INTRODUCTION

BACKGROUND

Coal mines in India generate 1243.92 Billion units of energy that powers houses, industries, and institutions alike. The mining industry contributes to the annual GDP of India and facilitates various other industries' functioning. Coal India Limited (CIL) currently owns the largest fraction of the total mines in the country. Annually 778.19 MT tonnes of coal is extracted in the country. The mining industry employs a workforce of 88 Lakhs (FY 2021, Source: Statista.com) people. India is the second largest producer and consumer of coal in the world.

Therefore, as an important industry of our economy, the coal mining process is instrumental in fulfilling our country's energy needs and generates employment for lakhs of people of our country. This field is expected to increase its production and efficiency with the increase in energy demands, growing population, and rise in the industrial sector.

However, a major setback of the mining sector is the remnants of the entire process of mining that are left behind after the

mine is exhausted. ENVIRONMENTAL Loss of biodiversity Climate Change Soil Degradation and Erosion Deforestation SOCIAL Health Degradation Widespread Distress · Community Dislocation Abandonment **ECONOMIC** Adverse Effects of Mining Loss of employment Loss of natural resources for the neighbouring Nutrient Deficiency Potentiality of Erosion Dominance of coarser fraction of soil leading to low moisture retention Lack of Biological RESTORATION WITH SALVAGED TOPSOIL

DONOR SITE

by adding native seeds via donor

remove existing vegetatio

scrape off topsoil layer for

DONOR SITE

) identify healthy habitat with

intact native seed bank as

by burying existing non-native

RECIPIENT SITE

3) evenly deposit topsoil at a

degraded recipient site in need

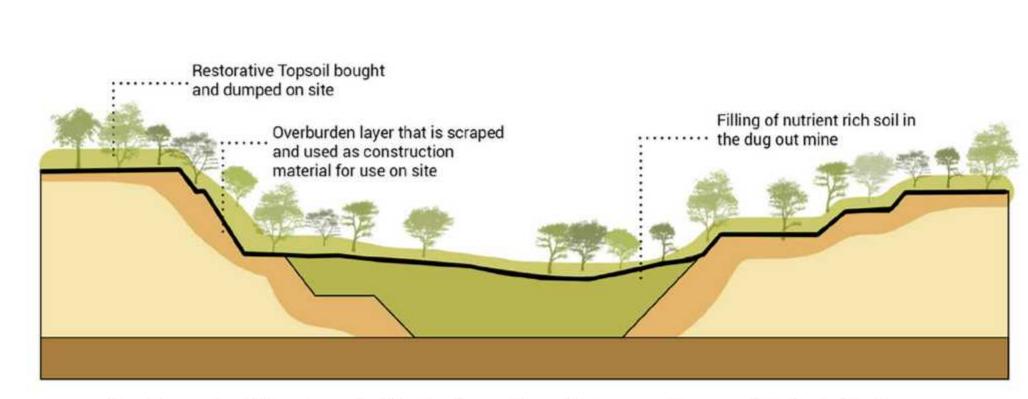
OBJECTIVE

An ubiquitous objective of treating an abandoned mine also requires one to restore the ecological imbalance that resulted from mining during the period it was active. Redevelopment and renewing of such land calls for a holistic development approach that takes care of social intimacy, income generation, and environmental factors into consideration.



Mineral Deposit Mineral Deposit

Section of a Mine Land during the course of its use



Section of a Mine Land afte Reclamation, Rejuvenation and Rehabilitation

AIM

"An attempt at integrating the possible plausible ways in which mine land can be repurposed after its abandonment, to serve people, community and ecology, to restore the imbalance created during its wake"



The process of bringing life back to an abandoned mining land and in order to restore the ecological balance the above mentioned processes are carried out usually in the prescribed order.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

Repurposing land into an Eco Park and creating few water bodies to replenish the micro-ecosystem



SOCIAL SUSTAINABILITY

Improved living conditions for the neighbouring village communities due to enhanced micro - environment



Providing a means of livelihood to the farmers of neighbouring regions and the means to continue it.

IMPACTS OF RECLAMATION PROCESS

METHODOLOGY FOR DESIGN

Indentificatin of user groups that are likely to visit and purpose of visit - zoning

Correlating activities depending on purpose of visit to lengthen the visit for monetary profits

Linking the purpose and activities with restoration goals volunteers for tree planting, awareness about mine restoration

SITE: Padmapur Open Cast Coal Mine, Chandrapur

The Mine is situated in Chandrapur District of Maharashtra State. It is at a distance of about 8 Kms on the North side of the Chandrapur Town. Chandrapur is on the main ChennaiDelhi Railway Track between Kazipeth & Wardha. The town is well connected by Road to Nagpur by S.H. - 84 & N. H. - 06. Chandrapur Town is about 170 Km south of Nagpur and well connected by road and rail to the rest of the country. The area is bounded by Longitude 790 17' E to 790 19' E and Latitude 200 1' to 200 03' N.

The project is located on North of Durgapur Opencast project and covered by Survey of India Topo Sheet No. 55 P / 8. This project is almost a captive mine of Chandrapur Thermal Power Station(CTPS) and its production is fully linked to CTPS. About 40 to 60 % of the Coal Produced at Padmapur Opencast Mine is supplied to the Chandrapur Super Thermal Power Station (CSTPS) belonging to MAHAGENCO through an Unit Train System (UTS), which is also known as Merry-Go-Round (MGR) and the rest to other industries by road.

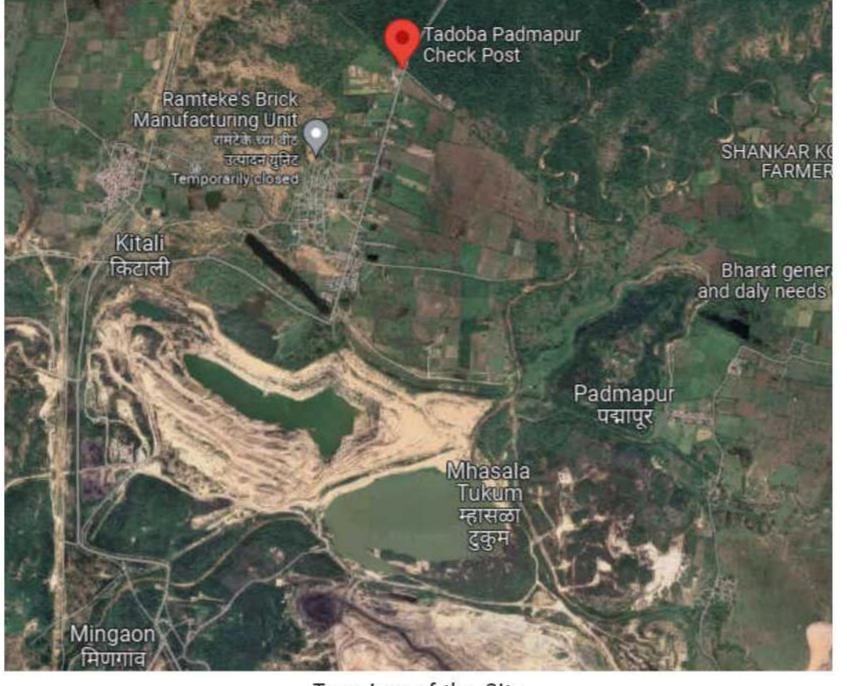


EXPERIENTIAL MINE RESORT



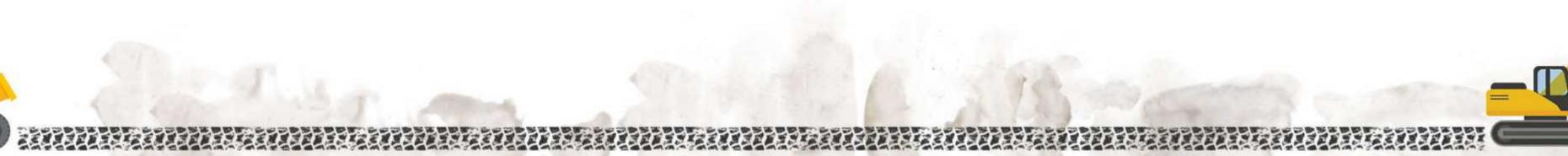


Chandrapur District- Destructed lands



Top view of the Site





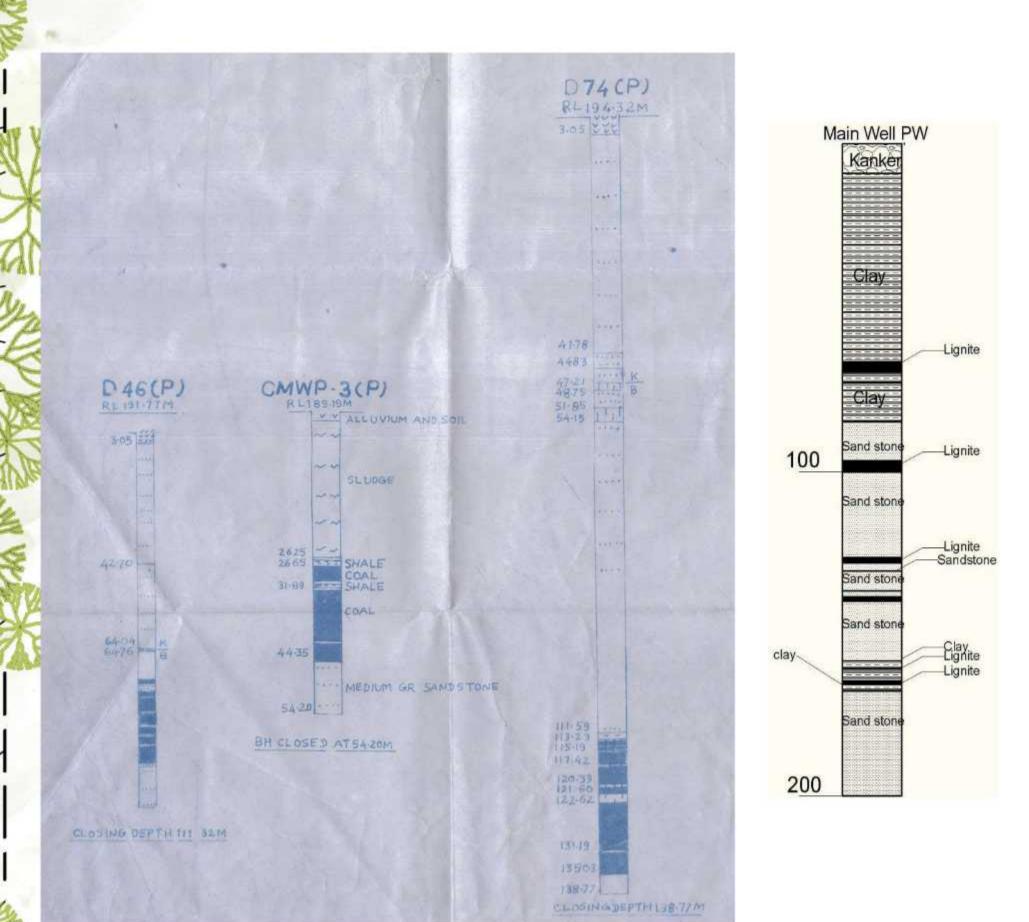


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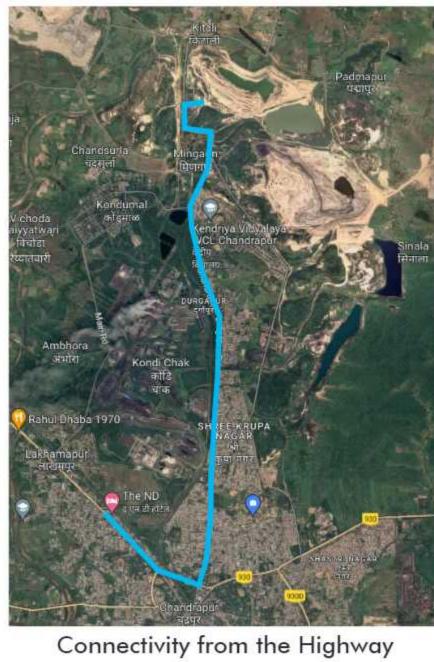
Table 1: Salient features at a glance

1.	Date of Starting	:	01.05.1985		
2.	Life of the Mine (Initially Estimated)	:	38 Years		
3.	Date of Re-Organisation	•	01.10.2003		
4.	Leasehold Area	•	816.21 Hectares		
5.	Coal Bearing Area	:	350 Hectares		
5.	Present Depth of the Mine	••	151 Metres		
7.	Reserves in Million Tonnes (Net Mineable) (PR + Scheme + Reserves in Padmapur Deep)		37.130 Million Tonnes		
3.	Total Overburden Cover	:	80.88 Million M ³		
).	Balance Coal Reserves As On 01.04.2018		11.910 Million Tonnes.		
0.	Coal Mined Out From April - Oct. 2018); =	0.376 Million Tonnes.		
1.	Balance Coal Reserves As On 01.11.2018		11.534 Million Tonnes.		
2.	Average Stripping Ratio (M ³ / Te)	:	3.74		
3.	Coal Seam Thickness	:	15 to 20 Metres		
4.	Dip Direction	:	N 54 ° 30' E.		
5.	Boundary of the Area				
	Longitude	•	79 °-17' to 79 °-19' E.		
	Latitude	•	20 °-01' to 20 °-03' N.		
6.	Grade of Coal	37			
	Steam	:	'G-8/G-9'MIX		
	Processed ROM	:	'G-10'&'G-11'		
7.	Coal Production (2017 - 2018)	:	13.308 Lakh. Te.		
8.	Targeted Coal Production (2018 - 2019)	:	10.00 L. Te.		

Location	Distance from site			
Chandrapur Railway station	10.2 Kms - 23 mins			
Chandrapur city	9.7 Kms - 22 mins			
Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve	3.5 Kms - 5 mins			
Nearest Hospital - Durgapur Dispensary	3 Kms - 5 mins			
Nearest Petrol Pump	3 Kms - 6 mins			
Ballarshah junction station	25.2 Kms - 35 mins			
Nagpur city	158 Kms - 3 hrs			
Nagpur airport	151 Kms - 2.5 hrs			



Bore hole sections of the mine







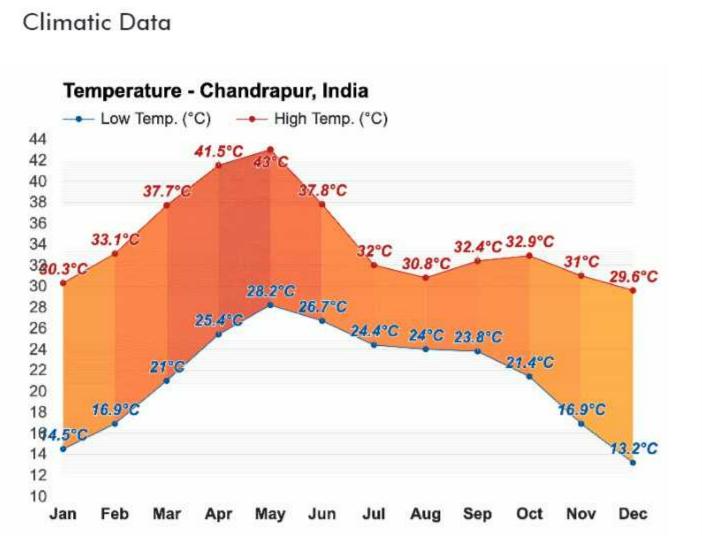
Berms to restrict the access Bench of the Mine- Now destructed

