

## **Essar invests ₹830cr to double iron ore capacity**

**New Delhi:** Essar Ports on Sunday said its Rs 830 crore expansion plan to almost double the iron ore handling capacity to 23 million tonne per annum (MTPA) at Vizag port is nearing completion.

After completion of the project, the loading capacity will increase to 120,000 tonnes per day (TPD) from 70,000 TPD, the company said in a statement.

The facility will be able to berth vessels up to 200,000 DWT, with a draft of 18 metres, on the outer harbour, it said, adding that the upgraded terminal will have a loading rate of 8,000 TPH (tonnes per hour), which will be among the highest for an Indian port. AGENCIES