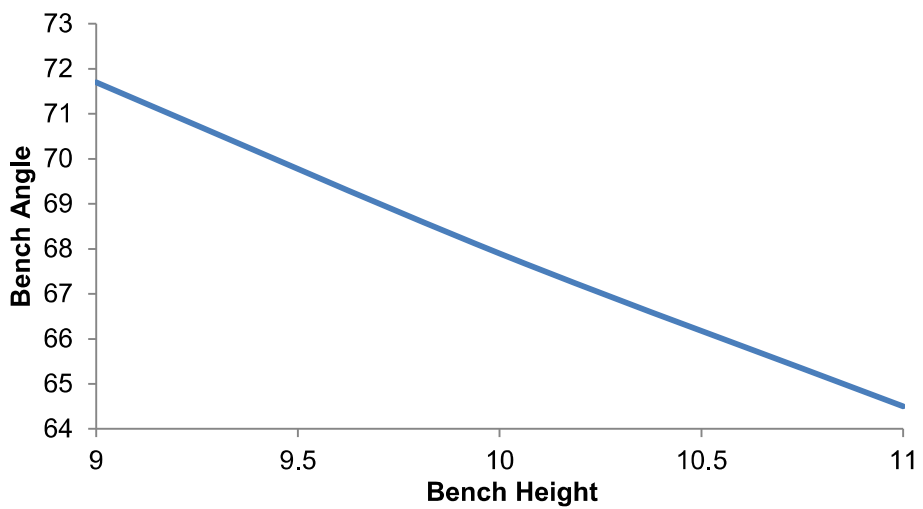
## RECOMMENDATIONS

The objective is to find the ideal bench parameters for probable failure material profiles. Models were designed and analyzed to achieve optimum bench dimensions for the specific material profile. The characteristic Models with a constant bench height having a safety factor of 1.3 are shown below with their corresponding slope angles. Additionally, graphs were attached to showcase a relation between optimum bench parameters and FOS. With the help of the trend line, the optimal bench angle corresponding to the existing bench height to attain a safety factor of 1.3 can be determined.

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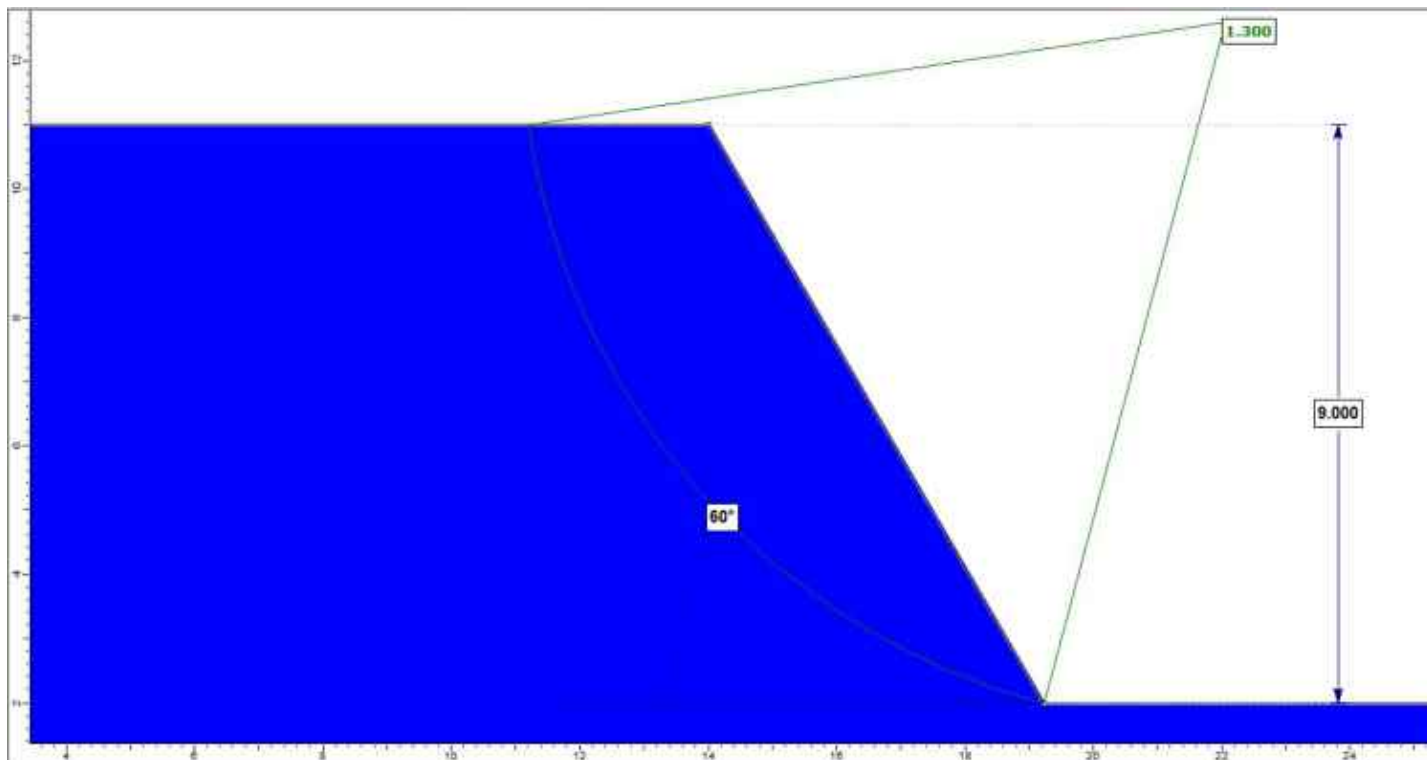


