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Linde wins a 225 crores contract from SAIL

The Linde Group to partner expansion & modernization programme for Rourkela Steel Plant

Kolkata, August 6, 2007: The Linde Engineering and BOC India Ltd, a member of “ The Linde Group” has signed up an agreement with SAIL, Rourkela Steel Plant, to set up a 700 Tons per day Air Separation Plant. The various gases produced in the plant shall meet the requirements arising from the expansion & modernisation programme being undertaken by **SAIL at Rourkela steel plant** .

The proposed plant shall produce and supply 700 tpd of oxygen, 250 tpd of Nitrogen and Argon for use in blast furnaces & steel making process. Additionally, the plant shall also produce liquid products, which will be stored in the liquid storage facility to provide backup.

“We are delighted to win this contract. This is an important step towards enhancing our synergies with SAIL” says Mr. E R Raj Narayanan Managing Director, BOC India Limited.

“This is a key stepping stone for the Linde Group to be associated with Steel major, we see great potential for further highly interesting projects in India and with SAIL” said Metthias Bertsch, General Manager Sales for ASU’s worldwide for the Linde Group.

Adding on this win Mr. H M Bengani, Head of Project Engineering Division of BOC says “It’s a strategic victory in presence of tough global competition. We were preferred by SAIL not only because of competitive pricing but also on account of its most energy efficient design”.

The Linde Group / BOC India Limited, the pioneer and leader in the gases and related engineering industry, has been successfully partnering some of the biggest industrial names in the country for the past seven decades. With this win, the Linde Group / **BOC India** takes pride in associating with SAIL for another significant expansion.