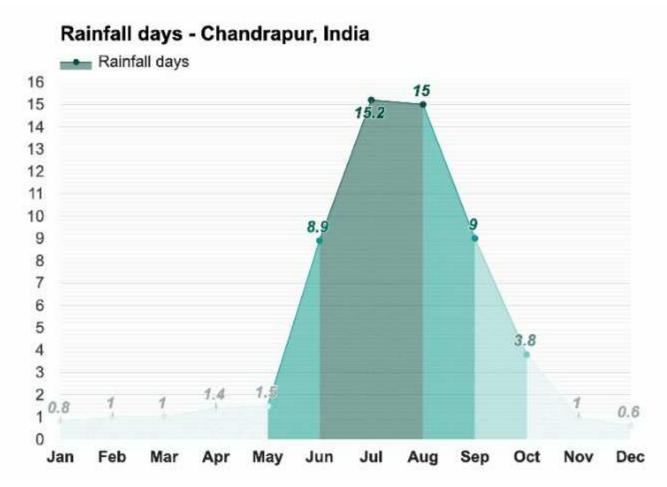


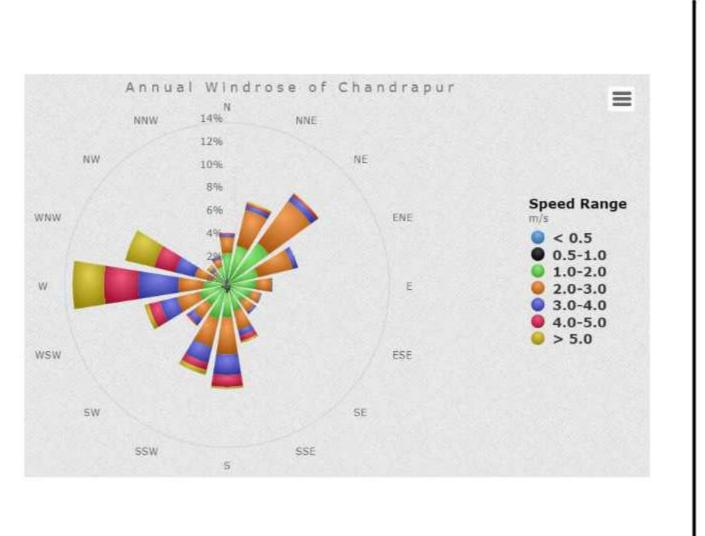
View of the mine from top

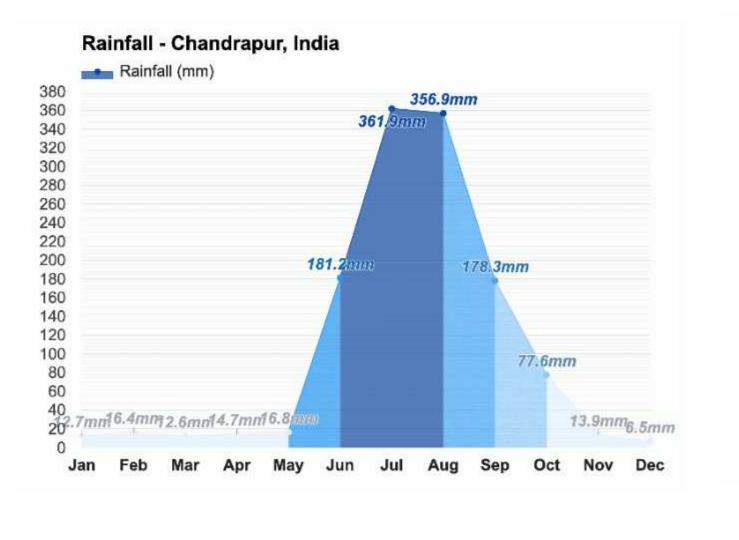


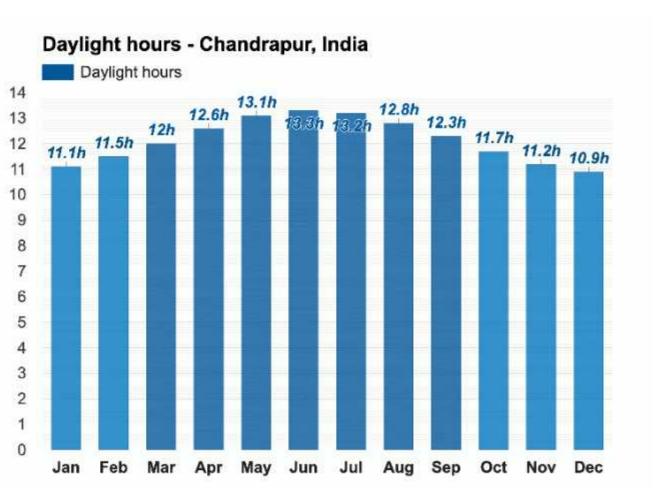
View of the mine from Bench

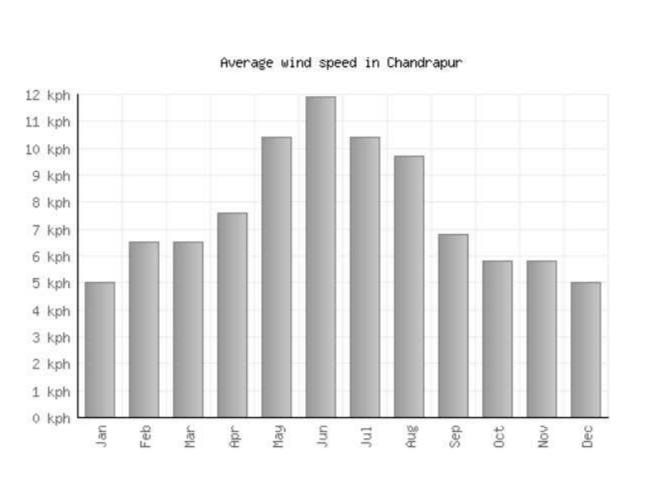






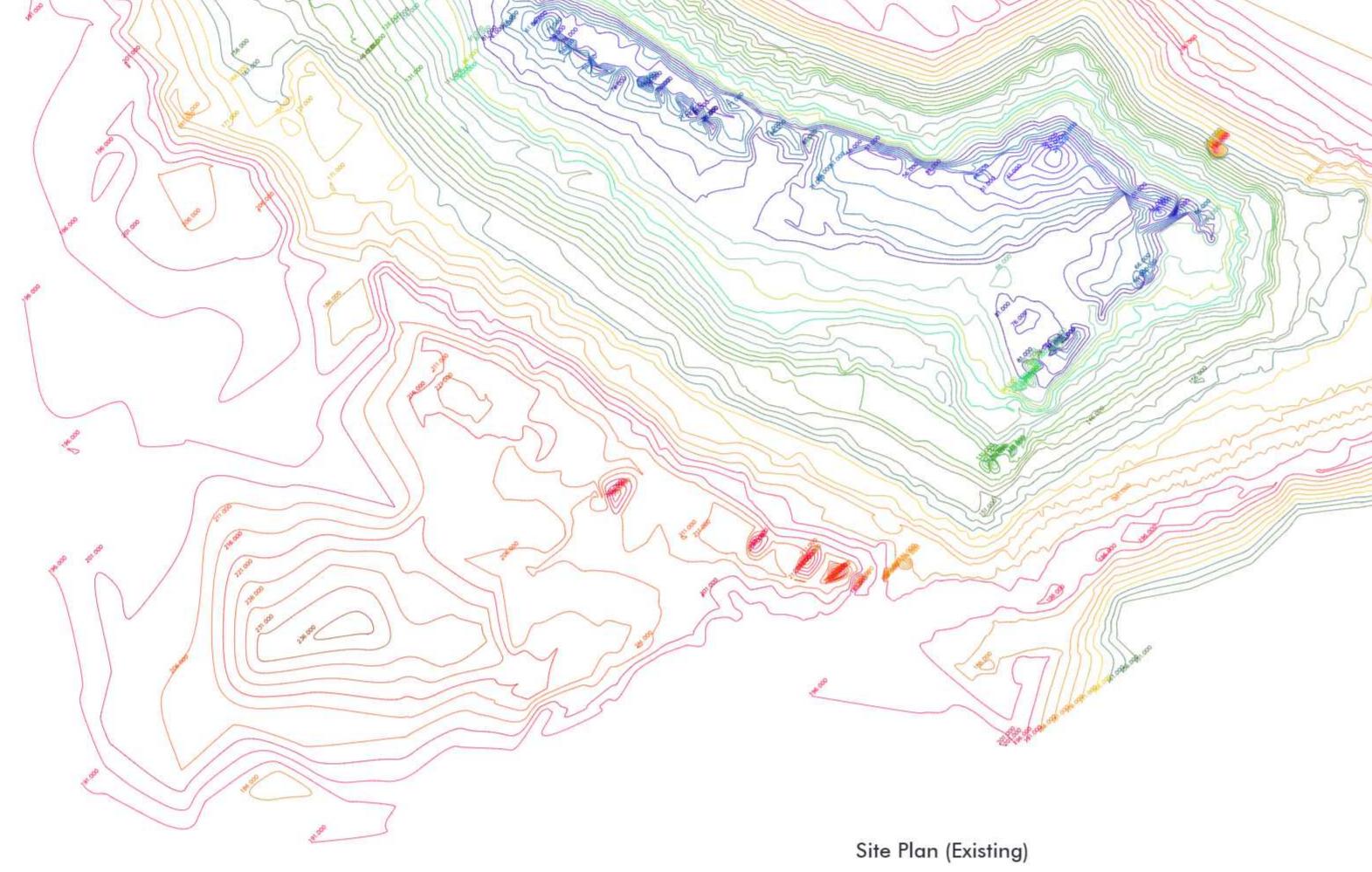


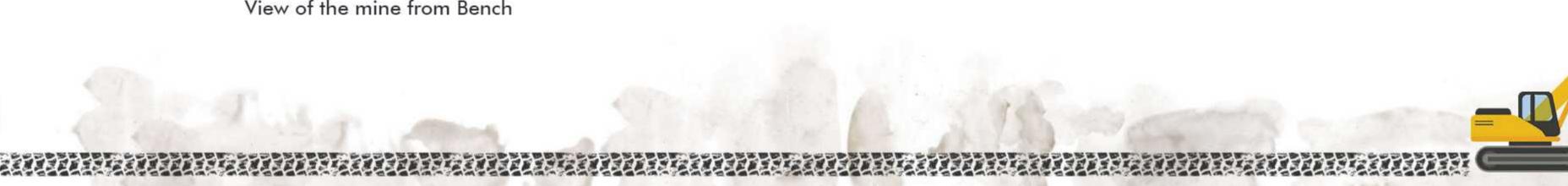




Monthly Relative Humidity Data of Chandrapur







HISTORY OF THE MINE



02/201



01/2010



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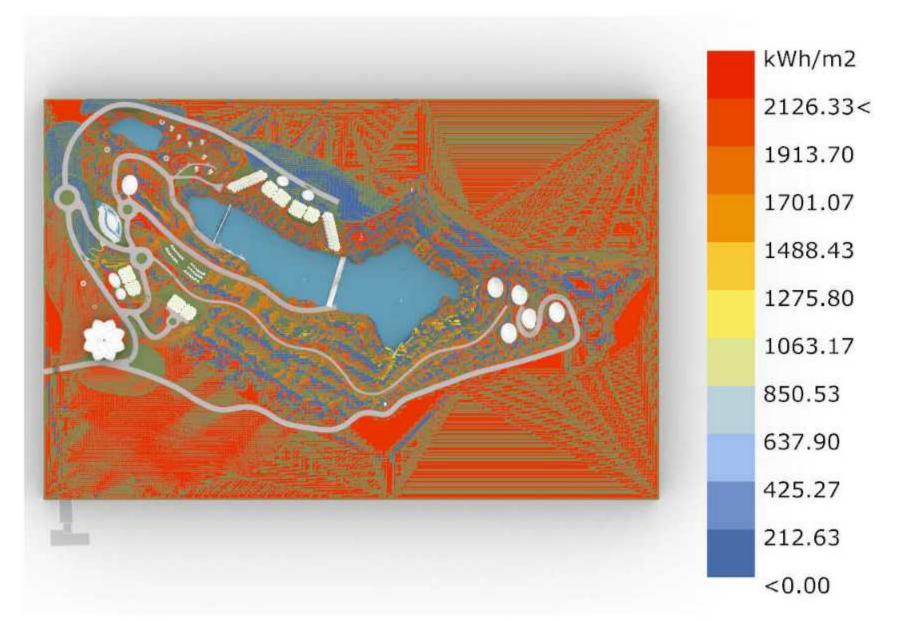


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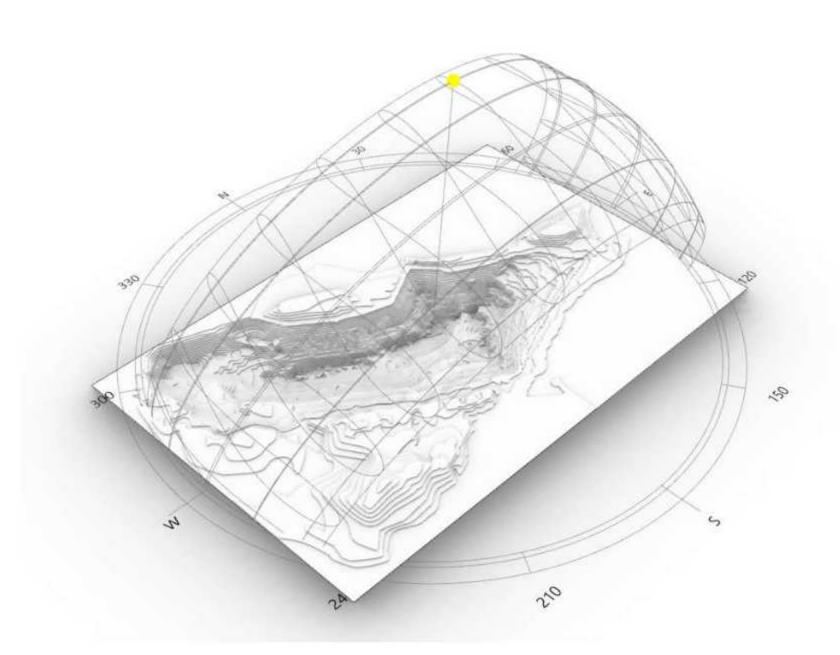


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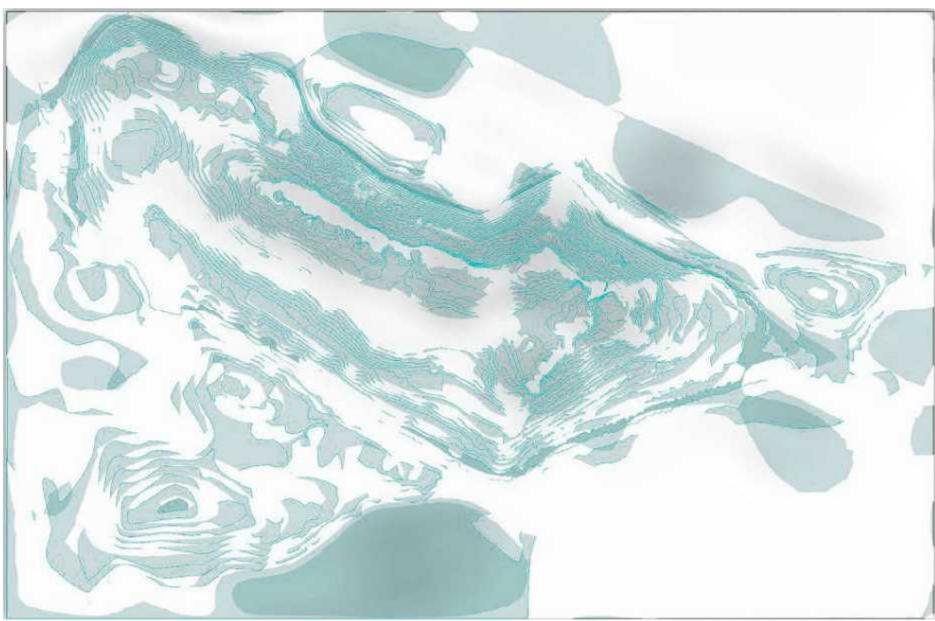
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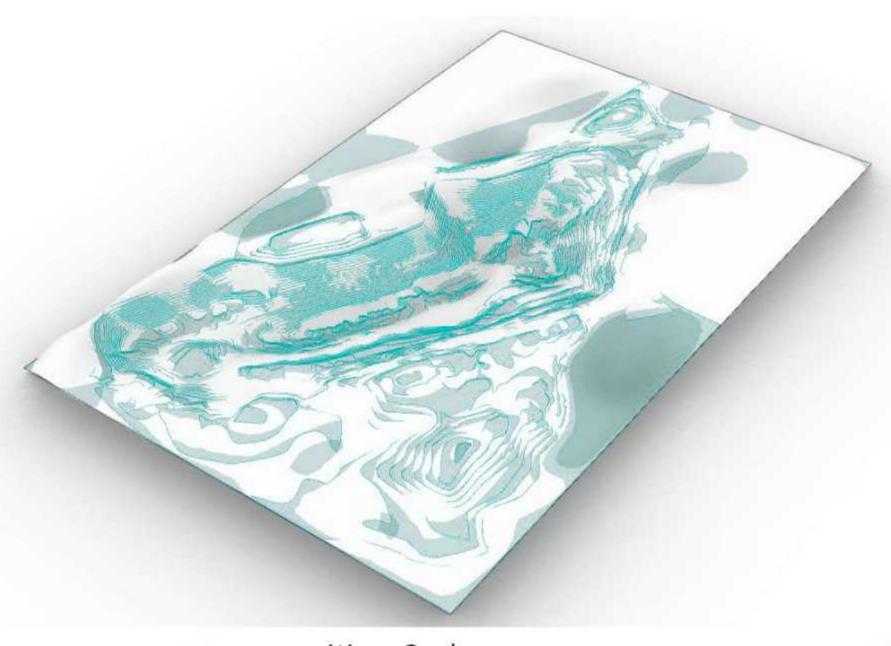
Thermal Analysis



