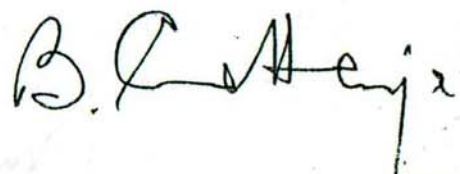


**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE  
GOVERNMENT OF ORISSA AND M/S MAHESHWARY ISPAT  
PRIVATE LIMITED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF A STEEL PLANT  
AT KHUNTUNI IN CUTTACK DISTRICT OF ORISSA**

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This Memorandum of Understanding is made this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004 between Government of Orissa on the one part and M/s Maheshwary Ispat Private Limited on the other part.

1. M/s Maheshwary Ispat Private Limited (MIPL) having its Registered Office at P-5, Kalakar Street, Ground Floor, Kolkata-700 007 (hereinafter referred to as MIPL which expression shall, unless repugnant to the context or meaning thereof, include its successors, executors, administrators, representatives and permitted assignees) is proposing to set up 0.25 MTPA of steel plant and 15 MW capacity of captive power plant at Rampei near Khuntuni, Dist. Cuttack in the State of Orissa with an estimated investment of about Rs.210.00 crore.
2. The Government of Orissa, desirous of utilising its natural resources and rapidly industrialising the State, so as to bring prosperity and well being to its people, have been making determined efforts to establish new industries in different locations in the State. In this context, the Government of Orissa have been seeking to identify suitable promoters to establish new integrated steel plants in view of the rich iron ore and coal deposits in the State.
3. (a) MIPL is desirous of setting up the following manufacturing facilities in the State of Orissa with proposed investment of Rs.210.00 crore.



Sl.No.	Project	Capacity in Million Tonnes per annum(MTPA)	Project cost (Rs.in Crores)	Time schedule for commissioning manufacturing facilities from the date of MOU
1.	Coal Based Sponge Iron	0.096	30.00 (based on the feasibility report submitted by the company)	Within three years.
2.	Mini Blast Furnace	0.165		
3.	Steel Billets	0.25		
4.	Power Plant	15 MW		
		<b>Total</b>	<b>210.00</b>	

- (b) Within three months of signing this MoU, MIPL shall prepare in consultation with representatives of IPICOL/IDCO detail milestones in the form of annual break up of the physical & financial targets to be achieved in the first phase and furnish the same to the State Government for monitoring.
4. This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) reaffirms the commitment of MIPL to establish an integrated steel plant and assistance of the Government of Orissa for providing land, iron ore mines, recommending for coal blocks and other facilities.

The major areas of co-operation between the Government of Orissa and MIPL are listed below:

(A) **Land:**

MIPL will require approximately 180 acres of land in and around village- Rampei, near Khuntuni in Cuttack District for the purpose of setting up the steel plant & associated facilities, which has already been purchased by the Company.

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**(B) Raw Materials:**

**Coal:** The State Government agrees to recommend to the Government of India for allotment of suitable coal blocks for captive coal mining for the project either directly or through a PSU. Further, the State Government will assist MIPL to get the allocation of coal linkage of suitable grade in the desired quantity to meet their requirement until it is ready for mining of its coal block.

**Iron Ore:** The State Government agrees to assist MIPL in making a firm arrangement with Orissa Mining Corporation (OMC) along with other private Iron Ore lessees in the State to meet a substantial portion of the requirement of iron ore of suitable grade for initial period of steel making under mutually agreeable terms & conditions. Possibility shall also be explored to evolve long term arrangement with OMC under mutually acceptable terms & condition for development of new iron ore areas. Keeping in view substantial value addition within the State, the State Government also agrees to assign appropriate priority in the matter of recommending its application for iron ore mines under the MMDR Act and the MC Rules for mineral concession to meet its requirement subject to adequate progress in implementation of project as envisaged in Para-3 of this MOU and a portion of the requirement to be met through the OMC or any other existing lessees.

MIPL understand that by the time the complete plant and machinery for the steel plant for as in para 3 is set up and ready for production, but availability of iron ore area for the project is not tied up by then, the State Government would consider assigning priority to this project over other projects who come on stream (become ready for production of steel) later in the matter for allocation of iron ore area to meet their

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raw-material needs to the extent of about 25 years of requirement of the plant .