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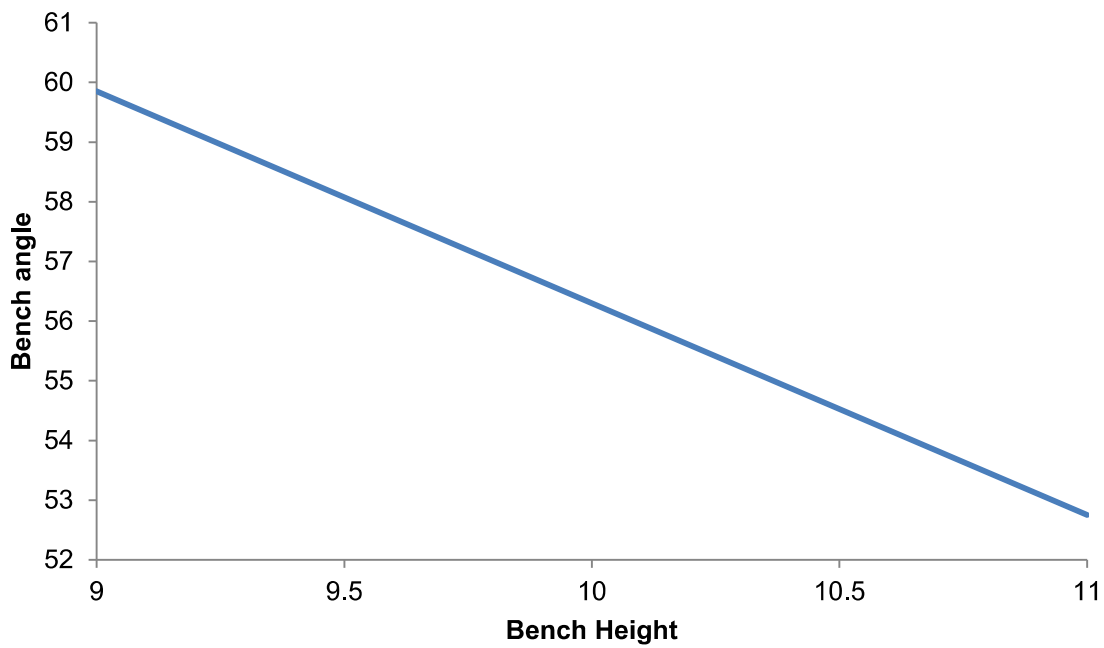