SunPath



Water Catchment areas

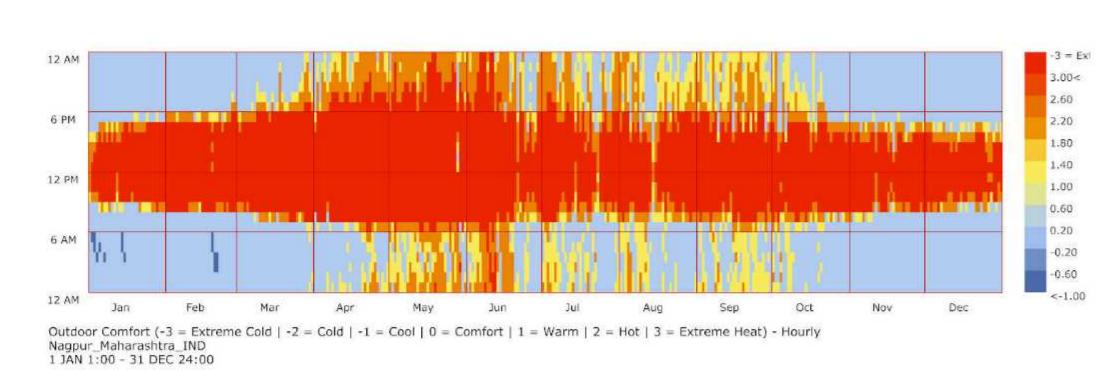


Water Catchment areas

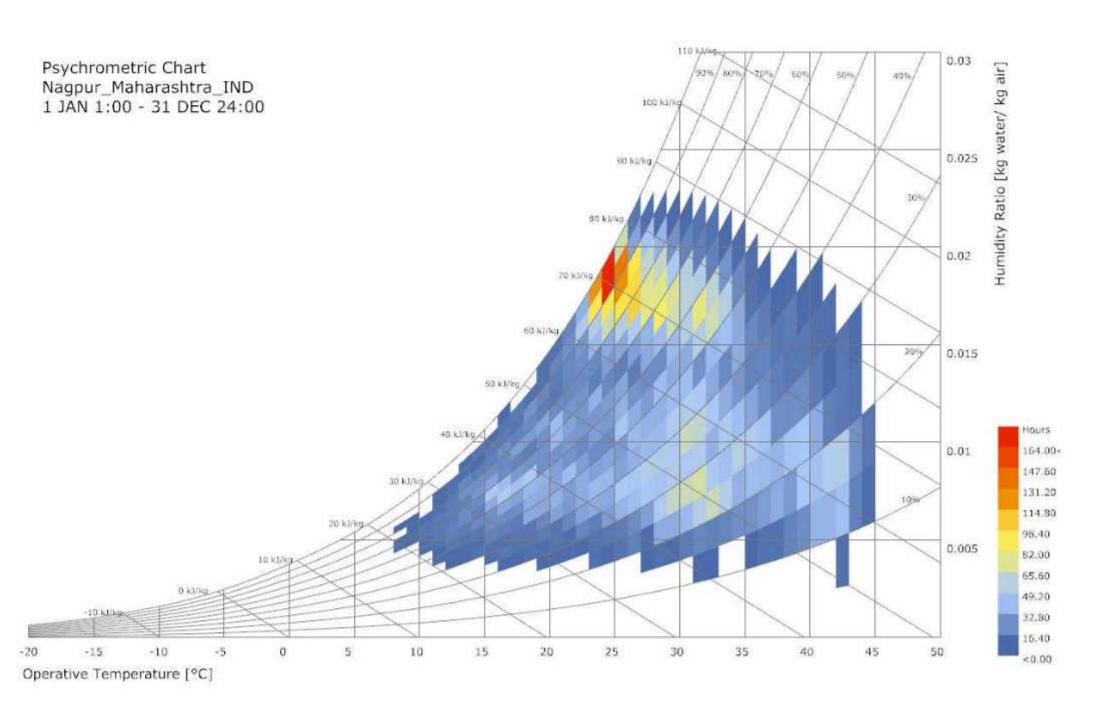
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Outdoor Comfort (-3 = Extreme Cold | -2 = Cold | -1 = Cool | 0 = Comfort | 1 = Warm | 2 = Hot | 3 = Extreme Heat) - Hourly
Nagpur_Maharashtra_IND
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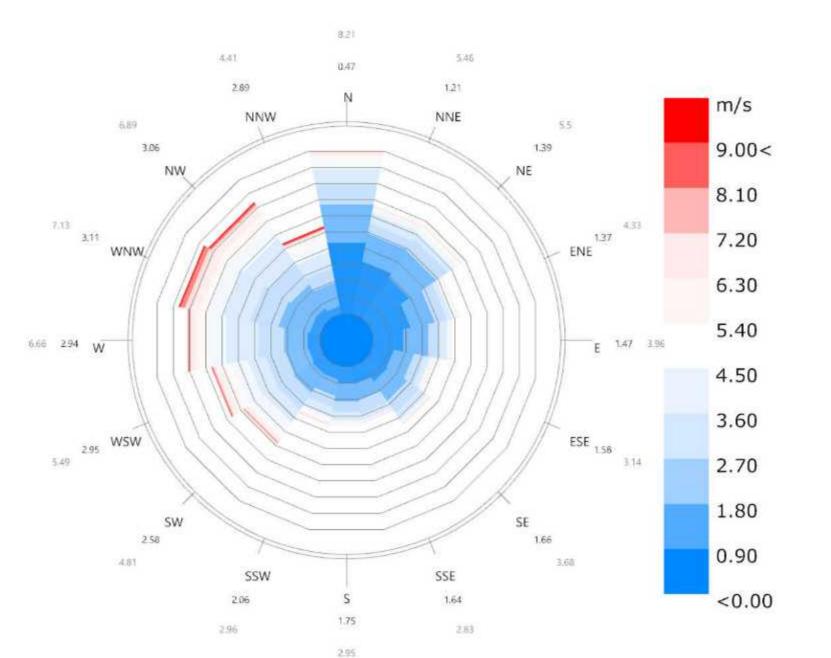
Outdoor Comfort



Psychometric Chart

Analysis:

- The wind direction is from NW.
- · If we place buildings, radiation will decrease.
- Dome- Most Total radiation is from the East direction.
- · Direct radiation is from the SW direction.
- Average rainfall is 1,114mm.
- The average annual temperature is around 26.6 °C



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Wind-Rose
Nagpur_Maharashtra_IND
1 JAN 1:00 - 31 DEC 24:00
Hourly Data: Wind Speed (m/s)
Calm for 21.61% of the time = 1893 hours.
Each closed polyline shows frequency of 0.8%. = 71 hours.

	Vegetation
Trees	Teak
	Bamboo
	Sal
	mahua
	Tendu
	Tamarind
Shrubs	Lantana camara
	Karvi (Strobilanthes sp.)
	Zizyphus (Zizyphus sp.)
	Bael (Aegle marmelos)
	Cassia (Cassia sp.)
	Dhaman (Grewia tiliaefolia)
Herbs	Medicinal: Neem, and Tulsi
	Windflowers: Buttercup, and Lily
	Creepers: Wild grape, Morning glory
Climbers	Climbing Balsam
	Moonseed
	Wild Grape
	Morning Glory
	Trumpet creeper

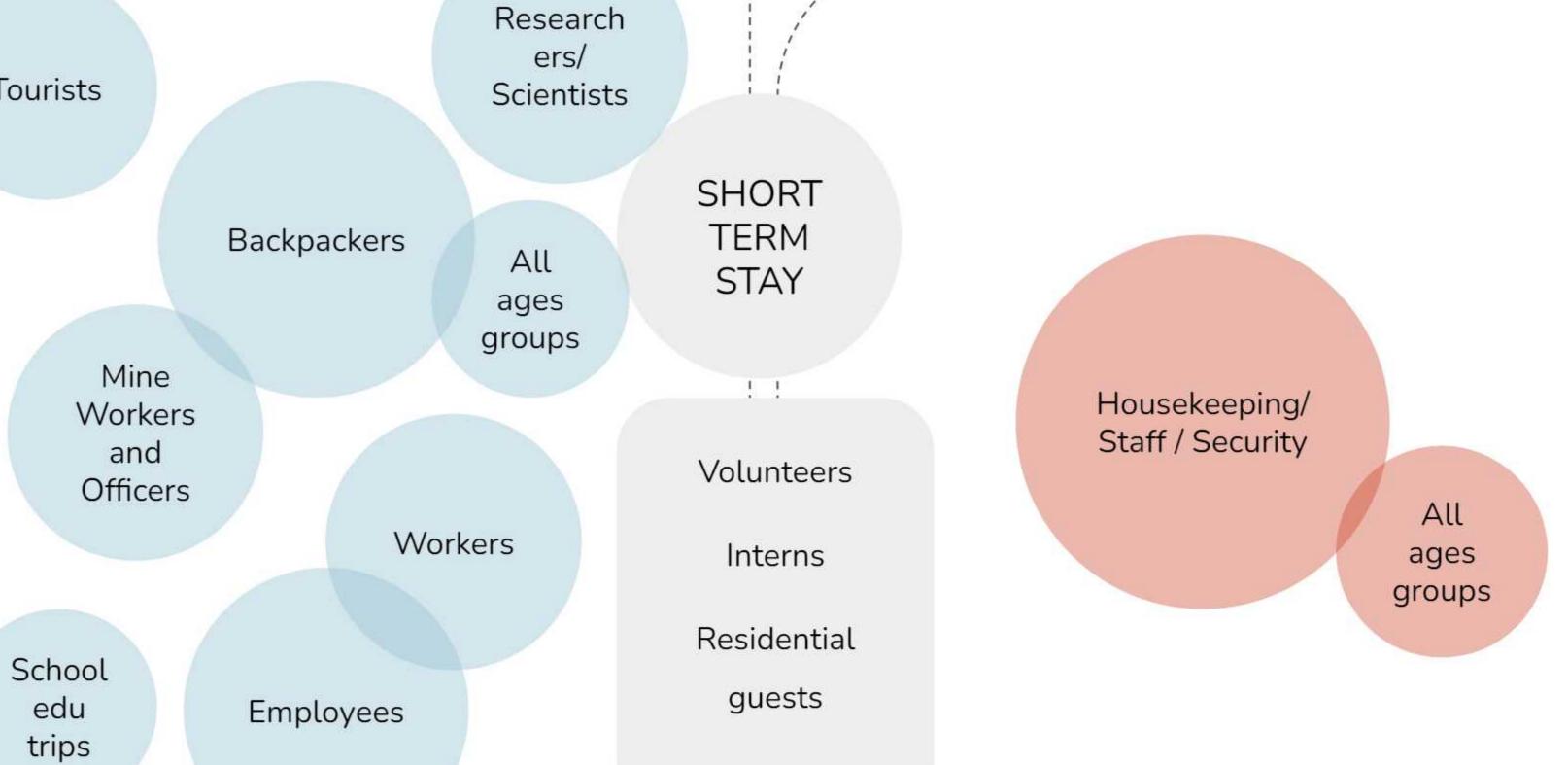
Table 1 Design parameters for mining slopes

Sr No	Types of material	Maximum Height (m)	Maximum Slope angle	Minimum Bench Width (m)	Overall Slope angle (in benches)		
1	Soft Soil / Black Cotton Soil	3	55	10	15		
1a	* After every three benches (soft soil / black cotton soil) a provision for 15 m safe berm width has to be kept.						
2	Coal	10	50	12	26		
3	Hard rock	10	50	12	28		
3a	* After every width has to be		(coal / hard rock)	a provision	for 15 m safe berm		



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ACTIVITIES



WALKOVER BRIDGE



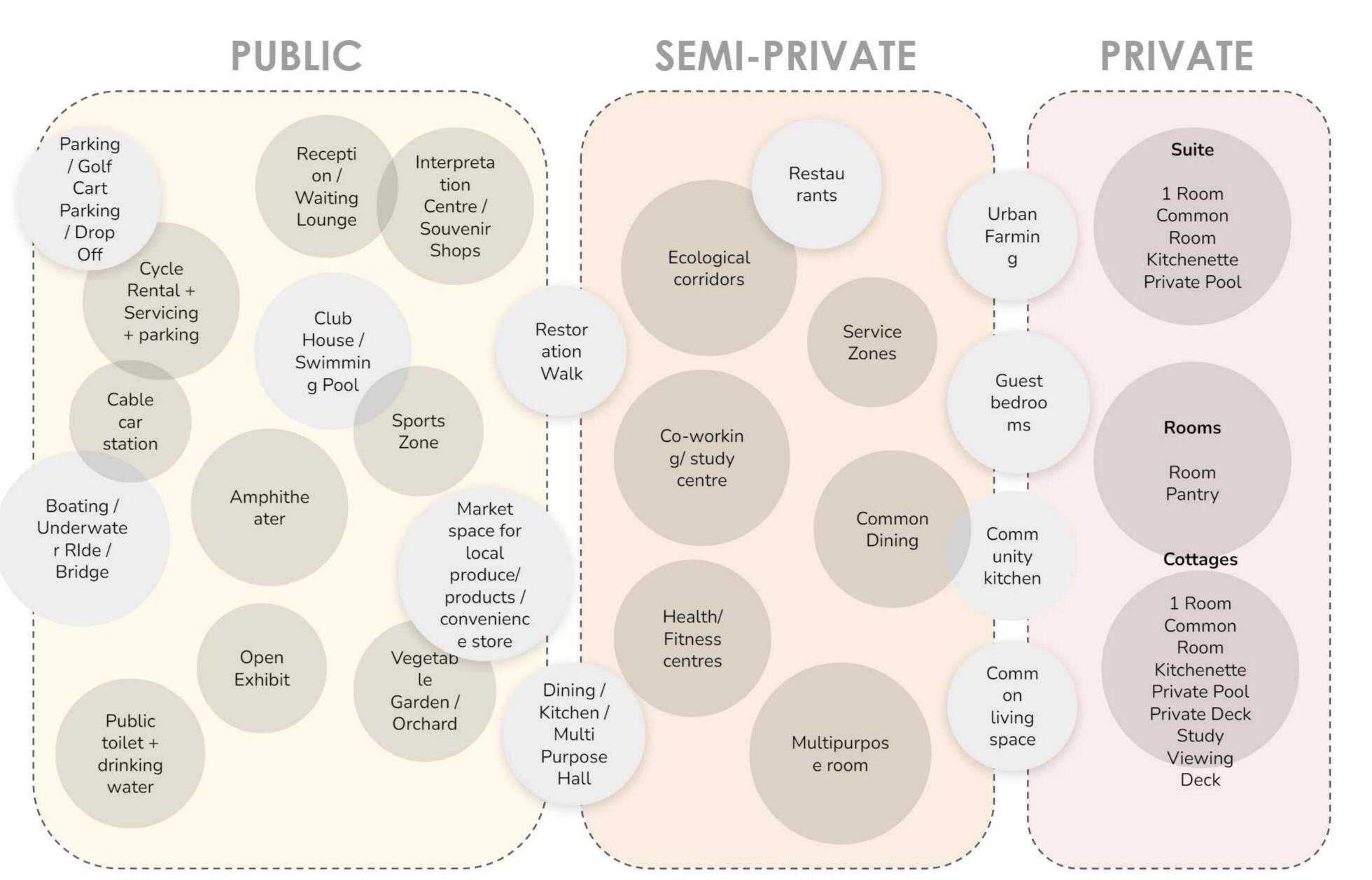
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RESTORATION WALK