MIPL also understands that the State Government is in the process of formulating a set of guidelines indicating the criteria to be adopted in the matter of recommending available iron ore areas for steel projects and on assignment of inter-se priority among various steel projects in the State.

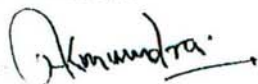
Any special consideration for assistance in the matter of sourcing raw-material as above will be subject to the position that suitable iron ore areas are available for grant and that MIPL do not have an existing mining area or controlling interest in any company/concern having mining area for the relevant mineral in the State. In case they do have such area/ interest, their requirement shall be reassessed by the State Government after taking into consideration the quantity of mineral that can be met from these sources.

(C) **Water:**

The water requirement (makeup) for the plant is estimated at 10,000 cum/day (approx.). The source of water supply will be from an intake pump house on the bank of Mahanadi River situated about 6 Kms. from the plant site.

(D) **Power:**

Total requirement of power will be 42 MW There will be a captive power plant of 15MW capacity and the balance power requirement will be met from CESCO, the power distribution Company. MIPL will approach GRIDCO for suitable PPA for sale of excess power, if required for wheeling of power/sale to any new or existing establishment in Orissa.







**(E) Environment:**

- i. The Government of Orissa agrees to assist MIPL in obtaining NOC through the State Pollution Control Board for the construction of the plant, the housing colony, mines, pipeline, power project etc..
- ii. Government of Orissa agrees to assist MIPL in obtaining all clearances from the Central Government.
- iii. MIPL will arrange to conduct rapid Environment Impact Assessment (EIA) and detailed EIA study and prepare Environment Management Plan (EMP) for the project. The Government of Orissa agrees to assist in this regard during the time when EIA is being conducted and EMP is being prepared.

**(F) Incentives and concessions:**

MIPL understands that the State Government would consider such incentives & concessions as are provided in the relevant Industrial Policy Resolution (IPR) of the State Government.

**(G) General Clauses:**

- (a) The Govt. of Orissa appreciates that MIPL is a responsible corporate house with a high involvement in employees' welfare and social development. The Government of Orissa therefore anticipates that SSSL will bring this philosophy to the steel plant project being set up in the district of Cuttack to ensure the well being of this district in particular and the people of Orissa in general. In terms of employment, preference will be given to the local persons subject to need and their possessing the necessary qualifications. SSSL will



make every effort to improve their skill levels, if necessary, through specialized training.

- (b) The Government of Orissa appreciates that MIPL will be entitled to induct suitable foreign and/or Indian Joint Venture partners, choose appropriate financial options, suppliers, credit options and technologies in the best interest of the project.
- (c) MIPL shall effect sale of all its products (including inter-State sales) in the State of Orissa and shall not effect any branch transfer of its products to out side the State. These stipulations are not however applicable to export of finished products outside the country.
- (d) The MOU shall remain valid for a period of two years from the date of signing. Further extension, if necessary, shall be made as per mutual agreement. However no such extension shall be considered unless MIPL has made substantial progress on implementation of the project in terms of construction, erection of plant and machinery and investment at site to the satisfaction of the State Government in these two years in implementing the project as envisaged in this MoU.
- (e) MIPL understand that the offers and special considerations of the State Government indicated in this MoU are for the Steel project envisaged in para-3 where the final product is Steel/ steel products and not for any intermediary product unless the same is for captive use in the Steel product.
- (f) MIPL shall be required to produce document towards financial closure of the project within one year of signing of MoU.

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- (g) In the event of non-implementation of the project or part thereof the corresponding support/commitment of the State Government indicated in the MoU with regard to Iron Ore Mines/Coal Block, incentives and concessions of the State Government in particular should be deemed to be withdrawn.
- (h) It shall be obligatory on the promoter to furnish all information required by the State Government relevant to planning, formulation, lay out, financing and implementation of the project as well as the financial and management status and performance of the promoter as and when so required by the State Government as expeditiously as possible.

For witness whereof the parties hereto have set their hands to this MoU on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November 2004.

SIGNED AND DECLARED BY:

**For Government of Orissa**

**For Maheshwary Ispat (P) Ltd.**



**(B.Chatterjee)**  
**Principal Secretary,**  
**Department of Steel & Mines**



**(A.K.Mundra)**  
**Managing Director**