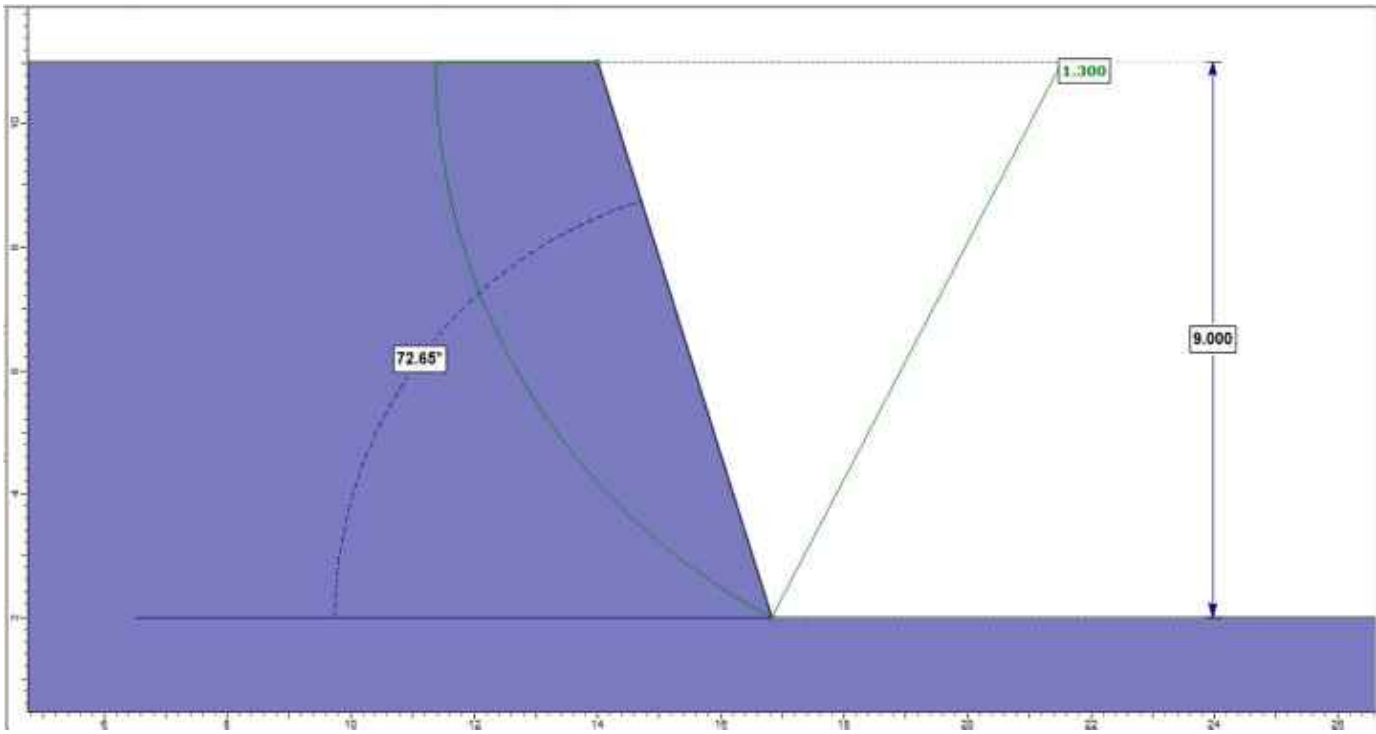
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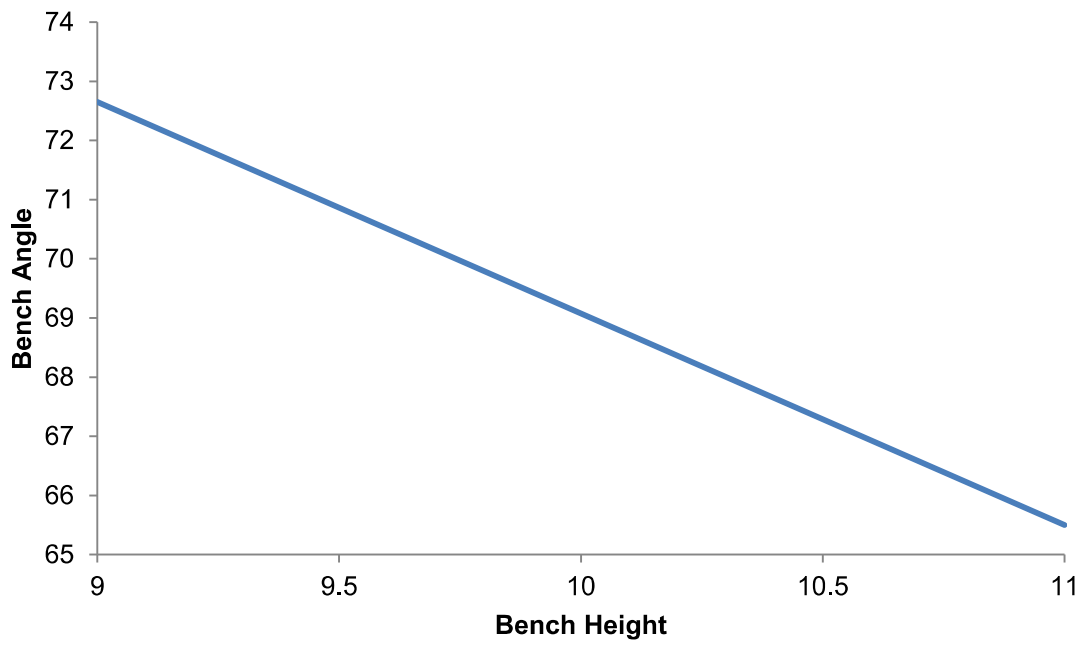
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## Precautionary Measures

