

Bokaro Steel Plant, Dalmia Bharat Foundation ink MoU

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A Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) between SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant and Dalmia Bharat Foundation for setting-up of a Skill Development Centre at Bokaro was signed on Wednesday. Director In-charge BSL Amarendu Prakash and Vishal Bhardwaj, CEO (Dalmia Bharat foundation) were present on this occasion. The MoA was signed by Vishal Bhardwaj on behalf of Dalmia Bharat Foundation and CRK Sudhanshu, DGM (CSR) on behalf of BSL.

The aim of the MoA is to establish a skill training centre to impart short term, placement-based courses to local youth in the surrounding villages through DBF's DIKSHA (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) centre. On the occasions various senior officers present from BSL were ED (MM, P & A) BSL VK Pandey, ED (Works) Sanjay Kumar, CGM Inc (Mines) Joydeep Dasgupta, Chief General Managers and other senior officers. Priya Ranjan, Deputy Executive Director & Unit Head Dalmia Ce-



ment Bharat Ltd, Bokaro and Sanjay B Kumar, DGM & Group Skill Vertical Head (DBF) of Dalmia Bharat were also present.

Speaking on the occasion, Prakash said that SAIL-BSL has joined hands with Dalmia Bharat Foundation to take forward the larger cause of nation-building. Through this joint initiative, efforts will be made to impart relevant skills to the local youth for ensuring better prospects for them. The courses will be offered might be with certain nominal charges to the beneficiaries under this scheme.

SAIL-BSL will later also explore possibilities of opening similar centre in its Mines located in Jharkhand. Beside Vishal Bhardwaj, Group Head - CSR, Dalmia Bharat Group and CEO, DBF said Since our inception in 2009, we've witnessed our role gradually transform from being a resource provider to a key enabler for positive change in society. Through our leadership and dedication towards achieving social transformation, we will continue to work towards our vision of creating opportunities for people across the nation so

that they can reach their full potential and give back to the community.

At Dalmia Bharat Foundation, we have always been focused on our endeavours to deliver community-centric solutions and purposeful action to solve growing global issues, said Priya Ranjan, Unit Head, Bokaro, DCBL.

Inclusive development through addressing skill gap and employability issues at grassroots level has been one of the key focus areas of BSL's CSR. Last year BSL management under its CSR plan approved the proposal

for setting up of a skill development centre at Bokaro in association with Dalmia Bharat to strengthen the skill development ecosystem of Bokaro. The two organizations share a common vision and value system for bringing about a transformative change in society by leveraging its demographic dividend through empowering the local youth by providing them with training that makes them market ready. The two organizations have signed a MoA to jointly set up a skill development centre at Sector I of Bokaro.

The initial batch strength will be 30 in each of the above courses. Subsequently, more courses will be added as per demand and future prospects. The centre will primarily focus on imparting skill development to the youth residing in Bokaro's peripheral villages. The Centre is likely to begin operations within a period of two months. While BSL will provide the necessary infrastructure support, Dalmia Bharat has been entrusted with managing day to day activities of the centre including faculty and placement support.