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### Visa Bao, Visa Steel to merge

China's Baosteel to pick up 5% in Visa Steel

**BS REPORTER**

Kolkata, 21 August

China's Baosteel and Kolkata-based Visa Steel have decided to merge Visa Bao and Visa Steel. The amalgamation, which will result in a five per cent stake for Baosteel Resources in Visa Steel, was approved by the board of directors of Visa Steel and Visa Bao on Friday. "The lenders of Visa Steel and Visa Bao have already approved the amalgamation," the company said.

Visa Bao was set up in 2008 for building a ferro chrome plant in Odisha, in which Visa Steel holds a 65 per cent stake and Baosteel 35 per cent.

"The amalgamation will make Visa Steel one of the largest ferro chrome producers in India. The integration will improve the operational and cost efficiency of the ferro chrome business," Vishal Agarwal, vice-chairman and managing director of Visa Steel, said.

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# Baosteel to pick up 5% in Visa Steel

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

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The development follows the merger of a ferrochrome unit, a joint venture between Visa and Baosteel Resource Co Ltd, with listed entity Visa Steel. The transaction will be a non-cash one.

Baosteel Group, the fourth-largest steel maker in the world, will get 57,89,500 shares of Visa Steel for Rs 8.82 crore at today's closing price of Rs 15.25 on the Bombay Stock Exchange.

The 100,000-tonne ferrochrome unit is located at the Kalinganar Industrial Complex in Odisha, close to the half-a-million-tonne plant of Visa Steel. It

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### The merger

- A JV ferrochrome unit between Visa and Baosteel Resource to be merged with Visa Steel
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posal for a ferrochrome business. It was then decided to make a separate company at a different location.

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came impatient. Visa then allotted a 50-acre plot in the Kalinganar complex to the joint venture.

The mine also did not come up. The government decided to allot mines only to a public sector unit, such as Odisha Mining Corporation Ltd.

"So, we had two businesses in the same sector competing with each other. To streamline the operation and run it efficiently, we decided to merge the operations. It will make Visa's combined ferrochrome business one of the largest in India," Vishambhar Saran, chairman of Visa Group, said.

The effective date for the merger has been set at April 1, 2015, subject to approvals.

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## Economic Times:

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The amalgamation was approved by the board of directors of Visa Steel and Visa Bao at a meeting in Kolkata on Friday. The decision is subject to all necessary approvals from regulatory authorities. Significantly, lenders of Visa Steel and Visa Bao have approved the amalgamation.

Visa Steel holds 65% stake in Visa Bao, with the Chinese partner holding the remaining 35% shareholding in the company. It was formed in 2008 to set up a ferrochrome plant in Odisha. Baosteel Resources Co. is the commodity mining and trading arm of Baosteel Group, the world's

fourth-largest steel group.

"The amalgamation of Visa Bao with Visa Steel will make the latter one of the largest ferrochrome producers in India. The integration will improve the operations and cost efficiency of the ferrochrome business," said Vishal Agarwal, Visa Steel's vice-chairman and managing director.



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Visa Steel reported a loss of ₹119 crore on a turnover of ₹248.5 crore for the quarter to June.

## Financial Chronicle:

The amalgamation of Visa Bao with Visa Steel will make it one of the largest ferro-chrome producers in India. It will improve cost efficiency.”

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**fe Bureau**

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MUMBAI

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Hindustan Times:

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**NEW DELHI:** Chinese steel maker Baosteel Resources will acquire 5% in Kolkata-based Visa Steel. The company has merged its joint venture firm with Baosteel Resources — Visa Bao Ltd — with Visa Steel. **PTI**

The Statesman

**Visa Steel:** Visa Steel and Baosteel Resources of China on Friday announced amalgamation of their JV ~ VISA Bao Limited ~ with Visa Steel. Consequent to this, Baosteel will hold five per cent stake in Visa Steel. **SNS**


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"The amalgamation of Visa Bao with Visa Steel will make Visa Steel one of the largest ferro-chrome producers in India. The integration will improve the operational and cost efficiency of the ferro-chrome business," said Vishal Agarwal, vice-chairman and managing director at Visa Steel.

Visa Steel is also trying to find a strategic investor for its special steel business. As a prelude, the company is transferring 0.5 million tonne per annum special steel capacity to its subsidiary Visa Special Steel Ltd. On Friday, Visa Steel shares closed at Rs.15.25 apiece on BSE, little changed from their previous close of Rs.15.15, even as the benchmark Sensex closed at 27,366.07, down 0.88%.

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By Rakhi Mazumdar, ET Bureau | 21 Aug, 2015, 06.58PM IST

KOLKATA: Baosteel of China is poised to pick up a 5% stake in Kolkata based Visa Steel Limited. This follows the amalgamation of Visa Bao Limited, the joint venture between Visa Steel and Baosteel Resources with Visa Steel Limited.

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Commenting on the development, Vishal Agarwal, vice chairman & MD of Visa Steel said: "The amalgamation of Visa Bao with Visa Steel will make the latter one of the largest ferro chrome producers

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<http://www.financialexpress.com/article/industry/companies/baosteel-resources-to-pick-up-5-in-visa-steel/123575/>

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By: [FE Bureau](#) | Mumbai | **August 22, 2015 12:38 AM**

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<http://profit.ndtv.com/news/corporates/article-chinas-baosteel-resources-to-pick-up-5-stake-in-visa-steel-1209757>

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[Press Trust of India](#) | Last Updated: August 21, 2015 23:02 (IST)

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Visa Steel shares today rose by 0.66 per cent to settle at Rs.15.25 apiece on BSE.

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India Blooms News Service –

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