

WELSPUN



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Welspun to invest Rs. 6000 Crore in Maharashtra

- Greenfield Steel project of 1.5 MTPA
- Increase existing DRI Capacity from 0.9 MTPA to 1.7 MTPA
- Investment of Rs.6000 Crore
- To employ around 5000 people
- Commencement of Production April 2012

Mumbai, 18 August 2009: Welspun Power and Steel Ltd. (WPSL), part of the US\$ 2 billion Welspun Group, today announced an investment of Rs. 6000 Crores in Maharashtra, making it one of the largest investments in the State. The Company will set up a fully integrated 1.5 MTPA steel plant through a Special Purpose Vehicle (**Welspun Maxsteel Ltd**). The Company will additionally increase the capacity of its existing DRI facility from 0.9 MTPA to 1.5 MTPA.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister of Industries Mr. Narayan Rane, Hon'ble State minister for Industries Shri Rana Jagjit Singh Patil, Chief Secretary Mr. Johnny Joseph, ED Finance of Welspun Group Mr. M.L. Mittal and Mr. Chintan Thaker, Strategic Cell, Chairman's office of Welspun Group.

Mr. Ashok Tandon, Director, WPSL and Mr. Azeez Khan, Principal Secretary (Industries) signed the MOU. The new facility, adjacent to Welspun Maxsteel Ltd. in Village Salav, District Raigad aims to provide direct and indirect employment to 5000 people.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Azeez Khan, Principal Secretary (Industries) said, "It is highly satisfying to see yet another major industrial player establishing a new mega project in Maharashtra and entering into a partnership with the state. Welspun's project will benefit the local area and people, as well as the state as a whole", he added.

Mr. B.K.Goenka Chairman, Welspun conveyed his message which said, "Welspun expresses sincere gratitude to the Government of Maharashtra for extending support to this mega project. We will bring latest technology and the best global practices for setting up this state-of-art steel plant. While producing the best quality steel,

environmental sustenance will remain our prime objective. We are fully committed to this investment thereby resulting in the overall socio-economic development of the state of Maharashtra”.

Mr. Narayan Rane, Hon'ble Minister for Industries thanked WPSL for conceptualizing to set up a steel plant in Raigad District which will not only create jobs but also result in the overall development of the region.

Welspun aims to start commercial production of this facility by April 2012. The Company believes that this facility would not only lead to the socio economic development of the region but also aid ancillary industries and infrastructure without disturbing the ecological balance. Along with efficient utilization of the port, the facility would help in developing hospitality and tourism industry in the region.

About Welspun Power and Steel Ltd (WPSL)

Welspun Power & Steel Ltd. (WPSL) was established in 2004, recognizing the enormous potential in the construction and infrastructure industry. WPSL manufactures ISI Certified Ribbed Thermo Mechanically treated (TMT) rebar's, Ingots and Billets at its factory in Welspun City, Anjar. It has an 18 Mega Watt waste heat recovery boiler Power Plant that utilizes waste heat from the steel furnaces. The Company completed the acquisition of Vikram Ispat (now being renamed as Welspun Maxsteel Ltd), the Sponge Iron Business of Grasim Industries Ltd. on 22 May, 09, for a purchase consideration of Rs. 1,030 Crores. The plant, situated in the Raigad district of Maharashtra has an installed capacity of 9 lakh ton per annum. WPSL additionally has done a strategic investment with Remi Metals Gujarat Ltd.

About Welspun

With an Enterprise Value of US\$ 2000 million Welspun group is one of the fastest growing Indian conglomerates. With presence in over 50 Countries and over 22,000 employees and 50,000 shareholders, Welspun truly represent an amalgamation of expertise, resources, opportunities and engineering excellence. Welspun is considered amongst one of the premier Global Line Pipe and Home Textile Companies. The group enjoys strong relationship with marquee clients including most of the Fortune 100 Companies viz. Chevron, Exxon Mobil, Wal Mart, Target, and J. C. Penny amongst others. Welspun is also trusted by some of the largest Financial Institutions / Banks viz. Temasek (Govt. of Singapore), HSBC, Standard Chartered Bank, Deutsche Bank, ICICI venture and State Bank of India.