Unanticipated movement on the ground can pose hazardous condition that may harm lives, equipment and properties. There are several ways to reduce chances of surface ground failure as (a) safe geotechnical design, (b) secondary support or rock fall catchment system, and (c) maintaining devices for advance warning of impending failure. Proper bench design can minimize rock fall hazards. Certain support system may enhance overall rock mass strength. The analysis shows that no large scale failure is possible though localised bench failure cannot be ruled out. Those should be arrested by lower benches and hence access of machineries should be maintained.

### 2.1 Drainage and Water Management

Rainwater plays a adverse role in mine slope stability. So care should be made to avoid entry of rainwater in the slope. So, suitable drainage facility should be made in and around the mine and waste dump. Drains should be properly maintained. Drain channels should be inspected regularly to keep the path free from debris. Effectiveness of drainage may be maintained by piezometers and other instruments to check the functioning.

Rainwater should not be allowed to accumulate or left unattended. Effective garland drain should be provided around pit and waste dumps. Maintaining a proper gradient should help in quick run off of water. Surface run off and sub surface water adds to instability.

Grasses have very high binding capacity and help in long term stabilization. It also helps in reducing the water pressure due to evapo-transmission.

### 2.2 Water management

Rainwater of the adjacent areas should not be allowed to enter the mine pit. It would cause erosion and deep gullies. So rainwater catchment area should be channeled away to other areas. The upper surface of the mine and dump should be adequately graded to divert the run off of rain water away. Therefore, proper levelling and grading of surface should be carried out. Regular and continuous maintaining should be done to check the flow path of rainwater and to take immediate

remedial measures. Rainwater in the dump should be channel down effectively through effective toe drain arrangement. Subsurface drainage system or sub drains should remove subsurface water directly from an unstable slope, to redirect adjacent ground water sources away and to reduce hydrostatic pressure.