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MOUNTAIN CLIMBING

BOATING



OBSERVATION DECK



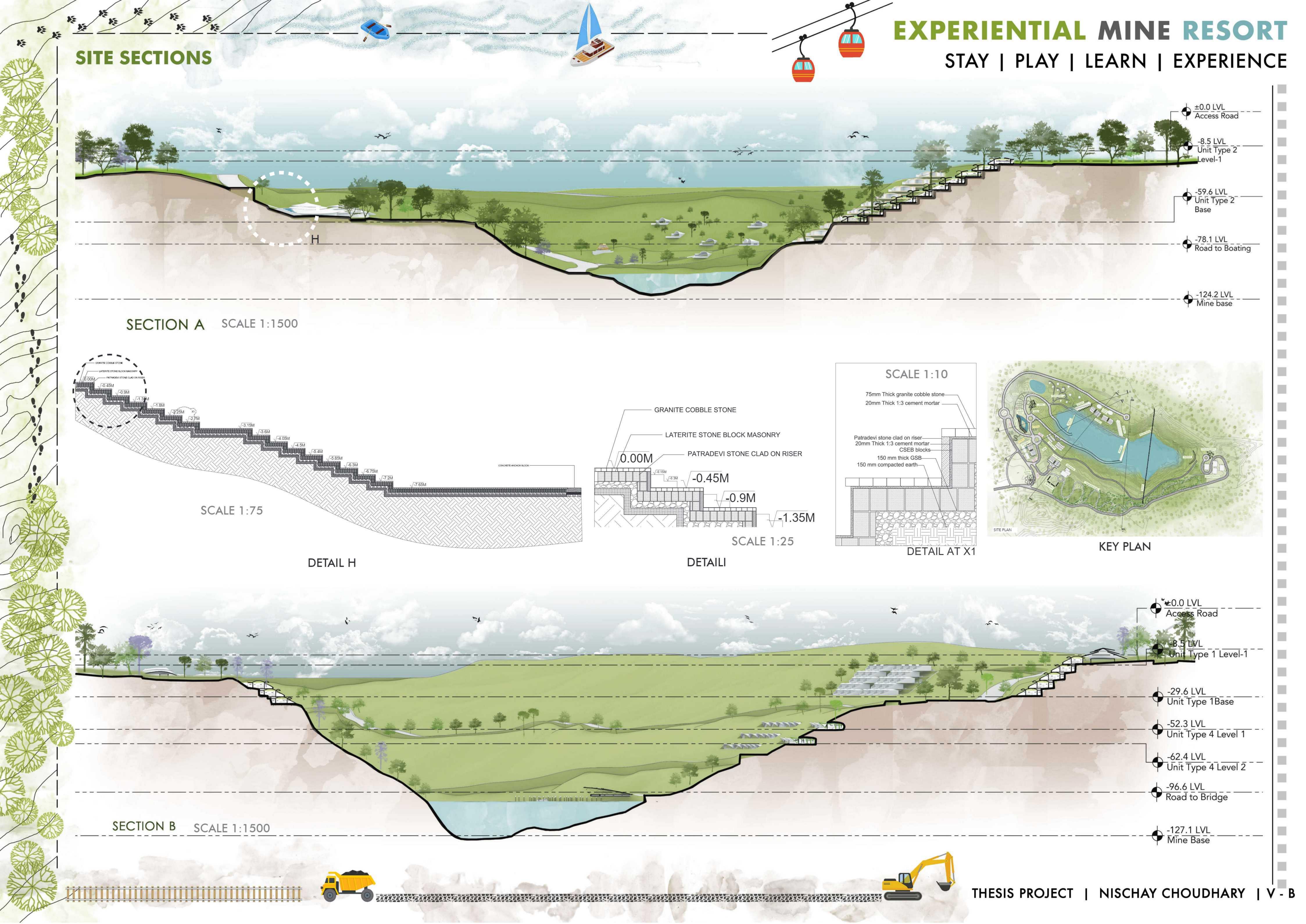
MINE EXPERIENCE

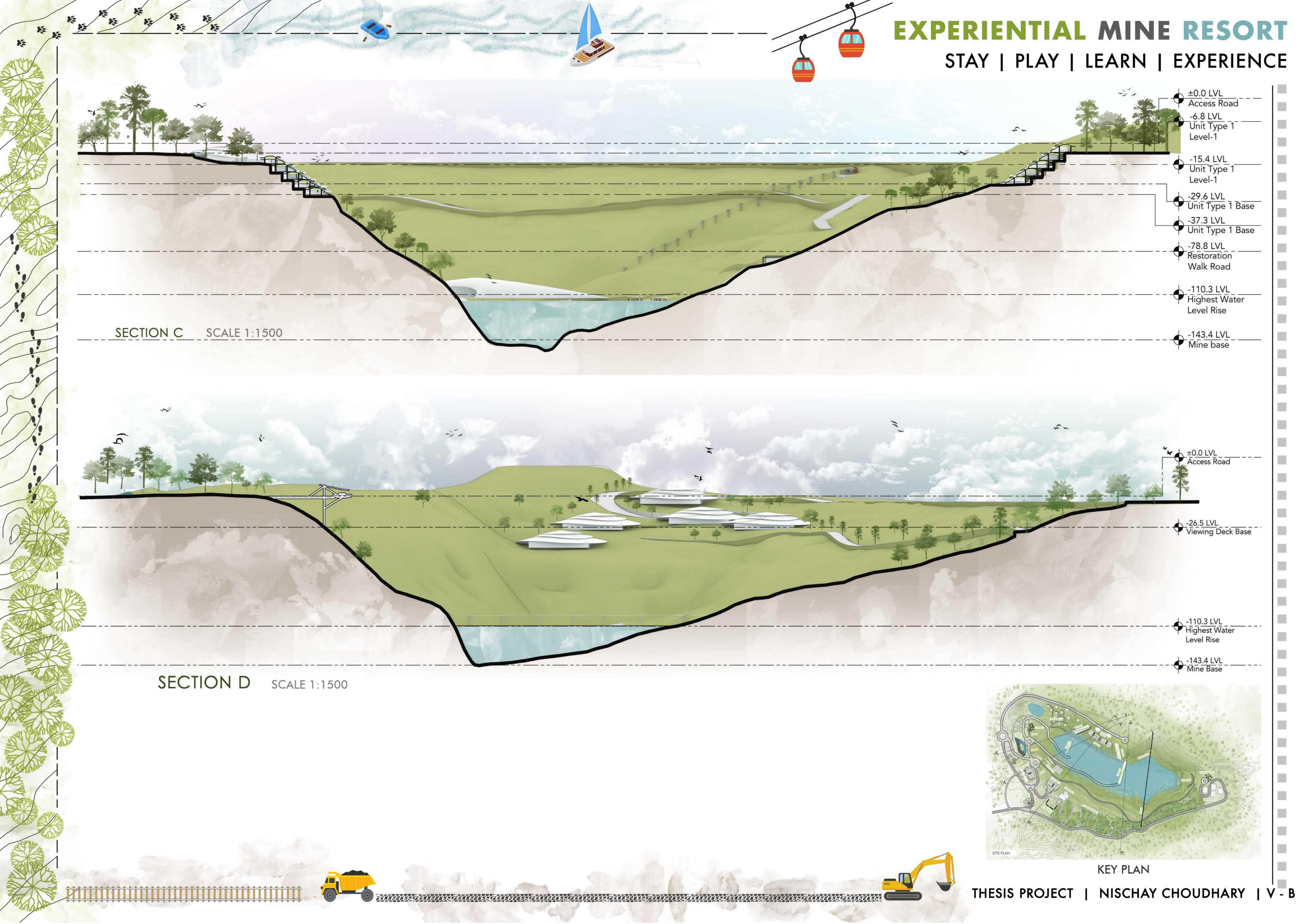


AREA	PRO	GRAM			
Program	Capacity	Area in sqm	Nos. of Unit	Total	

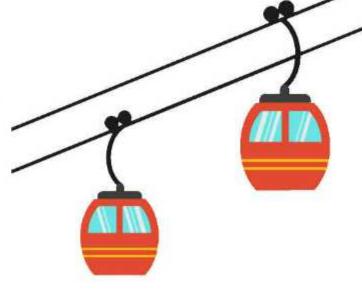
S. No.	Program	Capacity	Area in sqm	Nos. of Unit	Total Area	Remark
1	Multi Function Block		28.19	NAME OF THE PARTY		
а	Reception Counter	10	20	2	40	
b	Labby/Waiting	30	60	2	120	
С	Lobby/ Waiting Lounge	200	440	0	440	
d	General Restaurant	150	205		205	
е	Central kitchen for Restaurant		100		100	
f	Dry store		15		15	
9	Chilled store		15		15	
h	Waste Disposal area		15		15	
1	Dish wash area Staff Toilet		15		15 4.5	
k	Visitors Toilet	4	4.5	4	18	
1	Co-Working Space					
250						
2	Office Space	100			00	
m n	Waiting and reception Chair Person's Room	10			20 30	
0	General Manager Room	1			30	
р	Deputy Managers Room	1			20	
q	HR Manager Room	j			15	
r	House Keeping Manager	1			15	
S	Administrative Staff room	10			75	
† U	Accounting Staff Room Meeting/Presentation Hall	3 15	50	4	20 200	
V	Meeting/ Presentation Hall Rest room	4	10	4	40	
w	Utility room/ Store Room		10	1	10	
x	Store Keeper	1	10	i	10	
88	TO SEE STAN NOT VEN SEE SE					
3	Informative and Learning Block	25	90		90	
a b	Lobby/ Waiting Lounge Reception Counter	25	10		10	
c	Tourist Information Centre	50	75	2	150	
d	Library	20	80	1	80	
е	Museum	50	250		250	
f	Control Office	1	10	1	10	
g	Staff Toilet		4.5		4.5	
h	Visitors Toilet	4	4.5	4	18	
11	Conference Hall - 1 Conference Hall - 2	100	150	1	150 150	
k	Toilet for Conference Hall User	100	150	10	150	
1	Souvenir Shop	10	20	2	40	
m	Meeting/ Presentation Cabins	10	30	2	60	
757						
4	Recreational Squash Hall	2	60	2	120	
b	Gymnasium	25	75	2	150	
С	Aerobics	10	40	2	80	
d	Meditation	50	80	2	160	
е	Shops	10	20	15	300	
f	Barber/Parlour	2	25	1	25	
g	Spa	4	40	- 17	40	
h	Sauna Snooker	4	18		40 72	
1	Locker/ Changing room	30	30		30	
k	Rest Room	6	25		25	
1	Mountain Climbing					
m	Trek for Education Walk					
n	Camping					
0	Cable Car					
р	Jetty Observation Decks					
q	Observation Decks					
5	Research & Training (Restoration)					
	Research Lab				400	
	Testing Center				100	
	Implementation field				2000	
	Observatory Open Exhibit				1000	
	Open Museum				1000	
					100 POR 15	
6	Common Accommodation Unit	20	40	20	800	
7	Individual Accommodation Unit					
а	Group User Block	10	100	10	1000	With common
	**					Kitchenette
b	Small Family Block	3	50	10,000		With Kitchenette
С	Family Block	5	80	20	800	With Kitchenette
8	Staff Accommodation and Back House					
а	Staff Kitchen	10	15	1	15	
ь	Staff Dining	15	20	1	20	
С	Wash Area		5	1	5	
d	Site Storage		30	2	60	
е	Accommodation Units	(max)	15	10	150	
f	Rest Rooms	2	5	2	10	
g	Family Suite for High Level Staff Generator and Battery Room	2	80		160	
g	Generator and Battery Room		30	Į.	30	
9	Educational					
а	Mining Museum		1000		1000	
b	Mining Equipment Exhibition Area		2000		2000	
C	Training & Workshop Area		500	1	500 15927	
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VIEWS



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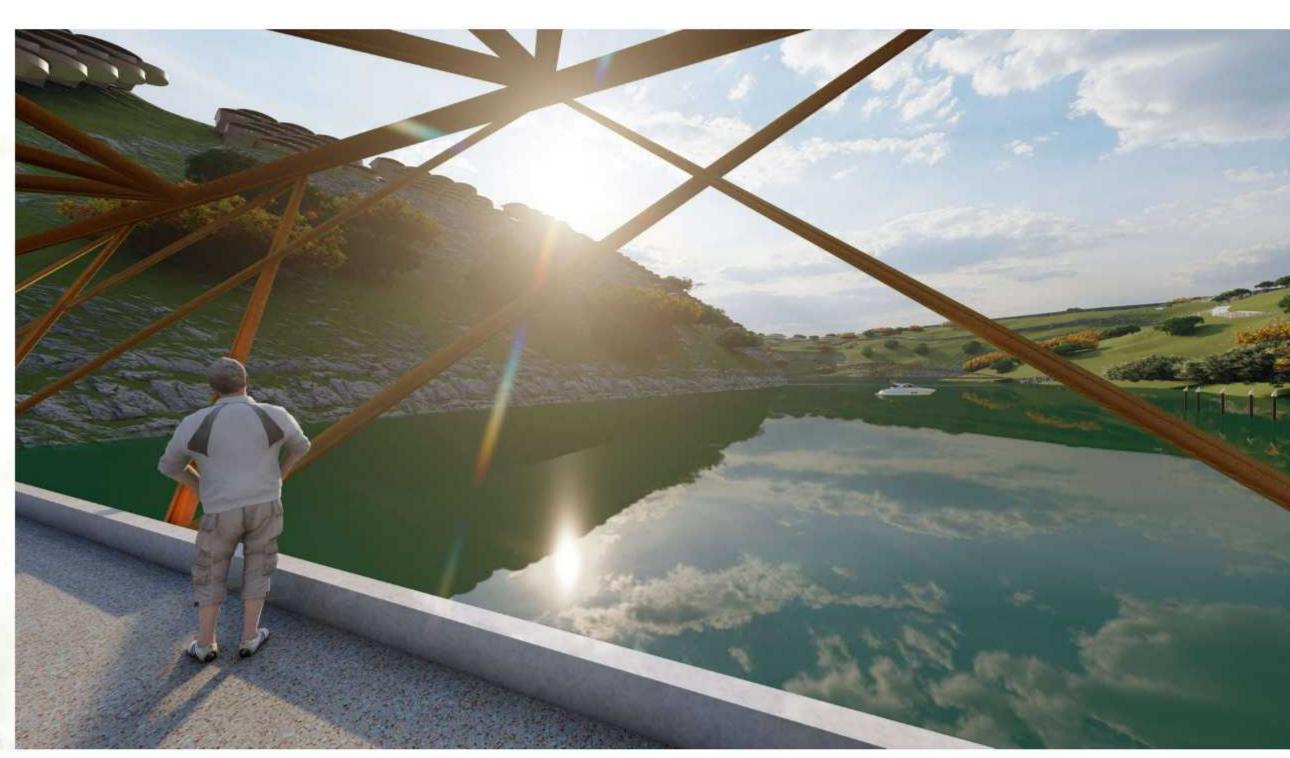
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BOATING



