

## **Jindal Steel and Power (JSPL) dispatches India's longest ever 260 metre Rails to Dedicated Freight Corridor Railway Line**

- India's first and only private sector steelmaker manufacturing Rails
- Produces World's Longest single piece Rail of 121 Metre Length
- Strategically positioned to participate in expansion of Railway network in India and Globally
- A hallmark specimen of "Make In India"

**Raigarh, 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015:** Jindal Steel and Power Limited (JSPL) today flagged off India's Longest ever Rails measuring 260 metre to the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL). The 260 meter long rails will be used for construction of the eastern corridor of the landmark 350 Kilometre dedicated freight railway network in India. Mr. Naveen Jindal, Chairman of JSPL flagged off the specially manufactured Rake (goods train) from the company's state-of-the-art steel plant at Raigarh, Chattisgarh.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Naveen Jindal said, "It is indeed a proud moment for JSPL to truly exemplify our endeavour which is in perfect synergy with the 'Make In India' initiative. We are confident that JSPL's world-class facility at Raigarh would emerge as the hub to supply rails to forthcoming railway corridors in India and worldover". Mr. Jindal added, "JSPL is amongst the few global steelmakers who will have soon the capabilities to produce special head hardened rails for bullet trains".

Mr. Ravi Uppal, MD & Group CEO, Mr. Pankaj Gautam, Executive Director-JSPL Raigarh, Mr. Nirmalendu Purohit, President & Mr. R.K. Ajmeria, Business Head & HOD Mills of JSPL Raigarh were also present on the occasion. The company recently shipped its first mega order to Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCI). Two rakes laden with 1880 tonnes of Rails of 87 metre length have already been despatched for construction of the eastern corridor of the DFCCI in August 2015 out of the total order size of 90,175 Tonnes of Rails. JSPL received this order for the construction of around 350 kilometres long double track from Khurja to Bhaupur for the eastern corridor of DFCCI.

JSPL has previously supplied rail tracks to leading infrastructure companies such as Delhi Metro, Kochi Metro, L&T, NTPC, Tata Steel, JSW etc. The company is equipped to manufacture world's longest single piece rails of 121 metre length. JSPL, after many months of research and development, is on the cusp of rolling out head hardened rails which are most suitable for bullet trains and high-speed metro tracks.

The rail tracks business vertical opens new vistas and opportunities for the company as the success of metros in Delhi, Bangalore, Kochi etc. has shown an effective solution for many more cities to opt for the futuristic public mass rapid transport systems.

JSPL had set up its Rail manufacturing unit at Raigarh in the year 2003 to become India's first private sector steel maker to venture into this category. The state-of-the-art Rail manufacturing unit was established in technical collaboration with NKK Japan (now JFE). The Rail manufacturing unit has been certified by RITES – a government of India enterprise. Rail products of JSPL conform to IRST12-2009 and UIC 60 standards.

#### **About Jindal Steel & Power Ltd.**

Jindal Steel and Power Limited (JSPL) is a US\$ 3.14 billion business conglomerate, and one of India's fastest growing and largest integrated steel manufacturers, significantly present in the Steel, Power, Mining and Infrastructure segment. Part of over US\$ 18 billion diversified O. P. Jindal Group, JSPL's business operations span across Asia, Africa and Australia. Led by Shri. Naveen Jindal, the youngest son of the legendary Shri O.P. Jindal, the company produces economical and efficient steel and power through backward and forward integration. From the widest flat products to a whole range of long products, JSPL today has a product portfolio that caters to markets across the steel value chain. JSPL provides employment opportunities to over 22,000 Indians and anchors a socio-economic eco-system for over 50,000 families. The Raigarh plant is the world's largest coal-based sponge iron manufacturing facility and produces up to 3.25 Million tonne per annum (MTPA) of steel.