### 2.3 Stability of Benches

Pit walls often experience vibration due to poor blasting operations. Uncontrolled blasting results in over breaks, widening of existing cracks/joints, creation of fresh cracks etc. Those become critical to the stability of pit slopes. Therefore, a properly designed and controlled blasting should be carried out. Controlled blasting with closely spaced or carefully designed drill holes, properly selected explosives, and sequential detonation should be adopted. The control blasting can be achieved by broadly by (i) using an explosive with a relatively low detonation velocity, and (ii) maintaining air gap between the explosive and the wall of drill hole. The mine authority is recommended to go for scientific study for this.

### 2.4 Slope Monitoring

Three general principles of slope geo-mechanics that govern slope stability are (Kliché, 1999)

- a. Slope failures do not occur spontaneously
- b. Most slope failures tend towards equilibrium
- c. A slope failure does not occur without warning

The slope should be regularly monitored to observe any instability in advance so as to avoid any damage to men and machineries. The instability if detected at early stage can be addressed by adopting suitable remedial measure. In general, slope stabilization involves continuous monitoring of the slopes to detect any movement. The guidelines given in the gazette of Indian extraordinary part –II, section 3, Subsection-1, New Delhi Feb 21, 2020 for mine workings should be followed. There should be a team of dedicated skilled persons with proper training for slope monitoring exercises. Slope stabilization schemes as grading, serrating, benching, arresting rock falls, and other measures should be adopted. Slope monitoring mechanism varies widely from a simple visual observation of

signs of instability to use of state of art instrumentation. Regular surveying of other benches and their movement both horizontal and vertical can be carried out to determine potential instability.

Determination of simple displacement by tension cracks mapping, extensometers and survey points are some of the cost effective monitoring method. Typically, all these methods should be adopted as no single method represent the whole behavior accurately. Systematic mapping of tension cracks show geometry of the failure more effectively. All cracks should be mapped regardless of apparent cause. The end of the cracks should be flagged or marked so that new cracks or extensions of existing cracks can be identified. Portable wire extensometers provide monitoring in areas of active instability across tension cracks. The extensometers should be positioned on stable ground behind the last visible tension crack and the wire should extend to the unstable area. Anyone working in the area can check on slope movement by inspecting the instruments. The monitoring of prism targets with the total station provide detailed movement history for displacement and rates in the unstable areas.

### 2.5 Monitoring Schedule

A well designed and developed monitoring schedule should be established. Frequency of monitoring depends on precision, rate of movement and how critical the area is. If there is heavy rain or a large blast in the area, additional measurement should be made. Mines should attempt to establish measurement of surface movement through survey network. The network should consist of target areas/locations/sections (e.g. prism shape) placed on and around area of anticipated instability on slopes and one or more non-moving contact points for survey stations. The angles and distances from the survey stations to the locations/areas/sections should be measured on regular basis to establish history of movement on slope. The permanent control points for the survey stations should be placed on stable ground.

### 2.6 Tension Cracks

The formation of cracks at the top of a slope, specifically on dump sections exhibits the sign of instability. The measurement and monitoring of the changes to crack width and its direction of

propagation establish the extent of the unstable area. Existing cracks may be identified with clear identification so that new cracks can be easily identified.

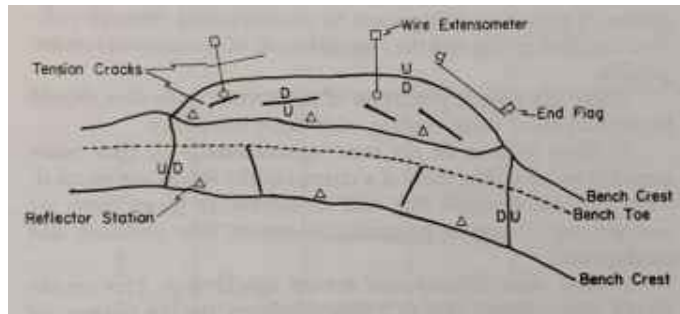


Figure 17. Methodology to measure tension crack (after Call, 1982)

Measurements of tension cracks can be carried out simply by driving two stakes on either side of it and measuring its separation over time. Portable wireline extensometer is another method of monitoring tension crack behaviour.