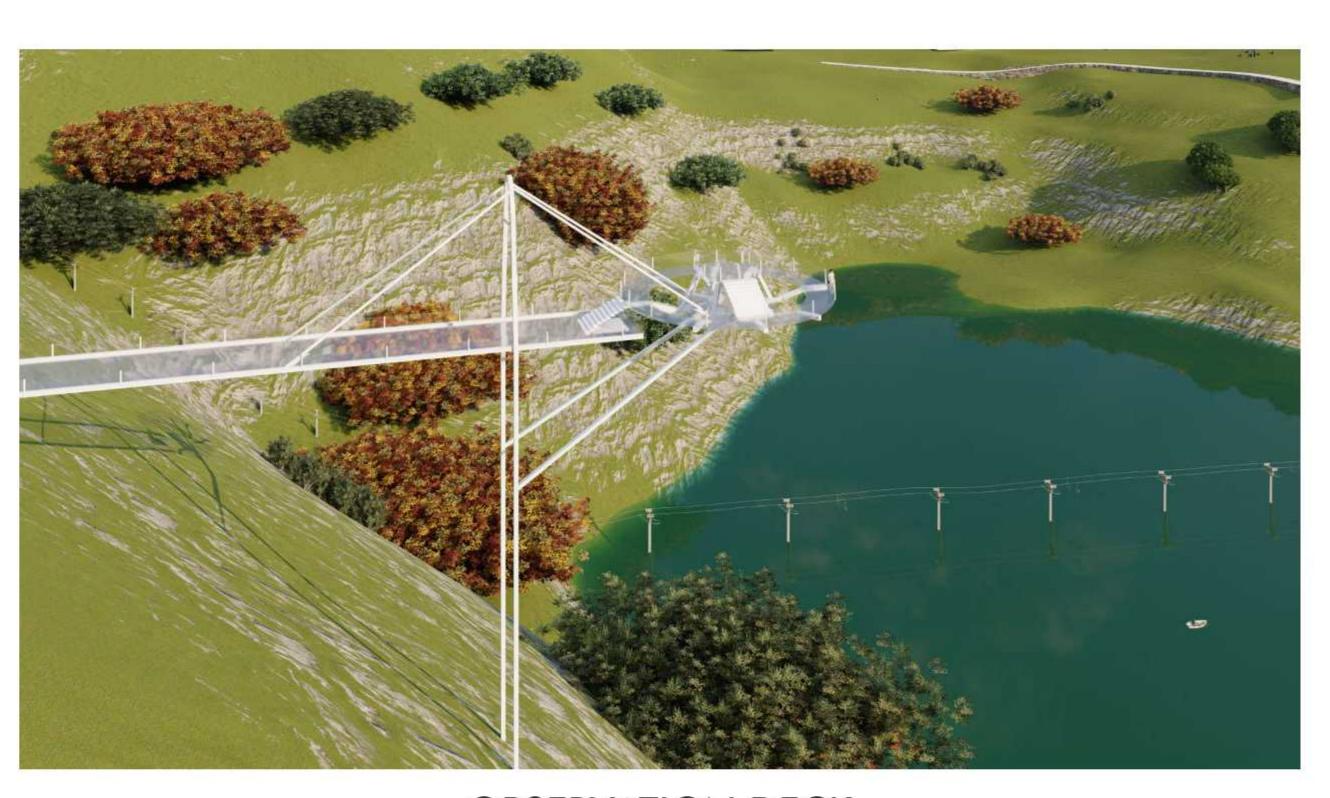
WALKOVER BRIDGE-1



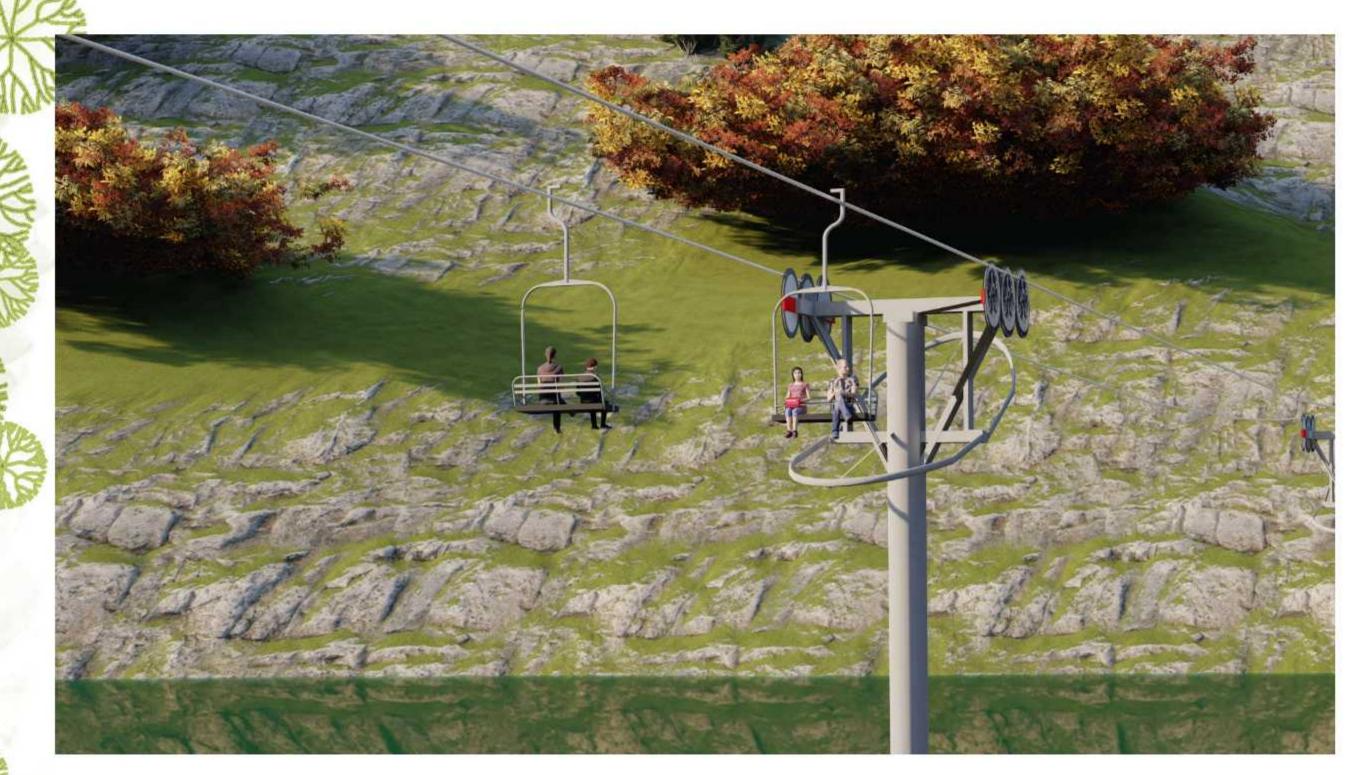
VIEW FROM WALKOVER BRIDGE



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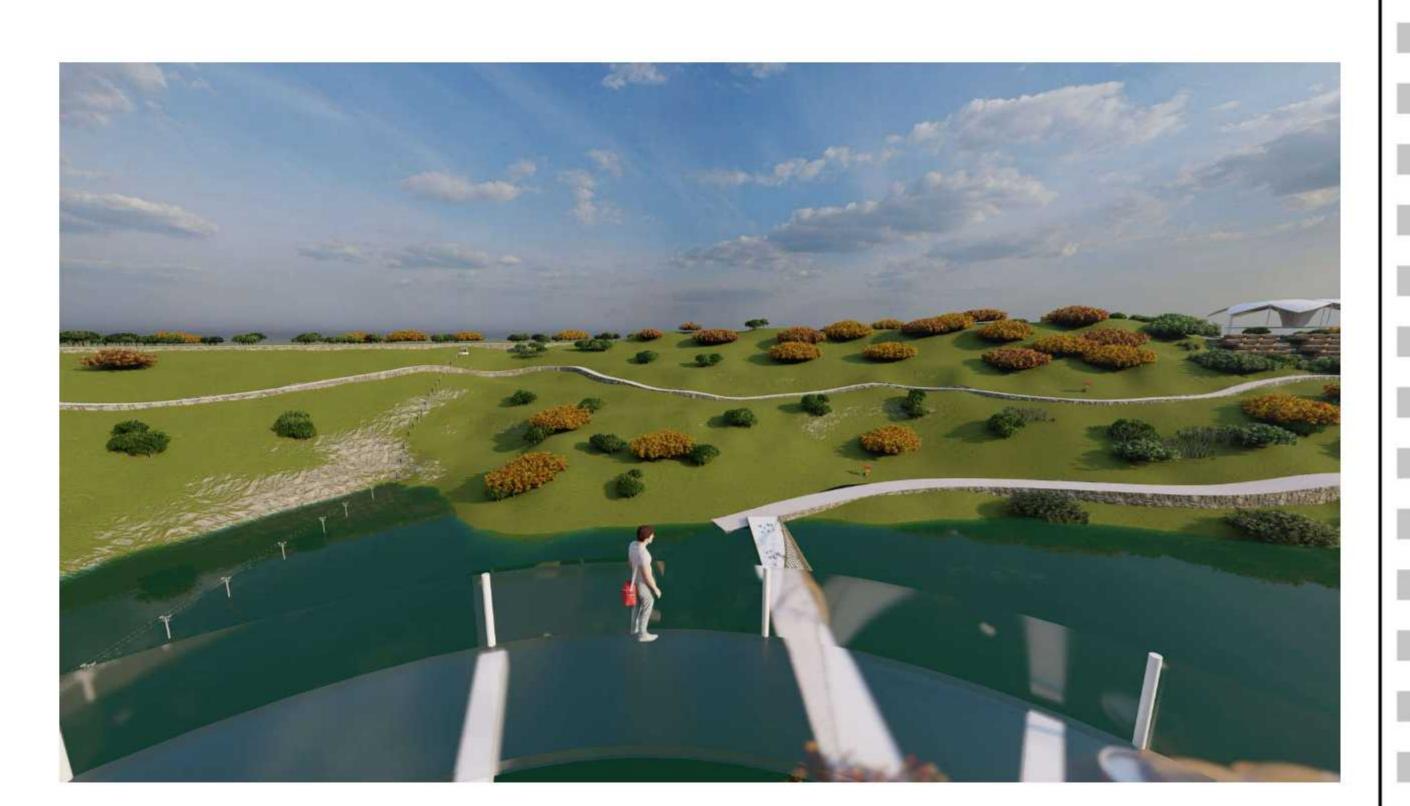
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WALKOVER BRIDGE TYPE-2

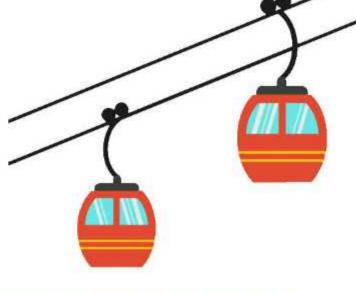


VIEW FROM OBSERVATION DECK





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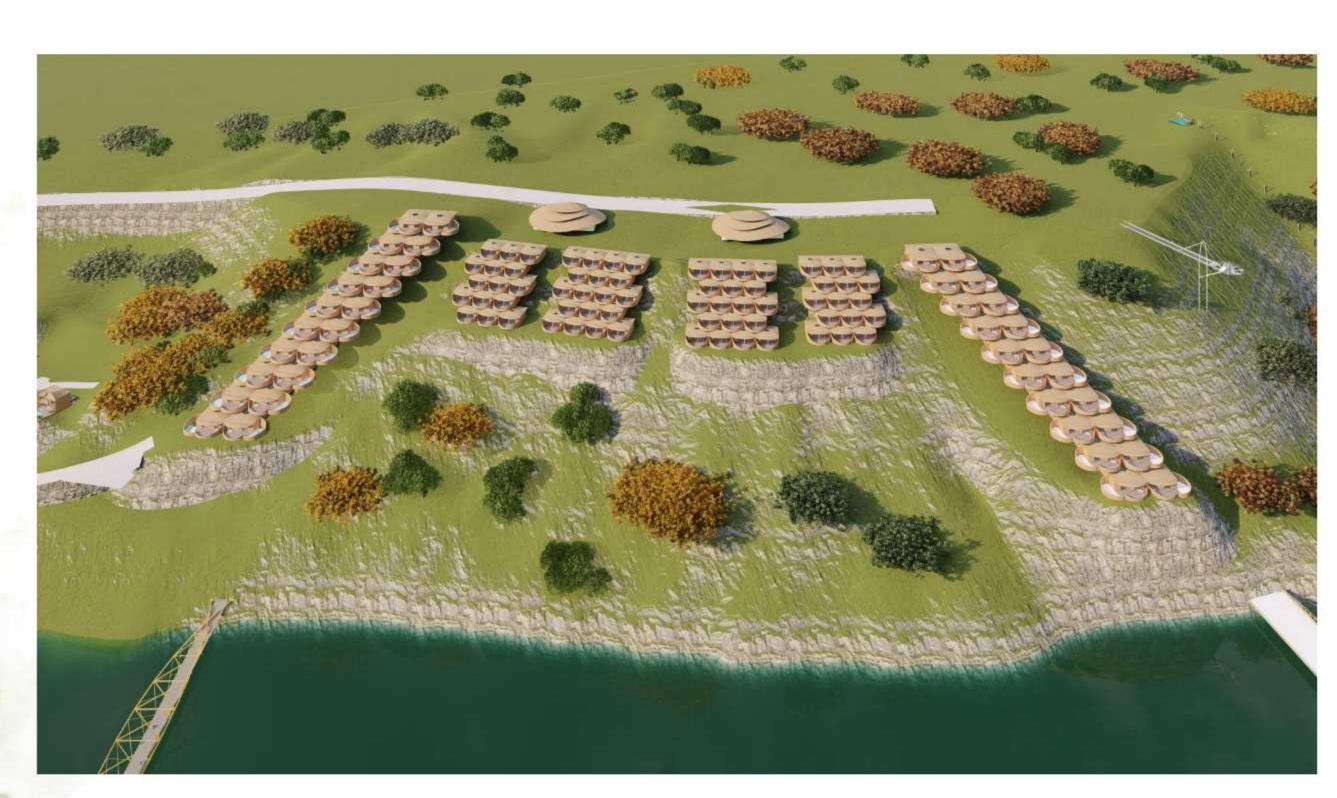
AERIAL VIEW



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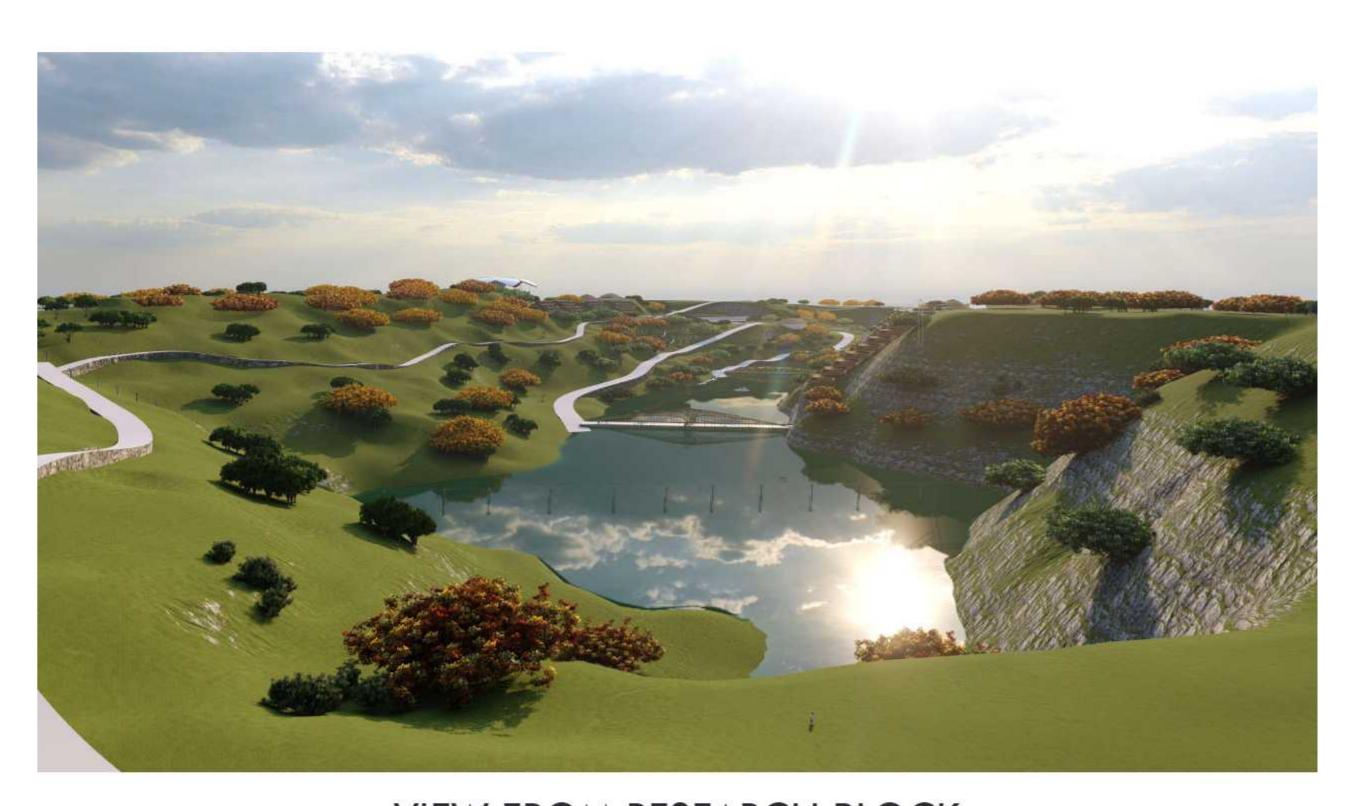
RESEARCH BLOCKS



