

**PRESS RELEASE**

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### **Coking Coal Mine Acquisition in USA**

**Mumbai, May 14, 2010:** Following the Board approval to acquire certain coking coal mining concessions in USA on 3.5.2010, the Company completed the acquisition. These mines are located in West Virginia having total resources of 123 million tones. The reserves are estimated to be around 45 million tones on part of the area where drilling was already done.

The Company carried out due diligence on title, details of seams, resource estimates & quality, valuation, legal & financial matters. The unique feature of this acquisition is it has its railway load out and barge facility while one of the mines is operating. The Company applied for new permits to operationalise some of the mines immediately which are expected in the next few months.

Based on the estimates on receipt of permits, it is planned to produce 1 million tonne of coal in the first year starting from September 2010 which will go up to 3 million tonne in the 3rd year of operation. While the total coking coal requirement of the Company is estimated at 5 million tonnes per annum at current capacity, the proposed coking coal from US will give integration to the extent of 20% in the first year and goes up further at enhanced capacity of 11 million tonnes to 35%.

This integration will benefit the Company immensely even after factoring the higher freight from USA to India. The Company is actively looking at acquisition of further coal mines to enhance the integration of coking coal.

### **About JSW Steel Limited**

JSW Steel Limited, belonging to JSW group, part of the O P Jindal Group, is one of the lowest cost steel producers in the world. The group has diversified interest in Mining, Carbon steel, Power, Industrial gases, Port facilities, Aluminium, Cement and Information Technology. JSW Steel Limited is engaged in manufacture of flat and long products viz. H R Coils, C R Coils, Galvanised products, Galvalume products, auto grade / white goods grade CRCA Steel, Bars and Rods. Incorporated in 1994, it has grown to US \$ 3.5 billion in a little over a decade. JSW Steel Limited has the largest galvanizing and colour coating production capacity in the country and is the largest exporter of galvanized products with presence in over 108 countries across five continents.

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*Certain statements in this release concerning our future growth prospects are forward looking statements, which involve a number of risks, and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in such forward looking statements. The risks and uncertainties relating to these statements include, but are not limited to, risks and uncertainties regarding fluctuations in earnings, our ability to manage growth, intense competition within Steel Industry including those factors which may affect our cost advantage, wage increases in India, our ability to attract and retain highly skilled*

*professionals, time and cost overruns on fixed-price, fixed-time frame contracts, client concentration, restrictions on immigration, our ability to manage our internal operations, reduced demand for steel, our ability to successfully complete and integrate potential acquisitions, liability for damages on our service contracts, the success of the companies in which – has made strategic investments, withdrawal of fiscal governmental incentives, political instability, legal restrictions on raising capital or acquiring companies outside India, unauthorized use of our intellectual property and general economic conditions affecting our industry. The company does not undertake to update any forward looking statements that may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the company.*

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