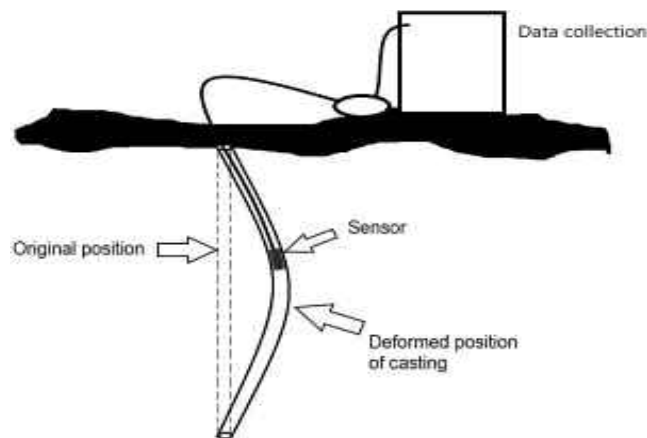


Figure 18: Cross-sectional schematic of typical traverse-probe inclinometer system

Inclinometer is another equipment to monitor ground movement specifically in horizontal direction (fig 16, pp). The end of the casing is fixed to a stable part. The grooves have sensing units and the deflection of casing reflects the movement of rock mass. Inclinometers provide information on

- Location of shear zones
- Natures of shear along the zone plan rotational
- Measurement along shear zones and predict its rate i.e. constant, accelerating or decelerating

Borehole extensometer is another technique to monitor slope movement. It consists of tensioned rods anchored at varying points in the borehole (Fig 18). Changes in the distance between the anchor and the rod head give the movement information for rock mass.

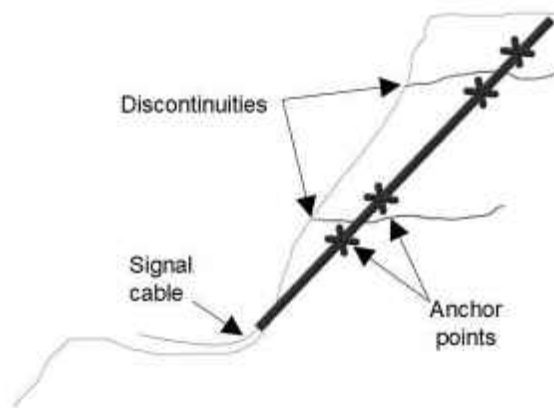


Figure 19: Multi-point borehole extensometer

TDR (Time Domain Reflectometry) is a recent approach that uses electronic pulses through coaxial cable. Signal at the deformation or break in cable position gives information on the subsurface rock mass behaviour.

## 2.7 Piezometers

The effectiveness of mine dewatering schemes and the effects of seasonal variations can be determined by piezometers. Excessive pore pressure, water infiltration in particular at geological boundaries cause slope failures. So data on water pressure development should be maintained regularly. Highwalls and other potential faces should be examined regularly for new seeps or changes in water flow rate.

Stress, gravity loading, rock mass strength, geology, pore pressure as well as many other factors contribute to slope failure. Complete attention to monitor each and every potential failure block is neither feasible nor economical and often not attainable with conventional point displacement monitoring techniques. As mining activities progress, it becomes important to monitor different

sections of the pit walls. So, frequent relocation of survey devices can be challenging. One recent advancement that is being experimented with success is synthetic aperture radar (SAR). It can generate high quality digital elevation maps (DEMs) and detect disturbances of earth's surfaces. There are a few variations of the same that are being developed that can take continuous images in almost all weather and time conditions. Those may be explored by the mine management.

### 3.0 Conclusions and Recommendations

The following conclusion and recommendations are made with reference to the slope stability investigation carried for Nuagaon iron ore mine.

