



Book on first course in iron and steelmaking

With the aim to cater to the undergraduate metallurgical engineering students, a concise and contemporary book on iron and steelmaking, Professor Dipak Majumdar's was motivated to write a book. The book titled 'A first course on Iron and Steelmaking' was recently launched. The book is a comprehensive one featuring the status of the Indian iron and steel industry, the processes followed in extraction, the traditional, contemporary as well as those expected to be followed in future. Each process has been described with their advantages and disadvantages. It contains a large number of numerical worked examples as well as exercises. The book also contains appropriate figures, diagrams and tables close to the point of reference. Professor Dipak Majumdar is internationally recognized in the area of education and research. He has been teaching 'Process modelling' and 'Iron and steelmaking' at the Indian Institute of Technology, Kanpur for nearly decades. Professor Majumdar is a fellow of the Indian National Academy of Engineering and currently holds the distinguished Ministry of Steel Chair Professorship at IIT Kanpur.



Visa Steel Approves Kalinganagar Steel amalgamation



Visa Steel said that its board of directors have approved a scheme of amalgamation of Kalinganagar Special Steel with Visa Steel at a meeting held lately. Under the arrangement, Kalinganagar will be amalgamated into Visa Steel and their respective shareholders and creditors under sections 391 to 394 of the Companies Act, 1956. Since Kalinganagar Special Steel is a wholly owned subsidiary of Visa Steel no shares are proposed to be issued pursuant to the Scheme. The company said that the scheme is subject to approval of High Court of Orissa and other statutory authorities as may be applicable.

Odisha seeks mines reservation for its PSUs

As per reports the Odisha government has impressed upon the Union mines ministry to make provisions for reservation of mine leases for its PSUs in the Mines and Minerals - Development & Regulation (MMDR) Bill, 2014. The Bill seeks to offer iron ore and other bulk minerals through the competitive bidding route.

Mr. Deepak Mohanty, state director of mines said, "We have proposed to the Union government that even within the auction process, necessary provisions can be made in the MMDR Bill to reserve mining areas for the state PSUs. The state government has also demanded that the central mines ministry should hold consultation with mineral bearing states before finalising the terms and conditions of the auction."

Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar, Union steel & mines minister said recently that the MMDR Bill was likely to be tabled in the current session of the Parliament. The Bill seeks to amend the existing Mines and Minerals- Development & Regulation Act, 1957.

The proposed auctioning route to lease out minerals has already invited flak from industry bodies like Federation of Indian Mineral Industries. FIMI said that auctioning may lead to selective mining while leaving low grade minerals in the ground, wastage of resources and inflate the cost of final product, making it uncompetitive vis-a-vis imports.

In Odisha, the Society for Geoscientists and Allied Technologists, a body dedicated to promotion of mineral development, has also opposed the grant of new mining leases via the competitive bidding route.