

e-voting set to start with Redi unit sale Tata Metaliks First Firm To Take e-Route For M&A

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Kolkata: The sale of Redi unit by Tata Metaliks, a subsidiary of Tata Steel, will mark the beginning of a new chapter in Indian corporate history. Guess why! not for the size of the deal. It is just a paltry Rs 180 crore. This is the first M&A activity where the shareholders will give their nod through e-voting.

Ministry of Corporate Affairs introduced e-voting for India Inc last year in order to make it easier for the investors to participate in corporate decision making and to

nomical as well. Most of the individual shareholders do not use their franchise in postal ballot. We hope they would do it in electronic form," he added.

Incidentally, the e-voting has been introduced for individual shareholders in the first phase. "Now, corporate bodies and Karta of HUF are not allowed for this," Malagi added. Elaborating on the e-voting procedure he added that it is providing user ID, password and EVSN (e-voting security number) for this purpose to the shareholders.

R & D Infotech, the registrar of Tata Metaliks, is coordinating for e-voting. Incidentally, the Tata Steel subsidiary has a folio of 49,925 individual shareholders, who hold 39% in the company. "We have registered 16,000 e-mail ID so far for e-voting. Our target is to register the entire folio of individual shareholders. Considering it is the first e-voting, the response is not bad," an official of R & D Infotech said.

Tata Metaliks is selling Redi unit in Maharashtra to Fomento Resources. Fomento has presence in iron ore mining in Goa, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Redi unit had produced 1.78 lakh tonnes hot metal and 1.70 lakh tonnes pig iron in 2010-11.

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gradually phase out postal ballot process. CDSL is the sole agency for e-voting registration so far. Sources said that three companies have till now registered for e-voting — Sun Pharma, JaiPrakash Associates and Tata Metaliks.

When contacted, company secretary of Tata Metaliks, V G Malagi told TOI that it has initiated the process of e-voting for the Redi unit sale from October 7. "We are getting very good response from the shareholders after the e-voting registration. It is a better process than postal ballot and eco-