TYPE-1 AND TYPE-4 UNITS



TYPE-3 UNITS



VIEW FROM RESEARCH BLOCK



TYPE-1 UNITS



TYPE-3 UNITS



TYPE-2 UNITS

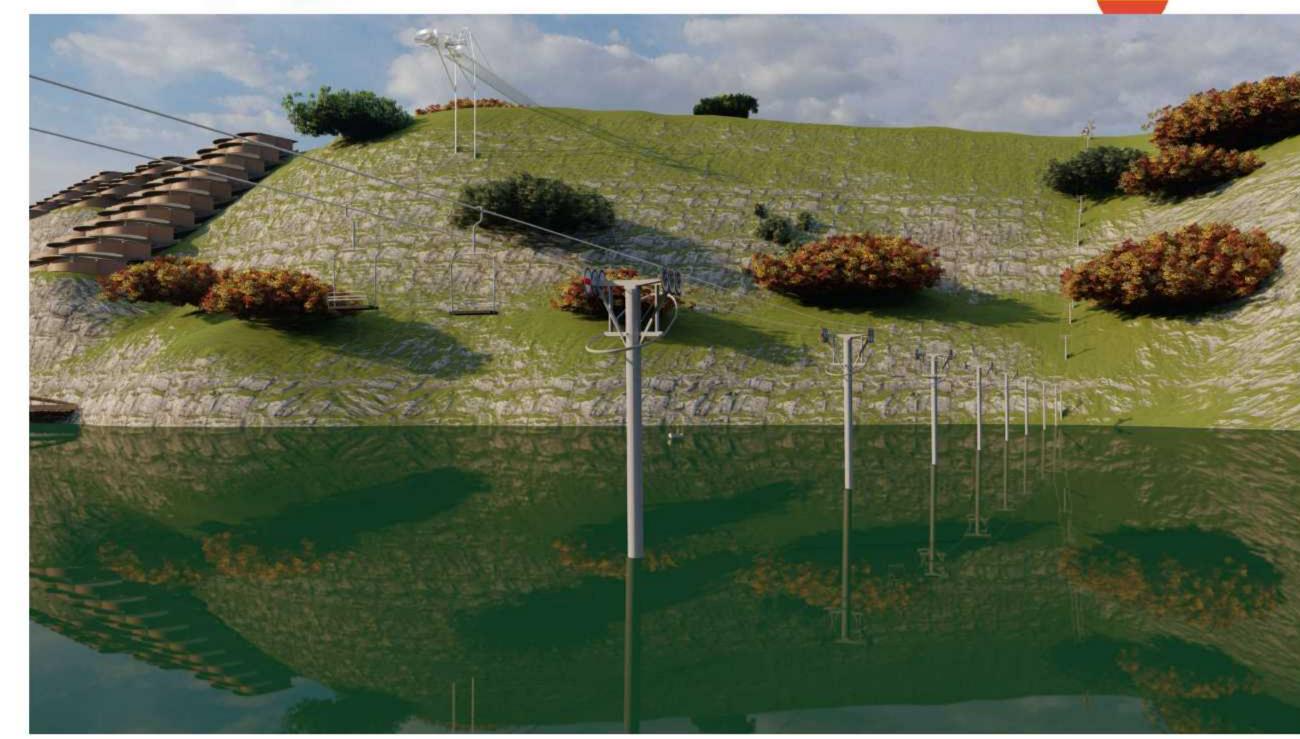




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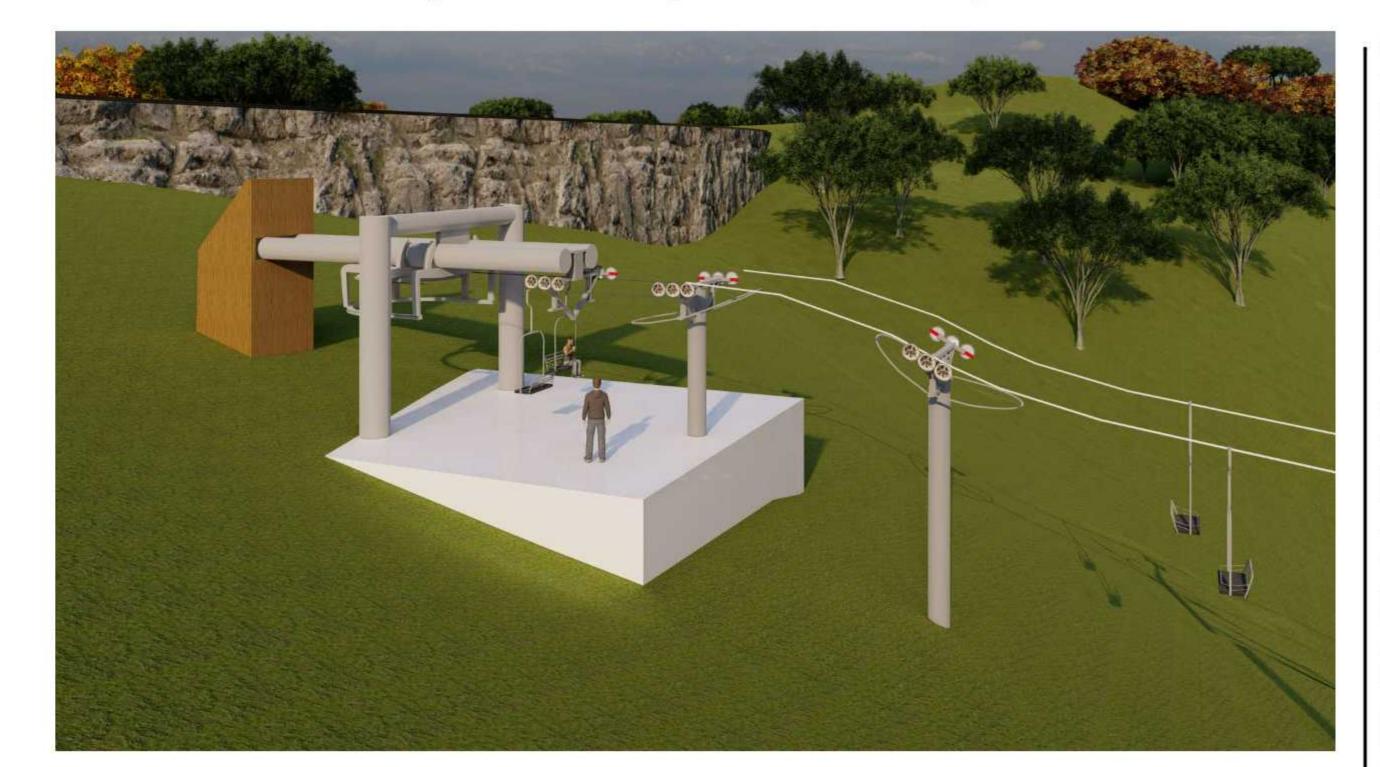


VIEW FROM THE DECK OF TYPE-1 UNIT

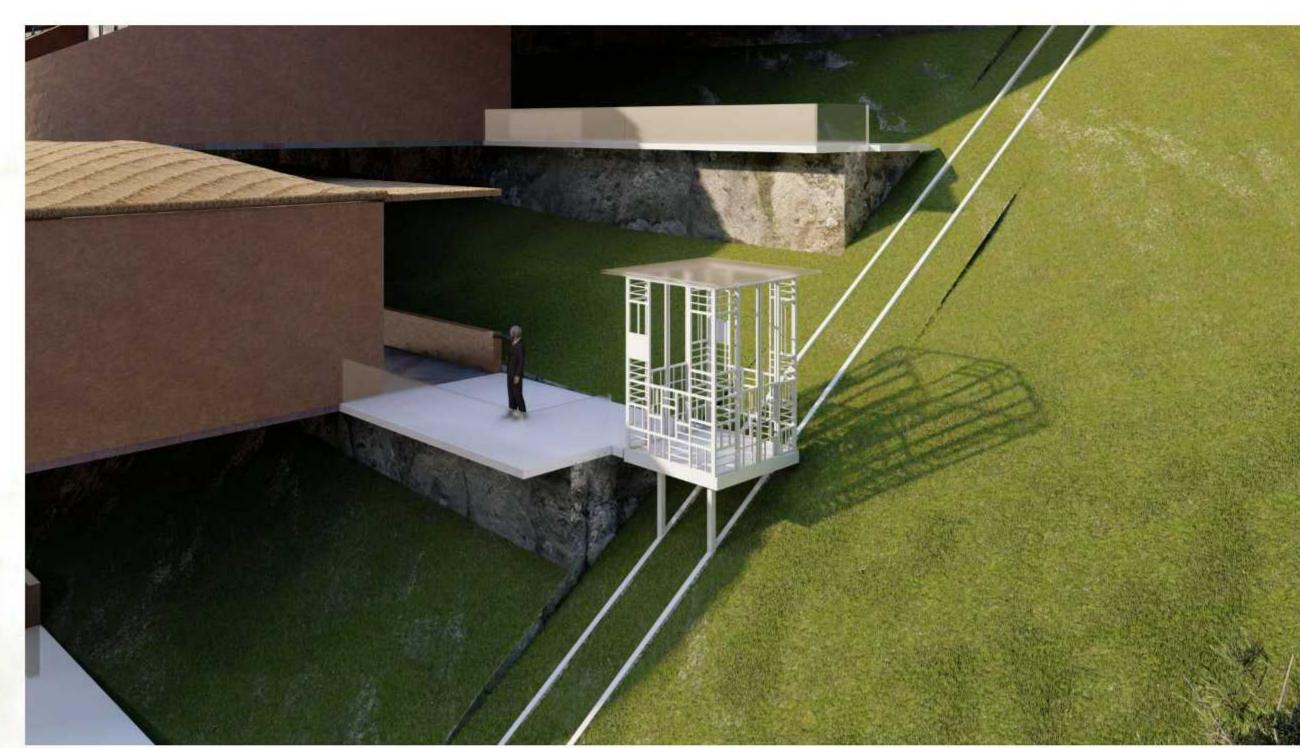


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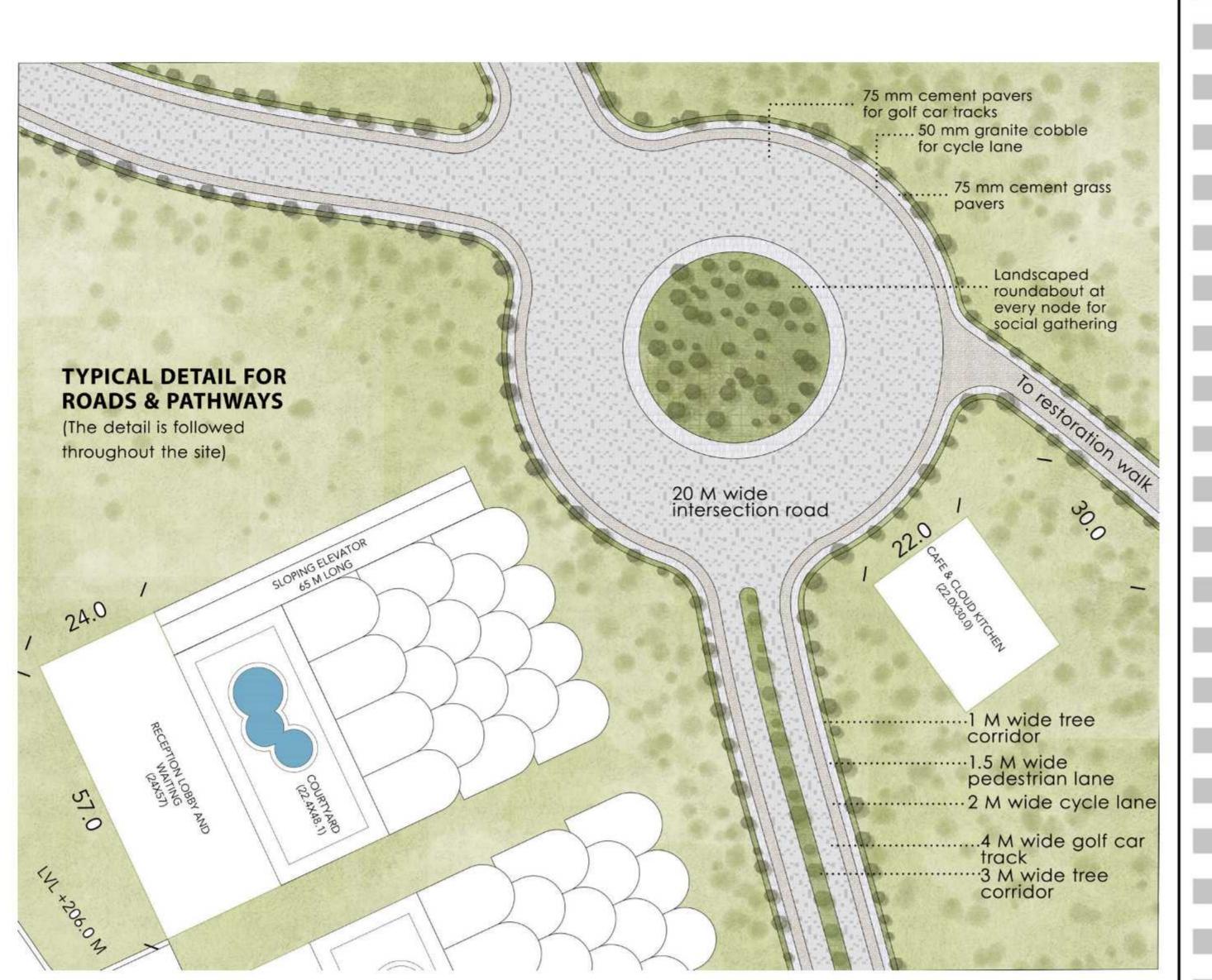
ROPEWAY STATION



