



## **Welspun's SAW mills approved suppliers for Kinder Morgan**

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Indian pipemaker Welspun Corp Ltd's submerged arc welded (SAW) pipe mills in Anjar and Dahej (Gujarat) are now "approved sources" of supply for Kinder Morgan pipeline projects, **Steel Business Briefing** learns directly from the company.

The chairman of Welspun, B.K. Goenka, called it a "significant moment", noting that Welspun's performance and profitability would benefit from being able to bid for and take part in various Kinder Morgan projects.

This also positions Welspun to take full advantage of the likely merger of Kinder Morgan and El Paso, both main customers of Welspun. The merger is likely to be concluded by the second quarter of 2011, as reported by SBB.

Welspun Gujarat is headquartered in Mumbai in the western state of Maharashtra. It operates pipe mills at Dahej and Anjar, both located in Gujarat, with a total installed capacity of almost 1.2 million tonnes/year. It also has production facilities at Little Rock in Arkansas, US and Dammam in Saudi Arabia, and recently established a spiral pipe mill in Mandya, Karnataka, India.

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