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German delegation in Kolkata to explore opportunities in mining safety and mining efficiency in West Bengal

Kolkata, Nov 05 (UNI) A 12 member German Delegation (Engineering and Mining) visited the city on Tuesday seeking to offer solutions for mining safety and mining efficiency in West Bengal.

The delegation comprised representatives of 10 companies from Germany in opencast and underground technology, who engaged in B2B dialogues to boost cross border connect in the area at the The Bengal Chamber here.

Speaking at an interactive session Mr. Abraham G Stephanos, Vice President and Managing Director of Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited, stated, "Engineering and mining sector are very important to the eastern part of India. We had earlier led a delegation to Germany in the year where the focus was B2B and B2G where the delegation also participated in the Indo German Chamber of Commerce's Annual Meet in Dusseldorf."

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At mine-safety seminar, experts call for more underground mines

German team visits West Bengal after Mamata's trip to Dusseldorf

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Improving mine safety and enhancing productivity are key areas that need attention in mining sector in India, according to Rajesh Nath, Managing Director, VDMA India Services Ltd.

The country should also push for more underground mining, he said. The issues were deliberated at a seminar attended by officials from the State government, West Bengal Power Development Corporation, industry chiefs and a delegation of 10 German companies from the mining machinery manufacturing



Rajesh Nath, Managing Director, VDMA India Services DEBASISH BHADURI

industry.

VDMA Mining represents mainly medium-sized companies – open cast mining/materials handling, underground mining, mining processing technology and consulting, research and development.

Around 145 companies in VDMA Mining represent more than 90 per cent of the entire trade volume.

“The main focus of the seminar was on ensuring mine safety and enhancing productivity.

“The delegation of German companies also spoke on underground mining,” Nath told newsmen after a business-to-business meeting organised by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry here on Tuesday.

The German delegation was in the city following the West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's and Finance Minister Amit Mitra's visit to Dusseldorf, Germany, and the high-level delegation from NRW to Bengal Global Business Summit (BGBS).

India offers huge potential in the mining sector. This needs to be tapped and the process should be made “safer and better,” he added.

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Kolkata/IBNS: In its continued effort to boost B2B connects and cross border dialogue, the Bengal Chamber, which shares a deep connect with Germany and specifically Indo German Chamber of Commerce, hosted a 12 member delegation representing 10 companies from Germany in opencast and

underground technology on Tuesday here.

Speaking at an interactive session, Abraham G Stephanos, Vice President and Managing Director of Tata Steel Processing and Distribution Limited, stated, “Engineering and mining sector are very important to the eastern part of India. We had earlier led a delegation to Germany in the year where the focus was B2B and B2G where the delegation also participated in the Indo German Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Meet in Dusseldorf.

The Government of West Bengal also has been actively engaging with their German counterparts when Ms Vandana Yadav, met with government counterparts in Germany. Also the Chief Minister has recently announced mining project and the coal block would require investment of about 12-15 trillion rupees.

This has huge potential to generate 100,000 employment opportunities. The Bengal Chambers's centre of excellence along with Indo German Chamber is providing a centre of excellence to provide expertise particularly to MSME and SME sectors . The German companies present here today include exploration, extraction, beneficiation, mineral processing and safety equipments.”



Rajesh Nathy, MD, VDMA India, who was from the German side representing technologies from, German Engineering Federation, said, “Coal production has to rise. There is too much dependency on open cast mines. Underground mining has lots of potential that has yet to be explored. Better quality of coal is available underground. With open cast there is the problem of procuring land but for underground that issue does not

arise. There needs to be a shift in the thinking of policy makers for underground mining possibility also. Our delegation visit is the result of the positive and concrete step of BGBS and visit of the Chief Minister to NRW, Germany.

Earlier on Minister Amit Mitra had expressed interest in Germany with regards to mining safety and mining production. Most of the delegates were here to participate in the seminar held yesterday at the Chamber which saw participation of West Bengal Power Development Corporation, Coal India and Eastern Coal fields. About 80 participants from Indian side were present. A few of our visiting companies would be participating in the Mining Exhibition to be held tomorrow. At present Kolkata has about 20 German companies operating here in sales services and mining manufacturing. We think there is potential here for improvement, higher safety in mining transportation.”

