



## Odisha CM lays foundation stone of Runaya Refining



Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik laid the foundation stone of Runaya Refining at Jharsuguda. The project is an end-to-end green solution for the recovery of aluminium and processing residual waste from Aluminium smelters.

The ceremony was held in presence of Annanya Agarwal – CEO, Runaya Refining, Bibhuti Bhushan Das – DM and Collector, Abhijit Pati – CEO, Vedanta Ltd, Jharsuguda and other senior members of the district administration and Vedanta Ltd.

Speaking on the occasion, Annanya Agarwal said, "Runaya's vision is to enable growth in the aluminium industry in a sustainable manner. We provide innovative

sustainable solutions for the aluminium industry. It is an important strategic initiative as a specialty innovative-solutions, which provides value-added products for regional and global markets."

Runaya Refining is a sustainability solutions company with operations based on its licensed proprietary patented technology. Runaya uses a technology which is in line with its vision for Green Projects and is based on zero waste and zero discharge.

This technology is being introduced for the first time in South East Asia. Runaya has the capacity to process 30000 tonnes per annum of aluminium dross into value-added product.

The project will address one of the biggest challenges facing the Aluminium industry, which relates to the handling, evacuation and disposal of dross in an environmentally friendly manner.

This Aluminium dross processing facility is giving rise to a multi-level aluminium industry ecosystem which would further bolster the potential of aluminium ancillary industry in Western Odisha and in other parts of the country.

Annanya added that "We are thankful to the Chief Minister of Odisha Naveen Patnaik and the people of Odisha, for their support. We have worked passionately to bring a 'Green' eco-friendly technology to India and we hope that this pioneering step would set a trend for developing similar sustainable projects in the country. ■

## ARD Aluminium to make food containers in Sri Lanka

The Board of Investment of Sri Lanka signed an Agreement with ARD Aluminium (Pvt) Ltd to set up a factory at Mirigama Economic Processing Zone to manufacture aluminium food containers with lids and aluminium foil wrap for food.

The Investors Akul Gupta, Dhiraj Agarwal and Rohit Agarwal were present at the signing. Also present were Nishantha Gunawardana and Rohan Fernando both Directors of the local manufacturing operator. The BOI was represented by Renuka Weerakoon Executive



Director (Monitoring) Acting for the Director General.

Gupta said "They have the capacity to manufacture 250 tons of aluminium containers per month which is the equivalent of 25 forty foot containers. "Our products will be exported to India, the United Arab

Emirates and Western Europe, notably the United Kingdom. Our plant will employ 125 workers who will be working in 3 shifts.

"Also I wish to add that our manufacturing process is environmentally friendly and the left over aluminium will be re-exported to India in bale form. This manufacture will support a lot of local food industries and catering businesses as it is ideal for the delivery of hot food which is a growing business in Sri Lanka," Gupta said.

Production by ARD Aluminium (Pvt) Ltd is expected to start in July 2019. ■