



## China Polaris Technologies seeks to acquire Ajaokuta Steel Company in Nigeria



Chinese consortium, China Polaris Technologies Co Ltd, is seeking to acquire the Ajaokuta Steel Company Limited in Nigeria.

During a courtesy visit to the Minister of State for Solid Minerals Development, Abubakar Bawa Bwari in his office in Abuja, Chief Executive Officer of the company, Zhang Wendong said, the mission of his team's visit was to indicate the group's interest in investing in Nigeria's solid minerals sector.

While indicating the company's interest to acquire ASCL, Wendong said they had discovered an iron ore site of high quality that can be explored to provide raw materials for the Ajaokuta Company and other steel processing companies in the country. He said the consortium was a group of companies that were into mining, exploration, financing, provision of technologies, commodity exchange and minerals product beneficiation. He urged the Ministry to speed up the process of obtaining mining licenses and how to link up with licensed companies in the sector to foster partnership.

## Baosteel transfers 800 million shares to China National Petroleum Corp



Shanghai Baosteel Group Corp, China's second-largest steel producer plans to transfer 800 million shares in one of its listed units to China National Petroleum Corp, mirroring a similar move by the energy company earlier this year.

The country's biggest oil and gas producer would hold 4.86 percent of Baoshan Iron & Steel Co, trimming Baosteel's share to 74.88 percent.

The Shanghai-traded A shares to be transferred are worth about 3.92 billion yuan using the company's last traded price.

The transaction requires approval from the State-Owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission.

In June, CNPC shifted 624 million shares or 0.34 percent in its PetroChina Co. unit to the steel company's parent, a stake worth about 4.5 billion yuan at the time. The companies in both instances said the transfers were free and intended to enhance strategic co-operation without elaborating.

In 2012, Baoshan Iron & Steel invested 8 billion yuan for a 13 percent stake in a third CNPC pipeline that links the country's western regions to its eastern provinces. PetroChina is seeking to consolidate the companies that operate its three separate west-to-east gas pipelines into a single entity to improve efficiency and boost the value of the businesses, it said in December.

## NDRC appeals to reduce steel and coal production in China



The National Development and Reform Commission said that China should quicken its pace for reducing overcapacity in steel and coal production. The NDRC says rising prices for the commodities have been weakening the resolve of local governments to accelerate the cuts.

The NDRC says, that's because the local governments are worried that capacity cuts could hurt growth.

The NDRC also says that steel capacity reductions in the first seven months of this year have so far reached only 47 percent of its 2016 target. That's why cuts in coal capacity have reached only 38 percent of the NDRC's target.