

## Media Release

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### **Mr. Muthuraman inaugurates BOC India's 225 tpd Air Separation Plant at Jamshedpur Plant commissioned ahead of schedule**

**All India, 13<sup>th</sup> August 2003:** In a glittering ceremony today at Jamshedpur the **225 tpd Air Separation Plant** was inaugurated by **Mr. B Muthuraman** the **Managing Director of Tata Steel**.

In keeping with tradition the new 225 tpd ASU for supply of oxygen to **Tata Steel** plant was commissioned ahead of schedule. The state of the art Improved Cryogenic Oxygen (ICO) generator will help in meeting **Tata Steel's** increased demand for Oxygen to a great extent. The plant comes with distinct technical advantages reflecting in better on-line time and higher efficiency.

Unveiling the plaque to inaugurate the plant, **Mr. Muthuraman, Managing Director Tata Steel** said, *"It is a great feeling to be here because **Tata Steel** and **BOC** are partners in business and partners in progress. Modern business compulsion of being competitive not only nationally but internationally will always continue to dictate companies to do those tasks that they are best at. With this in mind **Tata Steel** quite some time back started taking steps to ask reliable company like **BOC** to undertake critical jobs of **Tata Steel**. These are areas that **BOC** is very good at and the new 225 tpd Air Separation plant is another step in this direction"*.

The large supply contract was awarded to **BOC India** amidst stiff competition from other gas majors. **Tata Steel** found **BOC India's** offer technically superior and commercially most attractive.

Congratulating Mr. Lamba and his team for the display of professionalism at completing the project ahead of schedule **Dr. T Mukherjee** the **Deputy Managing Director Tata Steel** said *"It's a great day today for several reasons. Our relationship with **BOC** goes back to many years. History shows we have a partner whom we can rely on, who in turn can rely on us. It's a symbiotic existence. Both **Tata Steel** and **BOC** have benefited and have grown as a result of this particular agreement."*

**Mr. Sanjiv Lamba, Managing Director, BOC India Limited** speaking on the occasion said *"This plant is a reflection of the sustaining relationship that **BOC India** has established with its largest customer **Tata Steel** over the decades. This plant gave **BOC** another opportunity to showcase our talents and prove that we can deliver ahead of the delivery time, a track record that we have always maintained".* He further added *"There is a strong sense of commitment that runs through **BOC's** business in India. **BOC** has always delivered industrial gases safely and reliably at the lowest cost and highest quality. This is once again reflected with the commissioning of our 225 tpd plant at Jamshedpur"*.

The **225 tpd Air Separation Plant** uses highly efficient integrally geared main and booster air compressors with auto inlet guide vane control system. It is also free of typical maintenance prone equipment such as refrigeration unit and electrical heaters etc, providing better reliability compared to conventional ASUs operating in the country. Another unique feature of this fully automated plant is its compactness, requiring small foot print area.

## **BOC India - TATA STEEL Partnership:**

**TATA STEEL** and **BOC** partnership takes yet another step, with the commissioning of the 225 tpd plant at Jamshedpur. Over the past six decades the relationship has matured from that of a user-supplier to one of being partners-built upon mutual trust and respect for one another. The **TATA STEEL-BOC** partnership is a significant point of reference for the industry at large.

**About BOC India Limited :** **BOC India Limited (BOCI)** is the leader in gas business in India since 1935. Part of the \$ 6 billion **BOC Group Plc.** of UK, **BOC India** provides a one-stop solution to every sphere of gas and gas related business. **BOC India** has excelled through successfully blending of local innovation and adaptation with international expertise from the Group. Be it for food processing, medical, domestic or industrial use, **BOC India** provides tailor made solutions for its customers. While providing the best solutions to its customers, **BOC India** has always conformed to the strictest international standards of production and safety.