

Indo-Rama set to double capacity

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INDO-RAMA Synthetics (India) Ltd, the flagship company of the Indo Rama Group, is all set to double its polyester capacity by mid-2006.

Talking to *Hindustan Times*, Anant Kishore, the project-in-charge said the decision was taken in view of Vidarbha's abundant natural resources, convenient logistical venue and immense human resources potential.

The present capacity is 300,000 tpa which will be increased to 600,000 tpa by adding two state-of-the-art 400 tons per day polyester lines at the present location at Butibori Industrial Estate.

The expansion is being done with the technology and machinery coming from Zimmer & Barmag, Germany while Aker Kvaerner Power Gas India (AKPG) is carrying out the detailed engineering of the project. AKPG is a subsidiary of Aker Kvaerner, a Norwegian engineering major that has business interests in the oil and gas industry, engineering contracting and ship building.

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Going gets good

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at 6-7 per cent per year.

With the present demand for textile fibres at about 2.2 million tons, it is foreseen that in the next five years, an additional one million-ton capacity would be required to cater to the demand growth.

The new polyester plant will have economy of scale. The overall investment for the expansion will be considerably lower, due to the already existing infrastructure and utilities. Further, reduced cost of operations will enhance the project viability. The overall investment, together with the new 30 mw power plant (from coal-based turbines), is estimated at around Rs 1,000 crore.

The new 30 mw power plant will be commissioned well before the expansion project to cater to the increased demand.