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**FERRO
ALLOYS**
**CONFERENCE
2026**

TAJ CIDADE DE GOA HORIZON, GOA

16 - 18 September 2026



**Fueling India's Steel Surge: The Rising
Importance of Ferro Alloys**

Navigating Trade Uncertainties · Sustainable Growth in Ferro Alloys

DAY 0 | 16th Sep'26 *Wednesday*

11:00 IST Onwards • Registrations

18:00 IST • Chairman's Welcome Address & Sponsor Toast

18:15 IST • Welcome Speech by Sponsor

Welcome Dinner & Cocktails

DAY 1 | 17th Sep'26 *Thursday*

10:30 - 11:00 IST

A Lifetime in Ferro Alloys: Honouring a Legacy of Leadership

- **Shri S Y Ghorpade, Chairman Emeritus, SMIORE**
- Vision, Innovation & Institution Building — Chairman, Emeritus
- Beyond Mining: A Vision for Transformation — Director, SMIORE
- 53 Years, One Remarkable Legacy

11:00 - 11:15 IST

Global Steel Reset: Macro Headwinds, Trade Flows, Steel & Alloys Market Implications

- Global macro environment
- Global steel demand and supply dynamics
- How is China's ongoing production control shaping global steel trade flows?
- Impact of tariffs and a strong US\$ on global steel production competitiveness

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Seiji Matsuo, Head – India, Sumitomo Corporation India, International	Speaker Panelist

11:15 - 12:00 IST

Powering India Steel Expansion

- Steel demand & production outlook in India
- Shifts in steel making routes & raw material security

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Joint Managing Director, Shyam Metalics, India	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Swapnil Gupta, Executive Director – Resource Transformation, PwC, India	Speaker Panelist

12:00 - 12:15 IST

Steel Growth, Mn Alloy Demand: Where Is India Headed?

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Sachin Shetty, CEO, Quesrow	Speaker Panelist

12:15 - 13:00 IST

Manganese Ore in Flux: Global Supply Risks and Trade Realignment

- Are major suppliers stabilising output or facing structural constraints?
- India angle — demand & import dependence
- Movement between spot procurement & long-term contracts

SPEAKER	ROLE
Ms. Neha Gambhir, Director, Millionlink India Smelting Pvt Ltd, India	Speaker Panelist
Ms. Rashmi Singh, Director (Commercial), MOIL Limited, India	Session Chair
Eramet, France	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Kevin Fowkes, Proprietor & Managing Consultant, AlloyMetrics, UK	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Mark Camaj, GM Marketing, Consolidated Minerals & Secretary General, Global Manganese Association, France	Speaker Panelist

13:00 to 14:00 · Networking Lunch

14:00 - 14:45 IST

Mn Alloys: How Trade Barriers Are Reshaping Global Trade Flows

- Is protectionism accelerating regionalisation of Mn alloy markets at the cost of global efficiency?
- How is India navigating Mn alloy trade barriers — balancing domestic industry protection with export competitiveness?

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Laurent Montcoutié, Executive Director, International Manganese Institute (IMnI), France	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Vinay Agrawal, Promoter, Hira Group of Industries, India	Speaker Panelist
Tata Steel, India	Speaker Panelist
Ms. Nishtha Mukerjee Sinha, GM – Pricing, Indexing and Content (Iron Ore, Ferro Alloys & Coal), BigMint	Moderator

14:45 - 15:30 IST

India FeCr Industry Outlook: Demand Surge, Cost Pressures & Global Competition

- India's stainless steel expansion vis-à-vis FeCr capacity/production.
- How secure is access to chrome ore for Indian producers — domestic vs. imports?
- Will increased South African exports displace Indian FeCr in key markets like China and Asia?

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Santosh Antony, Chief Marketing & Sales, Ferro Alloys & Minerals Division, Tata Steel, India	Moderator + Speaker Panelist
Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA), India	Speaker Panelist
Jindal Stainless Limited, India	Speaker Panelist

15:30 - 16:15 IST

India FeSi Outlook: Can Domestic Industry Compete Amid Imports and Bhutan's Expansion?