SEMI-OPEN ELEVATOR



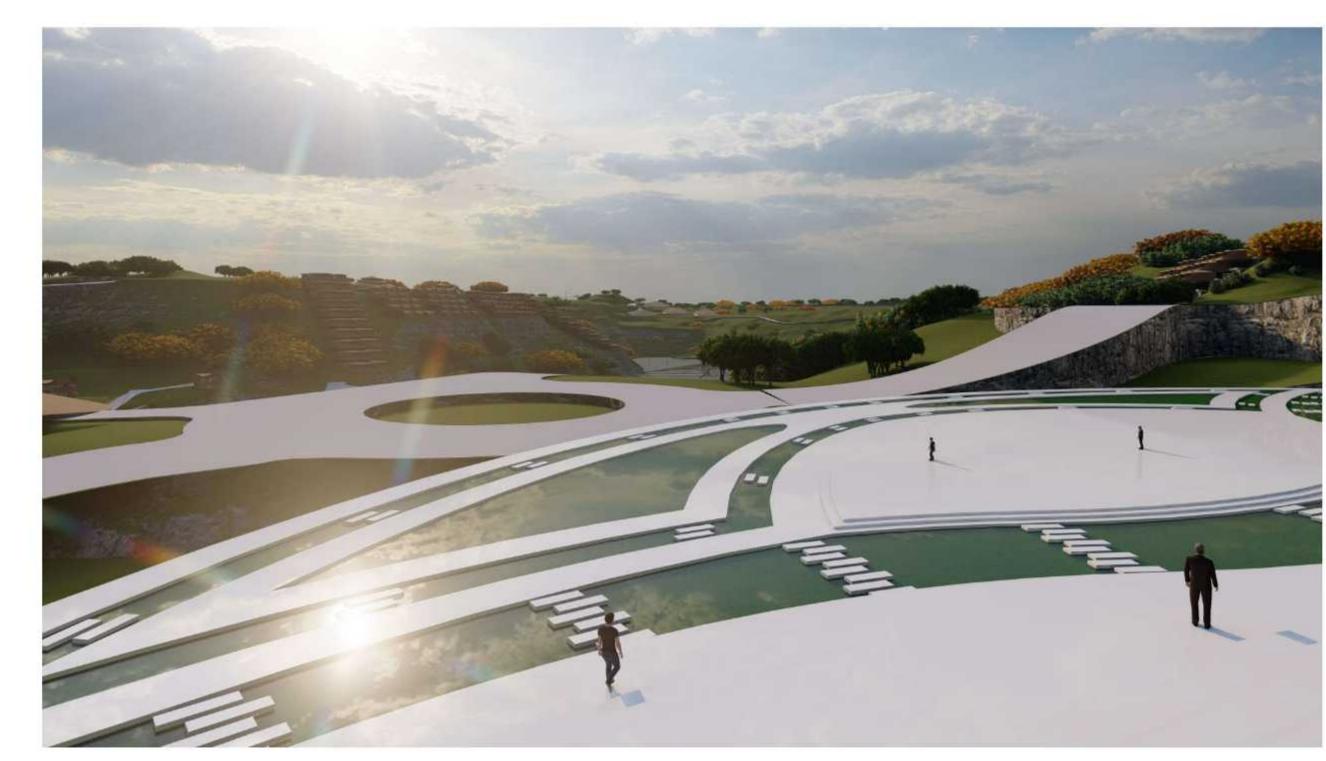
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TYPICAL PATHWAY DETAIL



VIEW FROM THE CORRIDOR



VIEW FROM THE OAT

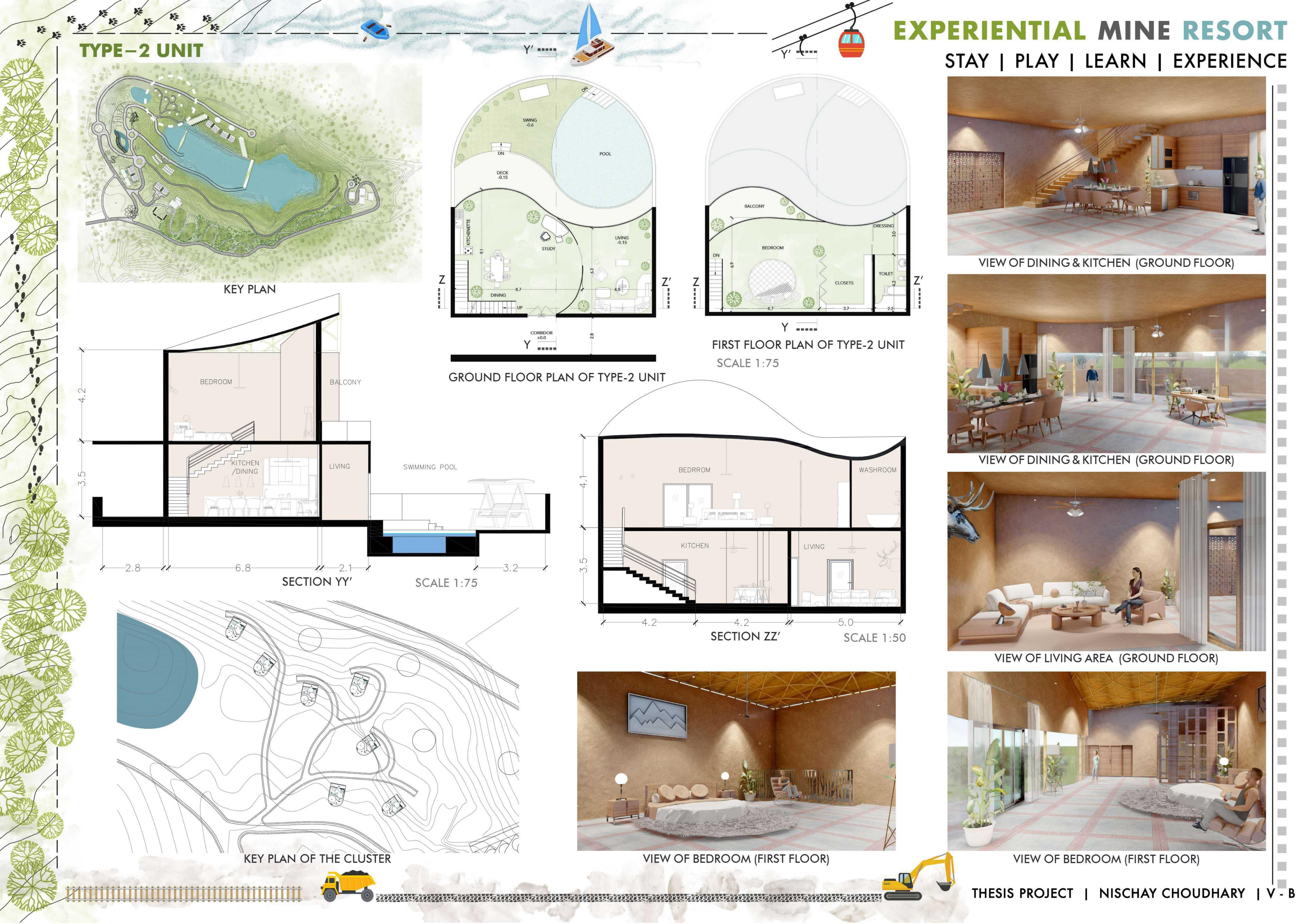


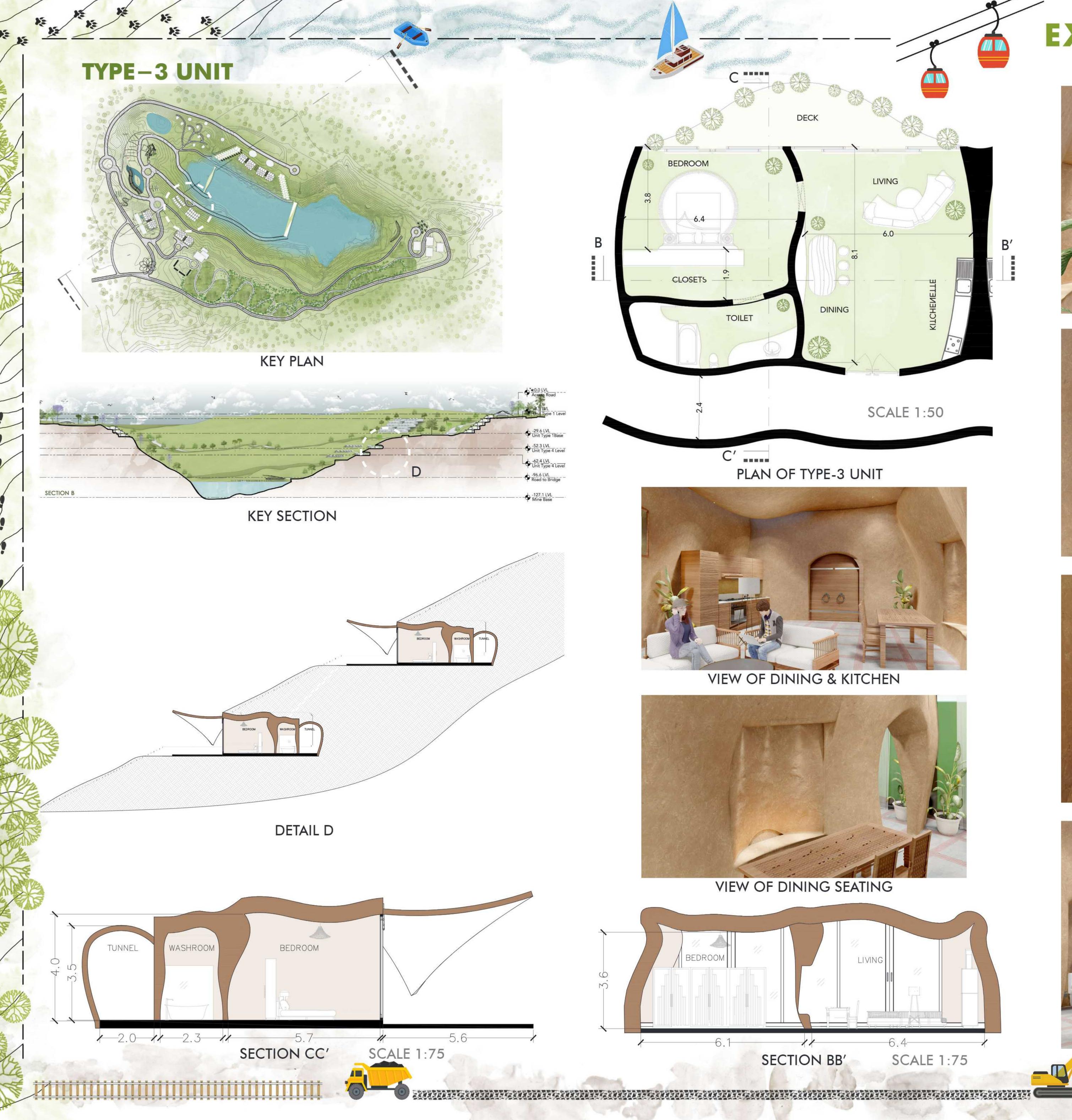












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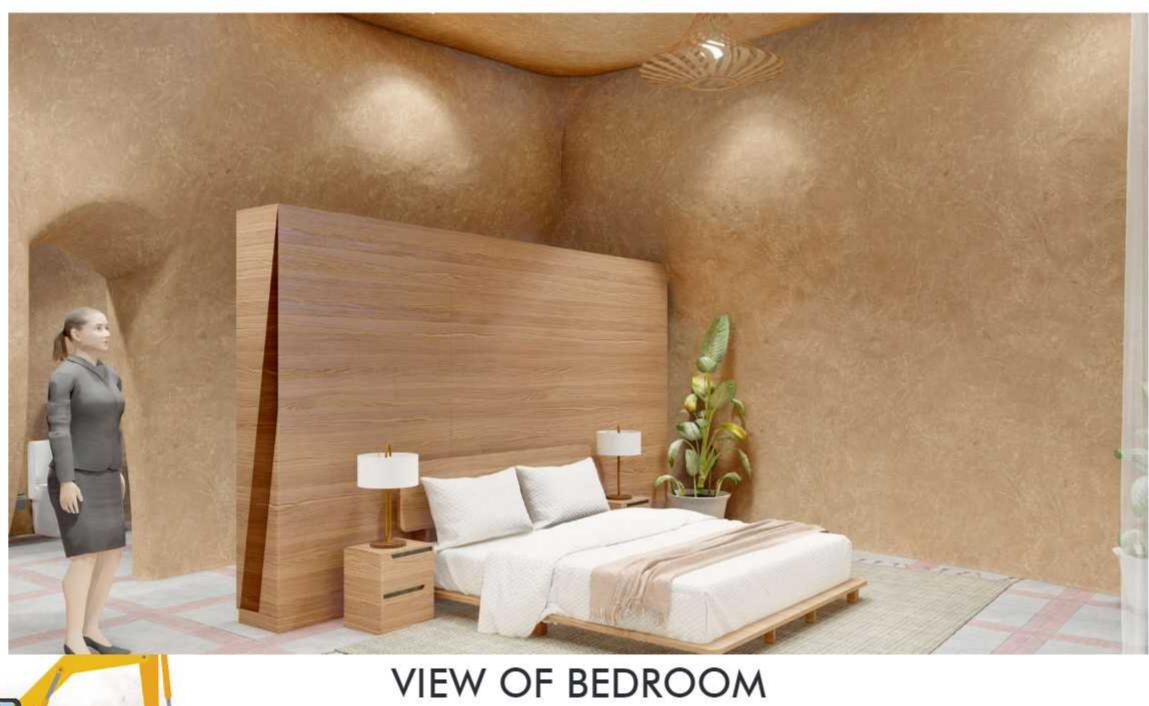
VIEW OF DINING AND LIVING AREA



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LANDSCAPE DESIGN

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The landscape design aims to incorporate elements of the surrounding ecosystem, such as local flora and fauna, natural water bodies, and geological features. The design aims to create a sense of place by highlighting the unique history and character of the site, and showcasing the potential for ecological restoration and regeneration of former mining areas.

The landscape design also incorporates sustainable and low-impact design strategies to minimize the environmental footprint of the resort. For example, the design aims to minimize water use through the use of drought-resistant plants and efficient irrigation systems, and maximize energy efficiency through the use of renewable energy sources, such as solar or wind power.





OBJECTIVES

- Enhancing the guest experience: The primary objective of the landscape design is to create an attractive, comfortable, and memorable environment for the guests. The design should incorporate elements that appeal to the senses, such as natural vegetation, water features, and art installations. The landscape should also provide opportunities for recreation and relaxation, such as walking trails, outdoor seating areas, and sports facilities.
- Complementing the architecture: The landscape design should complement and enhance the architectural style and character of the resort. The design should incorporate elements that harmonize with the building materials, colors, and textures. The landscape should also provide visual interest and variety that adds to the overall aesthetic appeal of the resort.
- Promoting sustainability: The landscape design should promote sustainability by incorporating environmentally friendly practices and materials. The design should incorporate native vegetation that requires minimal water and maintenance, use permeable paving and surfaces to reduce stormwater runoff, and incorporate renewable energy sources such as solar panels and wind turbines.
- Improving the ecological health of the site: The landscape design should consider the ecological health of the site and seek to improve it where possible. The design should incorporate measures such as soil remediation, habitat restoration, and erosion control to improve the site's ecological function and resilience.
- Supporting educational and interpretive programs: The landscape design should incorporate elements that support educational and interpretive programs about the history and ecology of the site. The design should incorporate signage, exhibits, and interactive displays that help guests understand the significance of the site and its connection to the local community and culture.
- Enhancing the property value: The landscape design should enhance the property value of the resort by creating an attractive and functional landscape that appeals. The design should also incorporate elements that improve the property's curb appeal and marketability.