1. There is no challenge due to ground water at the mine. However, steps are recommended to have an effective garland drain / bund all around to collect/ divert run off rain-water of the catchment area before it reaches the mine slopes. The drains should be kept clear of silt and debris.
2. There should be regular mapping of the weak zones, faults and bedding planes of the pit by geologist and data should be used for further analysis of slope stability for different geo-mining condition. It will facilitate to detect any unfavorable conditions at different stages of mining.
3. Mining and excavation activities change the physical dimension of the system. So regular scientific study should be carried out for safety factor analysis of the pit as well as dump sections, say every 5 to 6 years or if significant alteration of system happens or change in geological structural features observed.
4. Mine management should make a dedicated team of trained and competent persons for slope monitoring with clearly defined duties and responsibilities DGMS (Tech). Circular No. 2 of 2020 dated 09.01.2020. The monitoring should be done periodically at least once a month and the results of the monitoring should be recorded. The monitoring data should be regularly analyzed to predict the slope movement or instability well in advance. In case of need/ help or advice may be sought from expert agencies in the field of slope stability and slope monitoring.
5. The open cracks, whenever develop, the partially consolidated new pump mass should be consolidated with the help of dozer/ compactor followed by proper levelling of the benches so that

entry of water in cracks is minimized. It will help to consolidate the dumped material and will minimize filtration of water inside slopes.

6. During rainy season, an officer should be deputed for regular visual observation around the mine and dump to see the effectiveness of drains. If any blockage is observed, immediately steps should be taken to make it effective. If any tension crack is detected in the pit/dump, the entry of water inside the crack should be checked.

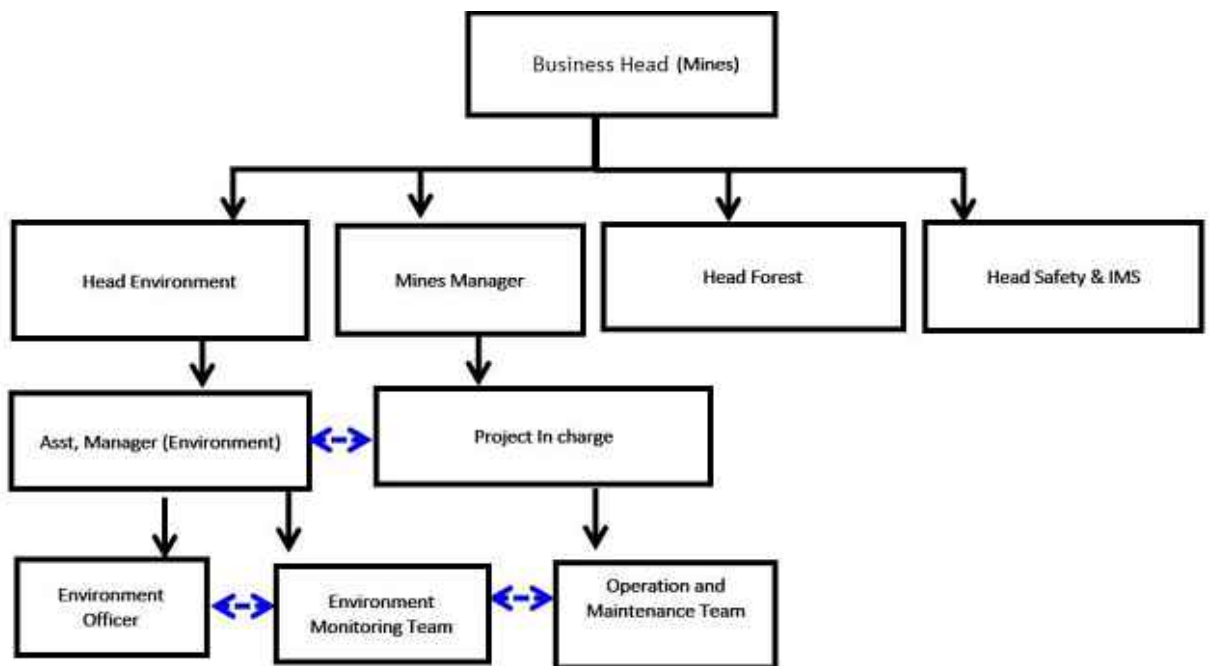
7. Recommendations stipulated in the report should be implemented in total and under the supervision of a competent scientific agency.

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