- Will Bhutan's increasing capacity significantly alter India's procurement pattern?
- What is driving silicon metal imports to India and its competitiveness against FeSi?

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Soung Jong Lee, Director, B.V. and D.V. Alloys (sister company of Carbon Resources), Bhutan	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Navin Kumar Dadoo, Group Advisor, Pelden Enterprise Limited, Bhutan	Speaker Panelist
Vardhman Special Steel, India	Speaker Panelist
Jindal Steel, India	Speaker Panelist

16:15 - 16:45 IST

Presentation on CBAM

- CBAM and Ferro Alloys: carbon compliance & India's export competitiveness.
- What initiatives are being taken by Indian ferro alloys producers to meet the standards in order to remain competitive.

SPEAKER	ROLE
IEX	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Harsh Choudhary, Co-founder, Sentra World	Speaker Panelist

16:45 - 17:30 IST

Unlocking Energy Efficiency in Ferro Alloys: Waste Heat Recovery & the Power-Technology Opportunity

- How much waste heat is generated by submerged arc furnaces, and what proportion can realistically be recovered?
- CAPEX, operating costs, payback period and key factors determining project viability.
- Challenges in retrofitting WHR systems into operating ferro alloy plants and managing furnace variability.
- Power market dynamics and the role of waste-heat-recovery-based power generation in the ferro alloys industry.
- Impact of evolving power markets on ferro alloy producers; role of waste heat recovery in reducing dependency on grid power.
- Real project learnings and performance insights from experience; contribution of WHR systems towards sustainability and cost competitiveness.

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Tushar Ghalsasi, MD & CEO, Ghalsasi Smelting Private Limited	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Ravith Hansraj, Senior Systems Development Engineer, Tenova	Speaker Panelist
Mr. K.V. Kartha, CTO, M.E Engineering Pvt Ltd	Speaker Panelist

19:00 Onwards · Networking Dinner

DAY 2 | 18th Sep'26 *Friday*

10:30 - 11:15 IST

From Specialty Steel to Superalloys: India's Noble Ferro Alloy Opportunity

- How is the rise in high-strength and specialty steel production driving demand for noble ferro alloys like FeMo, FeV and FeTi in India?
- How fast is India's noble ferro alloy market growing compared to global peers?
- How does removal of BCD impact pricing and supply security in the changed scenario?

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. G.S. Marda, Managing Director, Premier Alloys & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Speaker Panelist
Mr Sandeep Goenka, Promoter & Director, Team Ferro Alloys	Speaker Panelist
Bansal Brothers (Ferro Alloys Division), India	Speaker Panelist
Viraj Profiles Pvt Ltd.	Speaker Panelist
Ms. Nishtha Mukerjee Sinha, GM – Pricing, Indexing and Content (Iron Ore, Ferro Alloys & Coal), BigMint	Speaker Panelist

11:15 - 12:00 IST

From Exploration to Execution: Building India's Critical Minerals Ecosystem

- How fast is India's demand expected to grow over the next decade?
- How can India move up the value chain from raw material importer to processor/manufacturer?
- What are the key challenges in exploration — technology, investment, or regulatory approvals?
- How is India securing overseas mineral assets through strategic partnerships?

SPEAKER	ROLE
Deloitte	Speaker Panelist
LOHUM Cleantech Pvt. Ltd.	Speaker Panelist
IREL Ltd.	Speaker Panelist
Mr. Nirmalya Deb, Editor-in-Chief, BigMint, Kolkata	Speaker Panelist

12:15 - 13:30 IST

Special Motivation & Leadership Session

- An inspiring, high-energy conversation on resilience, reinvention and leading through uncertainty.
- Practical takeaways on building high-performing teams and staying purpose-driven in a changing industry.

13:30 to 13:45 · Closing Remarks