



## **Welspun Gujarat announces commencement of World-Class Plate mill**

**Mumbai: April 2, 2008:** Welspun Gujarat Stahl Rohren Ltd. takes pride in announcing the commencement of its 1.5 million tonne state-of-art Plate mill – one of the only three mills of its kind in the World as of 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008. Part of the backward integration project of Welspun, the mill has the capacity to produce plates up to 4.5 meters wide and is all set to make a mark in the Company's operational capabilities. It may be noted that the trial production of the mill was commenced in September 07 and since then Welspun has been able to make the most challenging plates involving sizes up to 4.5 meter wide and steel grade of X 70 API Grade.

Speaking on the commercial commencement, Mr. B.K. Goenka, VC and MD of Welspun Group said, "I along with my colleagues take pride in this historic moment of commencement of this one-of-its-kind plate mill in India. We believe that this mill will not only prove the 'Engineering Excellence' that Welspun portrays, but also strengthen its position globally", he adds.

The availability of in-house Plates will provide more flexibility in marketing the products besides assuring quality and delivery on time to the valued customers. It will additionally improve Welspun's internal flexibility to book short gestation orders besides adding to the Company's turnover and profitability.

The state-of-art equipments used in the mill are largely European and have the ability to achieve most stringent quality specifications and size requirements as mentioned below:

<b>WIDTH:</b>	1500 MM - 4500 MM
<b>THICKNESS:</b>	10 MM - 45 MM [API Grades]
<b>LENGTH:</b>	UPTO 18 MTRS.
<b>GRADE:</b>	X70 & above
<b>CAPACITY:</b>	1,500,000 MT PA

### **About W.G.S.R.L.:**

Welspun Gujarat Stahl Rohren is part of the \$ 1.5 bn Welspun Group. The company started its activities in 1995 and since then has supplied pipes for some of the most prestigious projects including the World's deepest pipeline project in the Gulf of Mexico, U.S.A. Welspun's state-of-the-art plants are located in Dahej and Anjar in Gujarat. The Company has recently set up a \$ 100 million manufacturing facility in Little Rock, Arkansas, USA, which will start commissioning from mid 2008. The manufacturing facilities incorporate the hybrid JCO technology from Mannesmann Demag of Germany (SMS Meer). The company has been the leader in quality, innovation and technology and enjoys distinction of supplying highest recognized X 80 grade and 56" outer diameter line pipes in the country. W.G.S.R.L. is prepared to meet the growing demand and is in a position to meet the stringent requirements and standards of high grade line pipes.

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