

NINL Commissioned Steel Melting Complex



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Neelachallspat Nigam Limited (NINL), A Joint venture company of MMTC, central PSU of Govt of India and IPICOL, Govt of Odisha has commissioned its “The state of art” and fully automated BOF shop and continuous casting plant on 31st Mar'13. NINL has commissioned its one 110 t capacity LD converter, one argon rinsing station and 6 strand continuous billet caster. The technology was supplied by M/s SMS-Siemag, Germany and SMS-Concast, the world leader in steel melting technology, M/s HEC, Ranchi, a leader in crane technology, M/s BHEL-Bangalore, an expert in Automation of system and M/s MECON, India's largest metallurgical consultancy company have provided consultancy & project management services. It may be noted that, very recently, NINL has also commissioned its another “The state of art “ unit. e418 TPD Oxygen plant with the help of M/s LINDE, Germany.

Announcing commissioning of the plant The Managing Director Shri S P Patnaik, said that this is a historic and proud moment for the company. With production of steel billet now NINL has become a full-fledged integrated steel plant. Complementing the



technology supplier, M/s SMS-Siemag, SMS-Concast, Switzerland & HEC-India, executing agencies like Gayatry Project Ltd, HSCL, MICCO, Mukand, RIPPL, BHEL, and the project management team of NINL including the representatives of unions and association and the consultant MECON, he said that this is one of the best plants in the country and the plant is dedicated to all those who have been associated with the commissioning of this sophisticated project since the beginning. On smooth and safe commissioning of SMS, he complemented the whole project team and all the contractors for sticking to the safety norms. He also offered his gratitude to all past MDs and Chairmen for their efforts at different stages. Shri Patnaik specially mention the contribution made by the present NINL board members and chairman Shri D S Dhesi for continuous support & guidance.

On this occasion, Director (Finance) Shri S P Padhi, commented that the production of value added product like billet as compared to pig iron, gives much better sales realizations and so,

company's financial performance will go up in future. In India and as well as in the world, steel billet demand is much higher than pig iron. NINL has MoU with its Promoter company, MMTC for marketing of its all products including Billets & Pig iron.

The Jt. Managing Director, Shri P K Mishra has said that, with the commissioning of SMS, NINL will very soon achieve its rated capacity of 1.1 million ton hot metal which was earlier restricted due to low demand of Pig casting. He said, with operational discipline at SMS, NINL will be a low cost producer of steel very soon, thereby can meet the demand of domestic as well as export market.

Needless to mention here that, NINL is also getting ready to operationalise its captive mines and launch its ambition plan of a second blast furnace, second coke oven battery and suitable capacity thermal power plant. NINL has already made its perspective plan to take its capacity to 3 million tons & then to 5 million tons in phases. MD, NINL also expressed his gratitude to all the stake holders for their co-operation.