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## **SAIL board clears 2nd stage modernization of RSP**

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ET reported that the board of Steel Authority of India Limited has approved Rourkela Steel Plant's second stage of modernization and expansion plan worth INR 5,000 crore. The projects are likely to be completed by 2011.

The plan envisages following expansions

1. Hot metal - 2 million tonne per annum to 4.5 million tonne per annum
2. Crude steel - 1.9 million tonne per annum to 4.2 million tonne per annum
3. Saleable steel - 1.67 million tonne per annum to 3.9 million tonne per annum

The plan includes setting up the country's largest blast furnace at the plant. The new blast furnace, which will have a capacity of producing some 4,060 cubic meters of hot metal, will be constructed by TATA Projects in association with Danieli-Corus.

The plan includes setting up a new sinter plant, 7 meter coke oven battery with 67 ovens and augmentation of ore bedding & blending with a new unloading station.

ET report cited a RSP source as saying that "The SAIL board is also slated to clear an additional INR 7,000 crore package for setting up the plant's other downstream facilities within this month. The facilities would include a new LD converter, a new slab caster, LHF and a wide plate mill of 1.8 million tonnes per annum capacity."

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