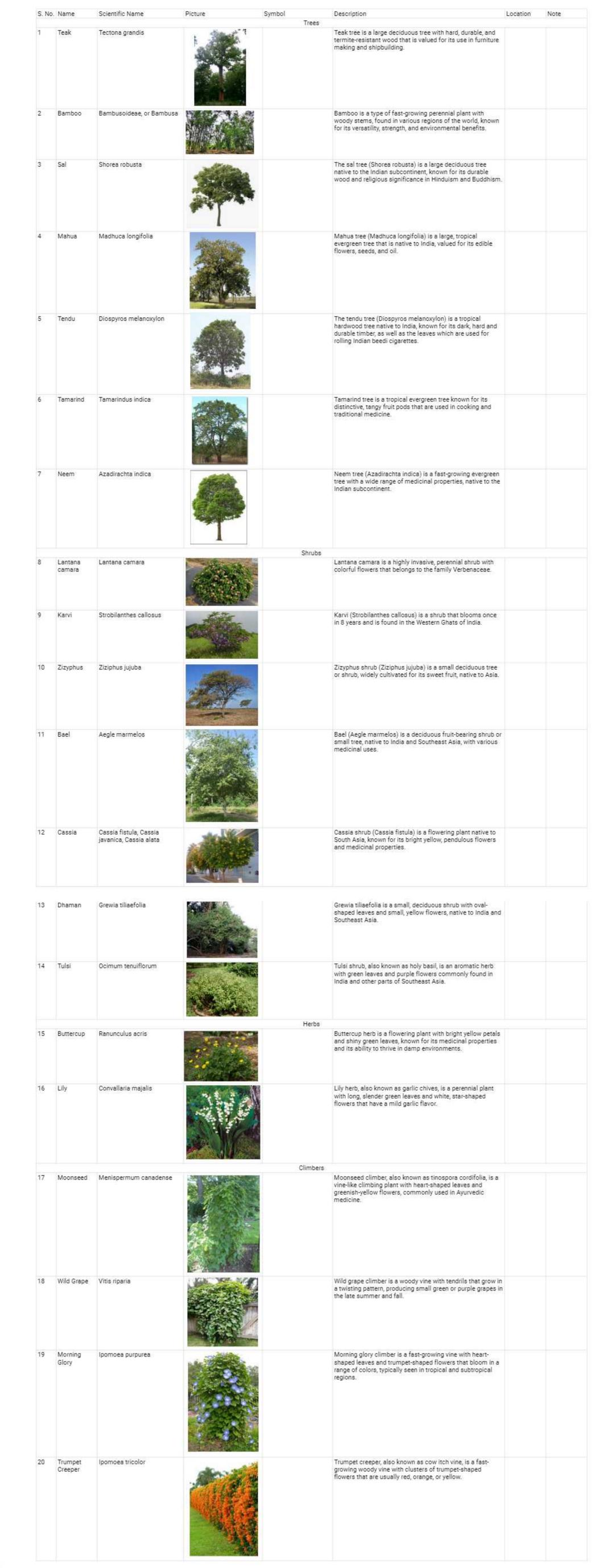
PROBLEMS AND ISSUES

• Environmental impact: The site may have been contaminated by pollutants from the coal mining activities, which could affect the environment and human health. Proper remediation measures will have to be taken to mitigate these risks.



- Topography: The site has a challenging topography, with steep slopes and unstable soil conditions, which could affect the design and construction of the resort.
- Accessibility: The site is located in a remote area, which could pose accessibility issues for tourists and employees.
- Wildlife: The site is located near a national park, and tigers are known to enter the site frequently. This could pose safety risks for tourists and employees and may require special measures to be taken to protect them.
- Water scarcity: The area may face water scarcity, which could pose a challenge for the resort's water needs.
- Local community: The development of the resort may impact the local community and their traditional livelihoods. It is important to involve the local community in the planning process and find ways to mitigate any adverse impacts.
- Legal and regulatory: There may be several legal and regulatory hurdles that need to be addressed, such as obtaining necessary approvals from local authorities and obtaining clearances from environmental and wildlife agencies.

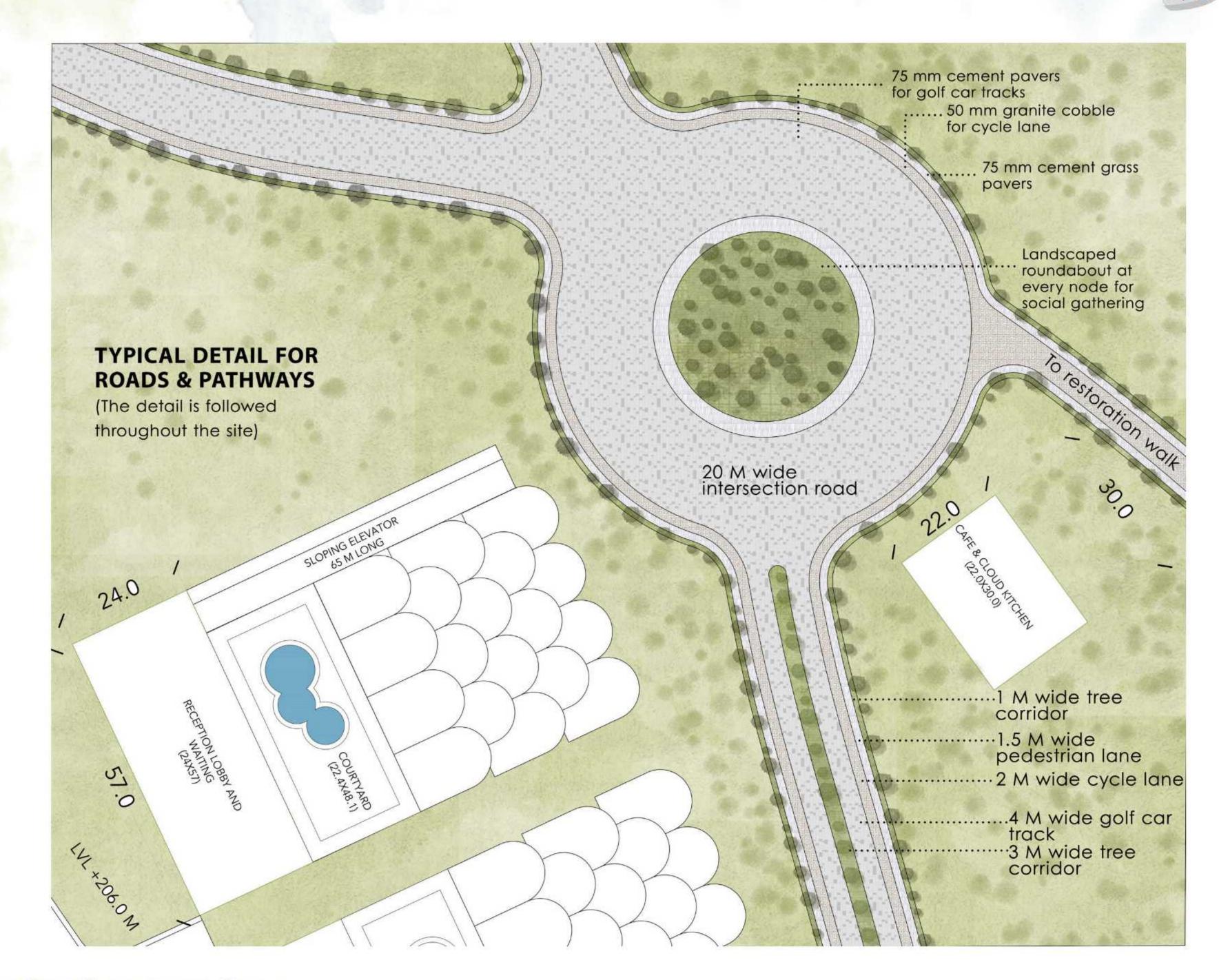


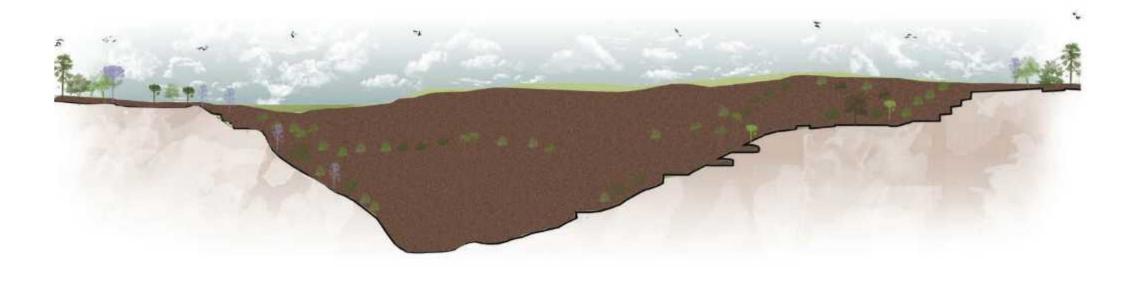


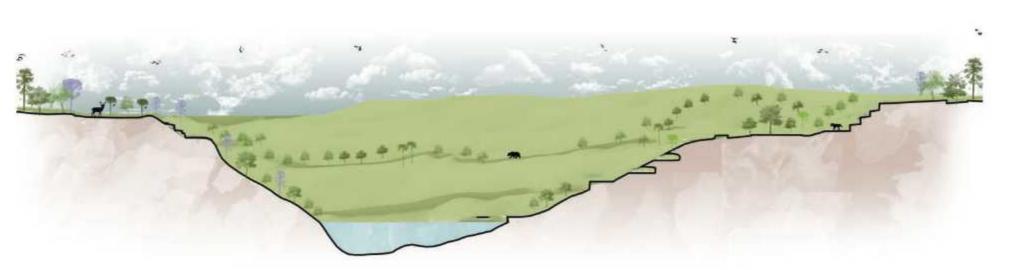




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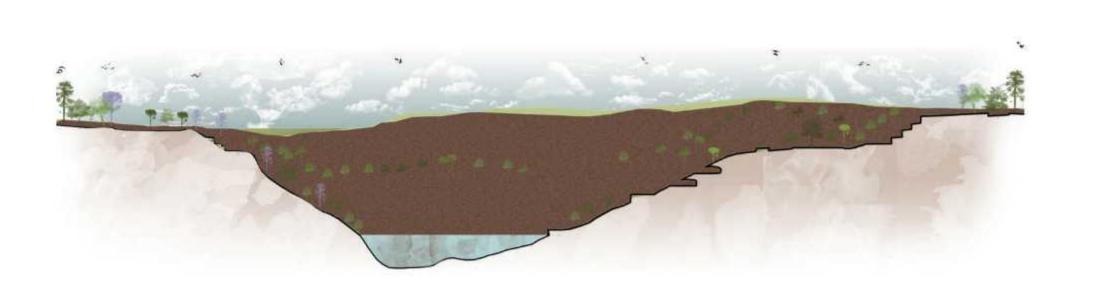


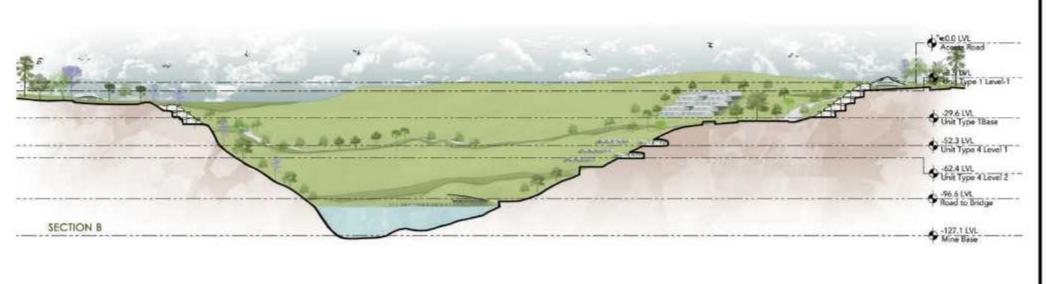
INTRODUCING WEEDS FROM SURROUNDING AREAS TO CREATE VEGETATIVE COVER

- Weed selection: Weeds that are native to the surrounding areas and can quickly establish themselves are chosen.
- Vegetative cover establishment: The selected weeds are introduced and planted strategically across the quarry site to create a vegetative cover.
- Weed management: Weeds are managed and controlled to prevent them from overpowering native plant species during the restoration process.

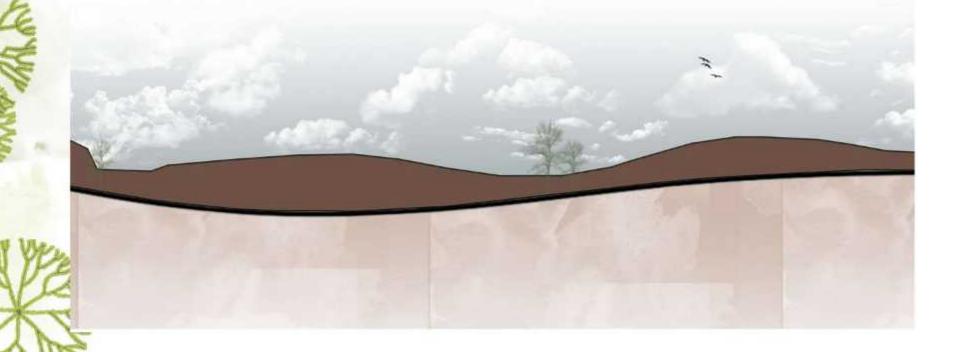
PLANTING NATIVE SHRUBS, TREES, AND OTHER INDIGENOUS SPECIES

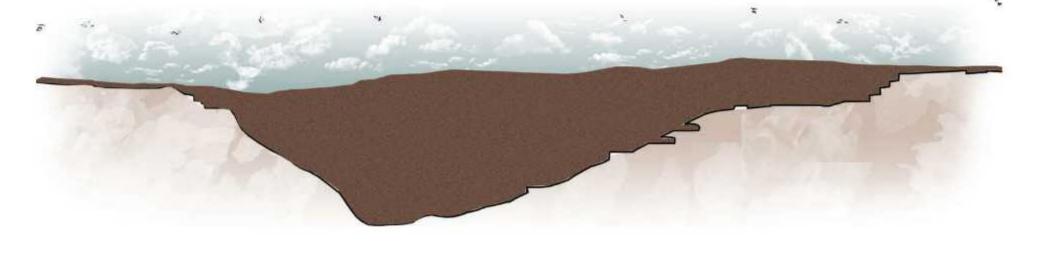
- Species selection: Native shrubs, trees, and other indigenous plant species suitable for the site's conditions are carefully selected.
- Planting strategy: The selected plant species are strategically planted across the restored quarry site, considering factors like soil type, sunlight exposure, and water availability.
- Planting techniques: Proper planting techniques, including soil preparation, root ball handling, and appropriate spacing, are employed to maximize plant survival and growth.





RESTORATION





ADDING MINERALS AND NUTRIENTS

- Soil analysis: Prior to restoration, soil analysis is conducted to determine the nutrient deficiencies and mineral composition.
- Nutrient supplementation: Based on the soil analysis, minerals and nutrients that are lacking in the soil are supplemented through appropriate organic or inorganic amendments.
- Balancing soil fertility: Adding minerals and nutrients helps to improve soil fertility, ensuring optimal conditions for plant growth and overall ecosystem restoration.

COLLECTING SOIL FROM NEARBY PATHS AND SPREADING IT EVENLY ON THE SITE

- Soil collection: Soil is collected from nearby paths or areas with suitable soil quality for vegetation growth.
- Even distribution: The collected soil is spread evenly across the quarry site to provide a substrate for plant growth and improve soil fertility.

DIVERTING A STREAM TO FILL THE BASIN AND POPULATING IT WITH FISH

- Stream diversion: A nearby stream is redirected to flow into the quarry basin, creating a water body.
- Basin filling: The diverted stream water fills the quarry basin, establishing an aquatic habitat.
- Fish population: Fish species native to the region are introduced to the water body, promoting biodiversity and establishing a functioning aquatic ecosystem.

MONITORING AND MAINTAINING THE ECOSYSTEM FOR SEVERAL YEARS

- Regular monitoring: The restored site is regularly monitored to assess the progress of vegetation establishment, wildlife activity, and overall ecosystem health.
- Maintenance activities: Ongoing maintenance tasks such as watering, weeding, pruning, and fertilization are performed to support the growth and survival of planted vegetation.
- Adaptive management: If any challenges or issues arise, adaptive management strategies are implemented to address them and improve the restoration outcomes.







PHASE WISE DEVELOPEMENT



Construction of Type 1 Units for visitors and primarily the research block with accommodation for researchers. Basic supporting amenities are provided for functioning. Recreational activities include boating and golfing. Golf course is the major restoration zone to kick start the process. Planting of fruit orchards and vegetables also begins.



Construction of more Units for visitors. Research block is intensified. Introduction of a bigger dining hall, co-working cluster and a general purpose amphitheater with water body.



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Construction of Type 3 & 4 Units for visitors. Development of research block with introduction of Amphitheater for educational gatherings. Intensification of supporting amenities and service cottages. Recreational activities include viewing deck, restoration block and mountain climbing. Fruit orchards and vegetable garden are the additions to soil restoration.



Dense living clusters with private cottages for premium experience. Recreational activities include: ropeway, and 2 walking bridges across the water body. Introduction of more co-working spaces.