The companies of the German delegation included Allmineral Asia Pvt. Ltd., CFT GmbH Compact Filter Technic, Eickhoff Bergbautechnik GmbH, JD Theile GmbH & Co. KG, Putzmeister Concrete Machines Pvt. Ltd, SMT Scharf GmbH, EnergieAgentur. NRW, VDMA Mining and VDMA India.

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भारत खनिज अग्रणी उत्पादकों में मुख्य देश

12 सदस्यीय जर्मन प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने कहा

कोलकाता. भारत वैश्विक परिदृश्य में खनिजों के अग्रणी उत्पादकों में से एक मुख्य देश है। भारत में खनन क्षेत्र का भारतीय अर्थव्यवस्था में बड़ा योगदान है। खनन संसाधनों और भंडार के लिए देश में बहुत अच्छी संभावनाएं हैं। जर्मनी अपनी इंजीनियरिंग तकनीक के लिए विश्व स्तर पर जाना जाता है और खनन मशीनरी क्षेत्र में भारत का एक मजबूत भागीदार रहा है।

12 सदस्यीय जर्मन प्रतिनिधिमंडल (इंजीनियरिंग और खनन) के सदस्यों ने मंगलवार को बंगाल चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स में आयोजित प्रेस कॉन्फ्रेंस को संबोधित करते हुए यह बात कही। उन्होंने कहा कि जर्मनी पश्चिम बंगाल के खनन सुरक्षा और खनन दक्षता के



बंगाल चैम्बर ऑफ कॉमर्स में आयोजित कार्यक्रम में उपस्थित विशिष्टजन।

समाधान की पेशकश करना चाहता है। बंगाल चैंबर जर्मनी के साथ एक गहरा जुड़ाव साझा करता है। इंडो जर्मन चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स ने चैंबर में ओपेंकास्ट और भूमिगत प्रौद्योगिकी में जर्मनी से 10 कंपनियों का प्रतिनिधित्व करने वाले 12 सदस्यीय प्रतिनिधिमंडल की मेजबानी की। टाटा स्टील प्रोसेसिंग एंड डिस्ट्रीब्यूशन लिमिटेड के उपाध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक अभामजी स्टेफानोस ने कहा कि इंजीनियरिंग और खनन क्षेत्र भारत के पूर्वी हिस्से के लिए बहुत महत्वपूर्ण है। पहले

जर्मनी में एक प्रतिनिधिमंडल का नेतृत्व किया था जहां बी 2 बी और बी 2 जी पर ध्यान केंद्रित किया गया था। डसेलडोर्फ में इंडो जर्मन चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स की वार्षिक बैठक में प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने भी भाग लिया था। पश्चिम बंगाल सरकार भी जर्मन समकक्षों के साथ सक्रिय थी। मुख्यमंत्री ममता बनर्जी ने हाल ही खनन परियोजना की घोषणा की है और कोयला ब्लॉक को लगभग 12-15 खरब रुपये निवेश की आवश्यकता होगी। इसमें 10 हजार रोजगार के अवसर पैदा करने की

क्षमता है। इंडो जर्मन चैंबर के साथ-साथ बंगाल चैंबर ऑफ एक्सीलेंस सेंटर विशेष रूप से एमएसएमई और एसएमवी क्षेत्रों को विशेषज्ञता प्रदान करने के लिए उत्कृष्टता केंद्र प्रदान कर रहा है। मौजूद जर्मन कंपनियों में अन्वेषण, निष्कर्षण, लाभकारी, खनिज प्रसंस्करण और सुरक्षा उपकरण शामिल हैं। भूमिगत खनन में बहुत सी संभावना हैं जिन्हें अभी तक खोजा नहीं जा सका है। कोयले की बेहतर गुणवत्ता भूमिगत उपलब्ध है। ओपन कास्ट के साथ भूमि की खरीद की समस्या है लेकिन भूमिगत के लिए यह मुद्दा नहीं उठता है। भूमिगत खनन की संभावना के लिए नीति निर्माताओं की सोच में बदलाव की जरूरत है। वर्तमान में कोलकाता में खनन निर्माण में लगभग 20 जर्मन कंपनियां हैं। खनन परिवहन में सुधार, उच्च सुरक्षा के लिए यहां क्षमता है।

