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JODA MINE, BENGAL, INDIA

A typical iron ore overburden or waste dump at this mine

An old waste dump

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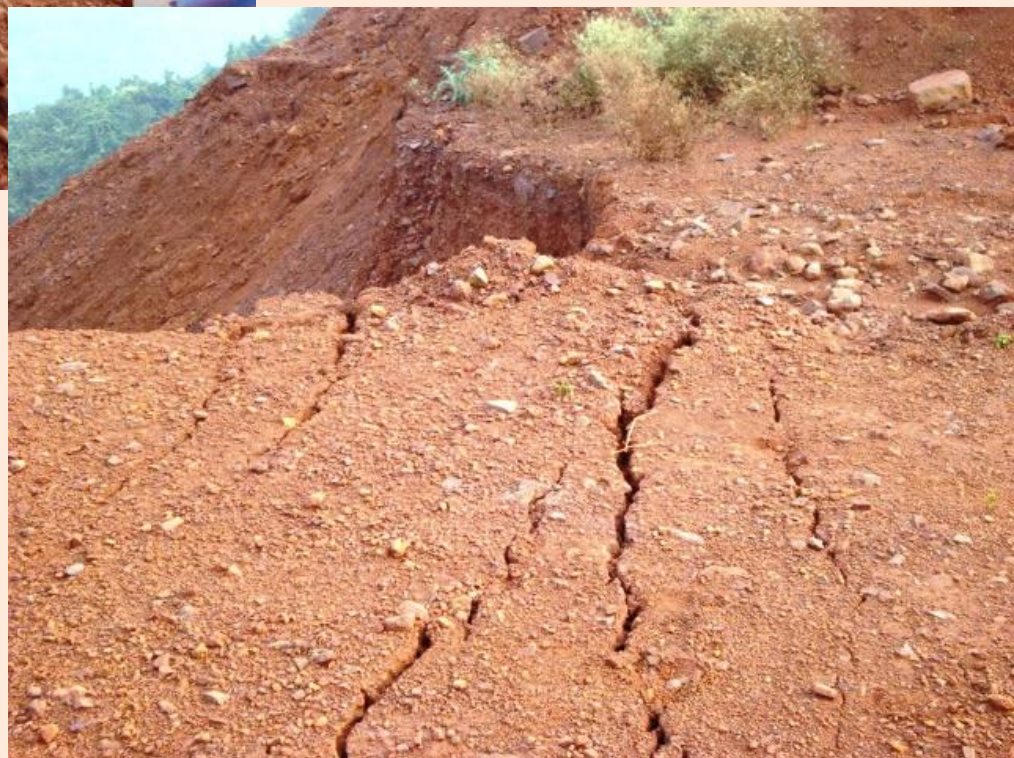

Earth works needed to reduce slope gradient to about 30^0-40^0 for planting

June 2012

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Very good quality planting materials is required

