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## **RINL achieves yet another milestone in Modernization programme**

RINL, the corporate entity of Visakhapatnam Steel Plant crossed yet another milestone today with completion of modernization of Converter-B, 18 days in advance of the original schedule. With this, the total modernization of the SMS-1 shop consisting of 3 Convertors has been completed successfully at a cost of around Rs 400 crores.



Photo Caption: Sri P Madhusudan, CMD,RINL commencing the commissioning process of Converter-B in SMS-1 in the presence of RINL Directors and others.

Sri P Madhusudan, CMD,RINL commenced the commissioning process of Converter-B amidst applause from the Directors, union leaders and a large number of employees. He exhorted the employees to work with commitment and dedication to reap the benefits of modernization. He commended the SMS-1 collective and the agencies involved in the successful completion of the modernization programme. Sri PC Mohapatra, Director (Projects), Sri DN Rao, Director (Operations), Sri P Raychaudhury, Director (Commercial), EDs, GM (Steel) I/c, GM(SMS)-1 and senior officials were present on the occasion. The SMS-1 has been modernized after successful operation of around 25 years. The salient features of modernization include- Baumco Scrubbers for primary waste gas cleaning, improved features of Gas cooling systems, hydraulic skirt lift mechanisms, high levels of modernization etc. apart from Dog house and Secondary emission control systems for complying with the latest environmental norms. Another major feature of this revamping has been elaborate strengthening of shop structures. The significant of the modernization is that the revamping activities (Converter after Converter) were carried out in an operating shop with simultaneous production from the other two convertors with total safety precautions. With the completion of modernization, the shop capacity has been enhanced to 3.5 mtpa from the original 3.0 mtpa

capacity. The revamped Converter -C commissioned in Oct-16, has already set a record Converter life in it's first ever campaign by achieving 4500 heats life and still running making it a bench mark campaign.



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