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**THE GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS OF GOODS
(REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION) ACT. 1999**


**AFFIDAVIT FILED ON BEHALF OF THE APPLICANT IN COMPLIANCE TO
NOTICE ISSUED UNDER RULE 31 OF THE GEOGRAPHICAL
INDICATIONS OF GOODS (REGISTRATION AND PROTECTION)
RULES 2002**

I Nand Kumar S/o Shri Netram Verma, Hindu, Aged 43 years, Residing at Bungalow No. D-2/27, Officers Colony, Devendra Nagar, Raipur (C.G.) do hereby solemnly affirm and sincerely state as follows:

1. I am the Managing Director of "C.G. Hastshilp Vikas Board, (hereinafter referred to as the said Board), which is the applicant seeking registration of "Bastar Iron Craft" as a Geographical Indication in India. I am working in this Board as Managing Director from past 2 years.

2. I submit that by virtue of my position in the said Board and my position with it. I am Managing Director of the said Board and the Board is governed by Board of Directors, being Managing Director I am authorized to full access to the records of the Board maintained in the ordinary course of business and have been involved, as a part of the said Board, in the development and promotion of the Bastar Craft and the protection of the interest of the Craft persons. I am competent to swear and file this affidavit, I have also been duly authorized by the said Board to this effect.

3. I submit that the said Board is the undertaking of Government of Chhattisgarh. It comes under Rural Industries Department; the Board has formed on 28.06.2004, in the meeting of Cabinet Parishad. The Board has its own byelaws, it is a separate legal entity representing almost all of the


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interested artisans and craftsmen concerned and is as such entitled to apply for registration of "**Bastar Iron Craft**" as a Geographical Indication in India. A copy of the registration certificate has been filed before the Geographical Indication registry.

4. I submit that totally about 3000 artisans in whole Chhattisgarh are involved in the making of "**Bastar Iron Craft**" products. The said Board is looking after the development and to generate employment of the artisans of the Chhattisgarh.

5. I further submit that the annual turnover of the "**Bastar Iron Craft**" is about Three Crores. The aims and objectives of the said Board are as detailed in its byelaws.

6. I also on behalf of the said Board submit that the said Board would take earnest and all essential steps to install an effective inspection structure to certify all genuine "**Bastar Iron Craft**" products, at the earliest.

VERIFICATION

Verified at Raipur on this the _____ day of _____ 2007 that the contents of this affidavit are true to the best of my knowledge and are based upon records maintained by the said Board.


Managing Director
J.G. Hastshilp Vikas Board
Raipur (C. G.)