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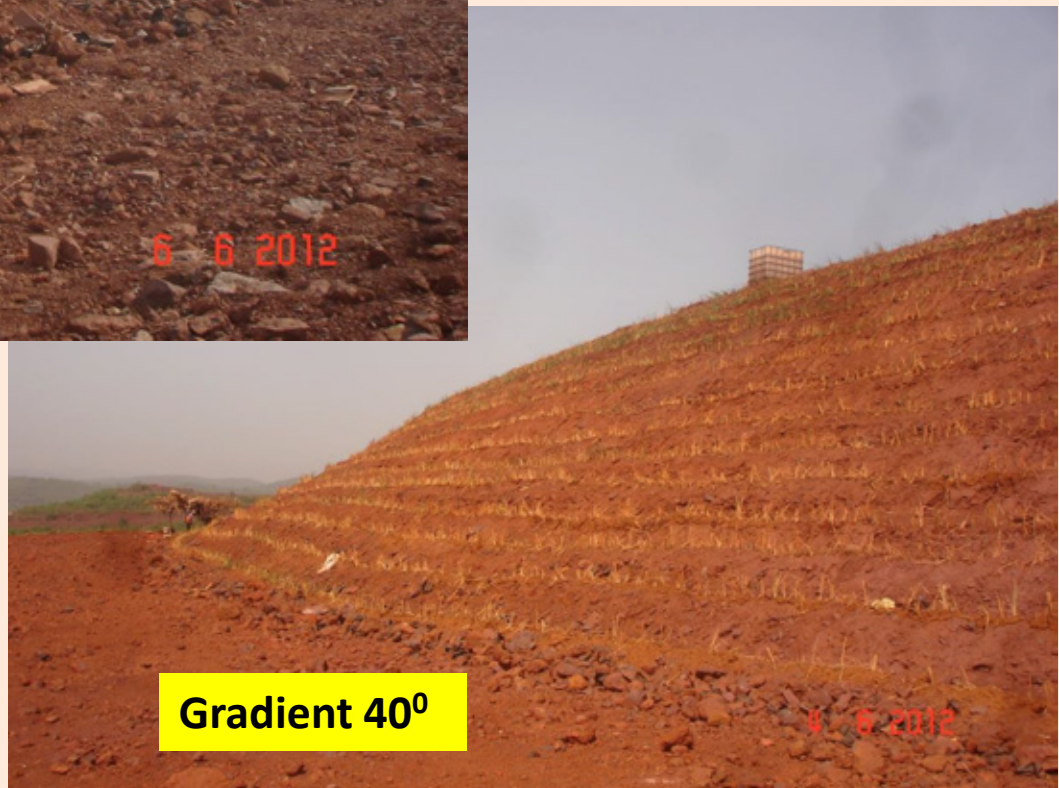
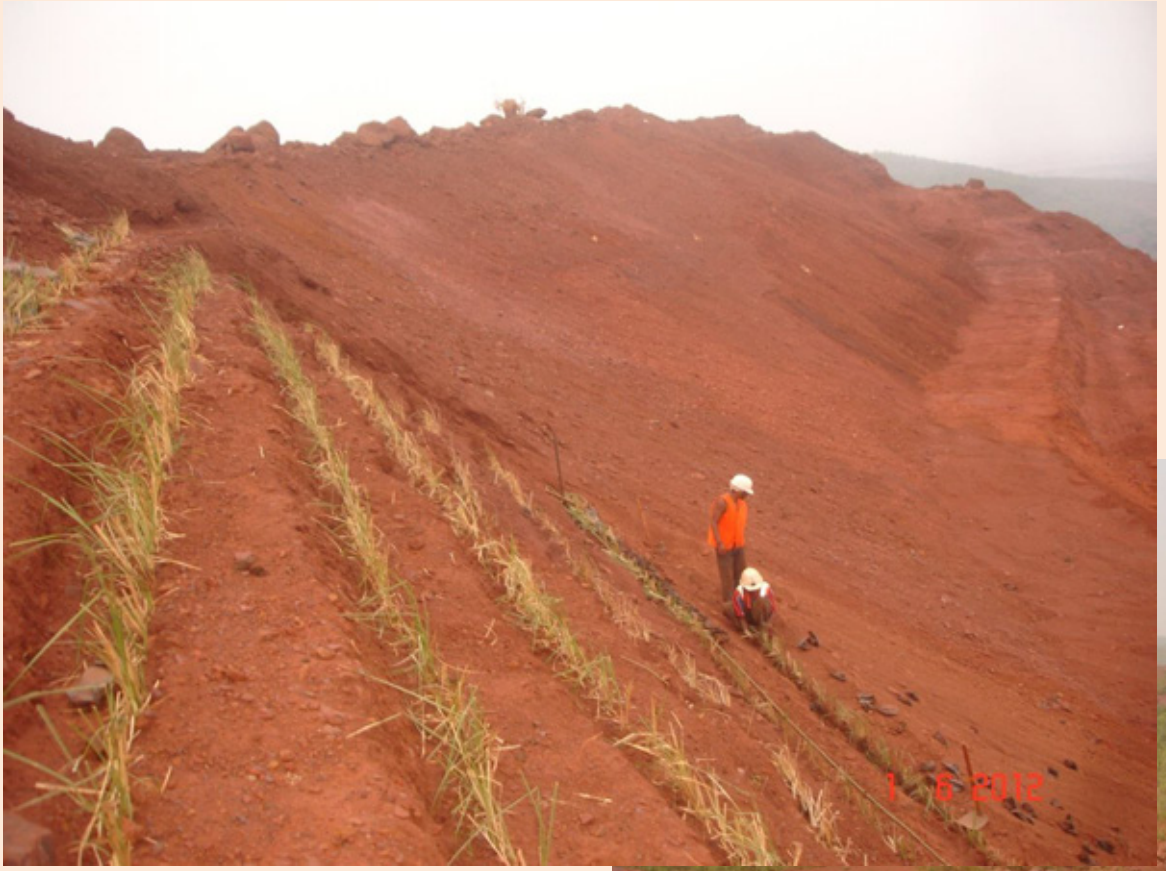


Planting varies between VI of 1-1.5m, depending on slope gradients



Gradient 35^0

Watering after planting each day

September 2012

Excellent establishment and growth

October 2012

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Excellent establishment and growth on this 40 degrees slope

On similar soil, root length reaching 60cm on an 20 day old plant

Once stabilised, the microenvironment created by vetiver hedges encouraged the return of native flora

And may be even the possibility for inter cropping between hedges in a land shortage like India