



Chinese company inks MoU with Adani for \$300 mn investment

One of China's biggest private companies inked a MoU with Adani Group to invest \$300 million in a manufacturing unit of an Indian port

The memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed between Adani and East Hope Group of China proposes to set up manufacturing units at Mundra special economic zone in Gujarat to produce solar power generation equipment, chemicals, aluminium, a statement by the Indian Consulate in Shanghai said.

The MoU will also allow the Chinese company's engineering and industrial integration chain to recycle and economise



the product cost at Mundra SEZ.

The MoU was signed between Amit Uplenchar, President of Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone, and Meng Changjun, President of East Hope Group

(Investment), in the presence of Consul General Prakash Gupta recently.

The MoU is proposed to be converted into a definitive agreement within a period of 180 days and would cover areas of specific cooperation outlined as per the agreement between the two sides, the statement said.

An estimated investment of more than \$300 million is expected to be made by the East Hope Group in India as part of the proposed cooperation between the two companies.

East Hope is a Renminbi 70 billion Group is one of the largest corporate houses in China, having business interests in aluminium, polysilicon and power.

Chinese firms eye slice of India's massive infrastructure pie



Lured by the massive infrastructure development plans that the government has drawn, state-run Chinese companies like China Harbour Engineering Co. Ltd and China Datang Corp. (CDC), are keen in acquiring Indian firms in the engineering, procurement, construction (EPC) and power generation space, respectively to have a slice of the country's mammoth infrastructure pie.

While CDC, one of China's largest power generation utility, has been attracted by India's stressed power projects, another government-owned firm-China Southern Power Grid is in discussions with Essel Infraprojects Ltd for jointly bidding for power transmission projects, said one of the two people cited above.

This comes in the backdrop of India's plan to invest as much as Rs3.96 trillion in the current financial year to bankroll its new integrated infrastructure plans comprising roads, railways, waterways and civil aviation.

However, the domestic industry has been raising concerns about Chinese firms' participation in India's infrastructure projects given their strategic importance. There have been instances in the past when India stopped giving clearances to telecom

equipment imported from China over security concerns.

"China Harbour Engineering is looking for acquisition in the EPC space across sectors. CDC has also become interested in acquiring stressed power projects," said the first person aware of the company's India strategy, requesting anonymity.

China Harbour Engineering is a unit of China Communications Construction Co. Ltd. Chinese firms' interest stems from ambitious plans such as Sagarmala and Bharatmala. While the total road length to be developed as expressways under Bharatmala will be around 51,000km, the Sagarmala programme envisages construction of new ports to harness the country's 7,517km coastline and setting up as many as 142 cargo terminals at major ports.

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