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बंगाल में खनन परिवहन में सुधार की संभावना : राजेश नाथ



सन्मार्ग संवाददाता, कोलकाता : बंगाल में खनन परिवहन के क्षेत्र में सुधार और सुरक्षा की संभावनाएं हैं। कोलकाता में बिक्री सेवाओं और खनन विनिर्माण के लिए 20 जर्मन कंपनियां हैं और कोयले के उत्पादन में वृद्धि होगी। यह बात वीडिएमए इंडिया के प्रबंध निदेशक राजेश नाथ ने कही। वे बंगाल चैंबर ऑफ कॉमर्स द्वारा आयोजित 12 सदस्यीय जर्मन प्रतिनिधिमंडल के बैठक में कही। इस बैठक में जर्मनी के प्रतिनिधि दल ने बंगाल में खनन के सुरक्षा और दक्षता के लिए सहयोग प्रदान करने की बात कही। नाथ ने कहा कि भूमिगत खनन में बेहतर गुणवत्ता के कोयले उपलब्ध है और इस क्षेत्र में काफी काम किया जा सकता है।

टाटा स्टील प्रोसेसिंग एंड मैनुफैक्चरिंग लिमिटेड के उपाध्यक्ष और प्रबंध निदेशक अब्राहम जी स्टेफ़ानोस ने कहा कि पूर्वी राज्यों के लिए इंजीनियरिंग और खनन काफी महत्वपूर्ण है। राज्य सरकार भी इसमें सक्रिय है और पश्चिम बंगाल इंडस्ट्रियल डेवलपमेंटल कॉरपोरेशन की प्रबंध निदेशक वंदना यादव ने भी जर्मनी के प्रतिनिधिमंडल से मुलाकात की है। स्टेफ़ानोस ने कहा कि बंगाल सरकार ने हाल ही में खनन परियोजनाओं और कोल ब्लॉक के लिए 10 से 12 ट्रिलियन रुपयों के निवेश की घोषणा की है। इससे खनन के क्षेत्र में लगभग 1,00,000 लोगों को रोजगार मिलने की संभावना है। इंडो जर्मन चैंबर भी सेंटर ऑफ एक्सीलेंस के जरिए छोटे और मध्यम उद्यमों को तकनीकी दक्षता प्रदान करेगी।

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Germany coal mining call

A STAFF REPORTER

Calcutta: German coal miners are exploring opportunities in India amid a slowdown in mining activities in Germany. The European country is shifting to renewables and is cutting down on carbon emissions from coal-based energy production. The country is now dependant on lignite, while coal is being imported as feedstock for the plants.

For German state North Rhine-Westphalia, the shift is a cause of concern as a large part of its economy is dependant on mining.

Several firms, specialising in underground mining technology and equipment, are looking at overseas markets.

"India is one of the markets among the target markets. If many of the projects of Coal India and other companies becomes reality, there is scope for collaboration, provided our technology and know how is required," said Peter Hartlieb of EnergieAgentur NRW. He was speaking at a



Peter Hartlieb in Calcutta on Tuesday

seminar organised by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce.

A delegation of German firms has met Bengal government officials to identify areas of collaboration between the two states.

"There has been a meeting with officials from the West Bengal Power Development Corporation and Coal India to identify areas of collaboration. The state government was primarily interested in two areas – mine safety and productivity," said Rajesh Nath, managing director of VDMA's (the German Engineering Federation) India chapter, based in the city.

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Underground mining on German cos' radar

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Kolkata: In a major development following the Centre's entry into an allotment agreement with the West Bengal Power Development Corporation (WBPDC) for the world's second largest coal block, Deocha Pachami Dewanganj-Harinsingha, German mining majors are keen to explore underground mining in Bengal.

A team comprising 12 members from 10 German engineering and mining firms on Monday met the representatives of the Bengal government and power utility WBPDC in the city and expressed their willingness to spruce up the sector here. Though no accurate plan as to German delegates' proposed collaboration with Bengal was drawn up at the meeting, the government laid more emphasis on stepping up productivity and safety of miners in the state, according to sources.

On Tuesday, the delegates interacted with the representatives of 10 city-based companies dealing in mining and engi-



(L-R) VDMA MD Rajesh Nath and Abraham Stephanos, VP, The Bengal Chamber & MD, Tata Steel Processing & Distribution, in city on Tuesday

neering sectors to know about the market requirements.

"It is high time the coal blocks in Bengal and other parts of India shift to underground mining from opencast that needs land acquisition, a big problem here. In India, 90% mining works are opencast. But underground mining has zero land hurdles and the potential to up productivity. Policy makers should take a call on this," Rajesh Nath of VDMA India told TOI on Tuesday.

However, the German delegates made it clear that they are ready to extend their technolo-

gical expertise in mining sectors to other parts of the country as well. "To begin with, we have reached out to the Bengal government with the proposal and hope things will work out in a positive way," said Karl Heinz Rieser, a representative from Eickhoff Bergbautechnik GmbH, manufacturer of continuous miners and loaders.

The use of coal has been cut short by 20% in Germany where the power sector has started banking upon energy mixes and it is good that investments are being made on exploration of alternative energies in India, said Peter Hartlieb, a member of Rhire-Westphalia's energy department.

"Though Indian companies in this sector are doing many things, there is still a room for further improvement, for which we can share technical support," said his fellow delegation member, Damir Martic of SMT Scharf GmbH.

In Kolkata, there are offices of around 20 German companies specialized in the mining

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খনি শিল্পে জার্মানির সাহায্য চায় রাজ্য

নিজস্ব সংবাদদাতা

খনির উৎপাদনশীলতা ও নিরাপত্তা বাড়াতে জার্মানির সাহায্য চায় রাজ্য। সম্প্রতি বেঙ্গল চেম্বারে এ কথা জানান জার্মান শিল্পের সংগঠন ডিডিএমএ ইন্ডিয়ান এমডি রাজেশ নাথ।

বেঙ্গল গ্লোবাল বিজনেস সামিটে এসেছিল জার্মান শিল্প মহলের এক প্রতিনিধিদল। পরে মুখ্যমন্ত্রী মমতা বন্দ্যোপাধ্যায়ের জার্মানি সফরে নর্থ রাইন-ওয়েস্টফেলিয়া প্রদেশের সঙ্গে পশ্চিমবঙ্গের একটি মউ সই হয়। রাজেশ জানান, সেই প্রেক্ষিতেই রাজ্যের খনি শিল্পে জার্মানি প্রযুক্তির

সম্ভাব্য ব্যবহারের সুযোগ খতিয়ে দেখতে কলকাতায় আসে সে দেশের ১০টি সংস্থার ১২ সদস্যের প্রতিনিধিদল। বেঙ্গল চেম্বারের কর্তারা ডেউচা পাচামি-সহ রাজ্যের খনি শিল্পের সার্বিক তথ্য তাদের কাছে তুলে ধরেন।

রাজেশ জানান, রাজ্য বিদ্যুৎ উন্নয়ন নিগম, কোল ইন্ডিয়ান মতো সংস্থার সঙ্গেও আলোচনা হয়েছে দলটির। রাজ্যের তরফে জার্মানি সংস্থাগুলির কাছে খনি নিরাপত্তা ও উৎপাদনশীলতা বৃদ্ধির জন্য সহায়তা চাওয়া হয়। এ রাজ্যে এই শিল্পে জার্মানি সংস্থাগুলি যথেষ্ট সম্ভাবনা রয়েছে বলে মনে করেন তিনি।