

6th International **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

DAY 1 | 16th Sep'26 *Wednesday*

11:00 IST Onwards : Registrations

13:00-14:00 IST : Welcome Lunch

17.30 IST: An Evening of Goan Carnival & Celebration at Mandovi Lawns

Step into the vibrant carnival celebration featuring live music, dazzling entertainment, colourful festivities and a lavish spread of iconic Goan delicacies.

18:00 IST: Sponsor Toast

18:15 IST: Welcome Speech by Sponsor

18:15 IST: Welcome Dinner & Cocktails

DAY 2 | 17th Sep'26 *Thursday*

10:15 – 10:30 IST

Theme Setting & Lamp Lighting Ceremony

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Manish Sarda, Dy. Managing Director, Sarda Energy & Minerals and Past Chairman, committee members of IFAPA	Speakers

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

Keynote Session : MOIL's Roadmap for India's Manganese Security & Steel Growth

- The keynote will explore MOIL's strategic role in India's manganese ore and ferro alloys ecosystem, highlighting production growth, resource sustainability, technology adoption and evolving market dynamics.

- The session will examine MOIL's roadmap for capacity expansion, quality enhancement, domestic supply security and supporting India's growing steel industry, while addressing opportunities and challenges emerging from global manganese markets.

SPEAKER	ROLE
Shri Vishwanath Suresh, Chairman-cum-Managing Director, MOIL	Speaker

11:15 – 12:00 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. Rashmi Singh, Director (Commercial), MOIL Limited, India	Panelist
Ms. Neha Gambhir, Director, Millionlink India Smelting Pvt Ltd, India	Panelist
Mr. Sujogya Kumar DASH, Deputy SVP Commercial, Eramet, France	Panelist
Mr. Kevin Fowkes, Proprietor & Managing Consultant, AlloyMetrics, UK	Moderator
Mr. Mark Camaj, Secretary General, Global Manganese Association	Panelist
Mr. Sagar Jain, Raw Material Strategy, Tata Steel	Panelist

12:00 – 12:15 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, Vice President (Steel), Sumitomo India	Speaker

12:15 – 13:00 IST

Powering India's Steel Expansion: Demand Outlook and Alloy Demand Linkages

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

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Sanjay Agarwal, Joint Managing Director, Shyam Metalics and Energy Limited, India	Panelist
Mr. Swapnil Gupta, Executive Director – Resource Transformation, PwC, India	Panelist
Mr. Sachin Shetty, CEO, Quesrow	Speaker (Presentation) + Moderation

13:00 to 14:00 · Networking Lunch

14:00 – 14:30 IST

Drum Up the Energy | Post-Lunch Icebreaker

Beat the post-lunch lull with a high-energy interactive drumming session—an electrifying team experience designed to get everyone moving, engaging and recharged for the sessions ahead!

14:30 – 15:15 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 Montcoulié, Executive Director, International Manganese Institute (IMnI), France	Presentation
Mr. Vinay Agrawal, Director, Hira Group of Industries, India	Panelist
Mr. Maneesh Jain, VP Procurement - Commercial (Direct OPEX), JSW Steel	Panelist
Mr. Akhilesh Kumar, Procurement Specialist	Panelist
Ms. Nishtha Mukerjee Sinha, GM – Pricing, Indexing and Content (Iron Ore, Ferro Alloys & Coal), BigMint	Moderator

15:15 – 16:00 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
Mr. Deepak Mohanty, Advisor, Indian Metals & Ferro Alloys Ltd (IMFA), India	Panelist
TBA, Synergy Steels, (Invited)	Panelist
Mr. Suyash Trivedi, DGM Sourcing & Supply Chain Management, JSL	Panelist

16:00 – 16:45 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	Panelist
Mr. Navin Kumar Dadoo, Group Advisor, Pelden Enterprise Limited, Bhutan	Panelist

16:45 – 17:00 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
Mr. Harsh Choudhary, Co-founder, Sentra World	Speaker

17:00 – 17:45 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
Mr. K.V. Kartha, Managing Director and CTO, M.E. Energy Pvt. Ltd.	Speaker
Mr. Ravith Hansraj, Senior Systems Development Engineer, Tenova	Speaker

19:30 IST Onwards: Gala Dinner by Trafigura

19:30 IST Onwards: Gala Night | Celebrating Excellence & Music

An evening bringing together recognition, celebration and entertainment, culminating in an unforgettable live musical performance by Goa's leading band Black & White

20:00 IST Onwards: Sponsors Felicitation

DAY 3 | 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. R.S. Marda, Managing Director, Premier Alloys & Chemicals Pvt. Ltd.	Panelist
Mr Udayan Gutgutiya, Director, Team Ferro Alloys	Panelist
Mr. Jugnu Kochhar, Purchase Head, Viraj Profiles Pvt. Ltd. (Invited)	Panelist
Ms. Nishtha Mukerjee Sinha, GM – Pricing, Indexing and Content (Iron Ore, Ferro Alloys & Coal), BigMint	Moderator

11:15 – 11:45 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
Mr. Siddharth Nautiyal, Strategy and New Initiatives, LOHUM Cleantech Pvt. Ltd.	Speaker

11:45 – 12:15 IST

Ferro Alloys Roundtable: Markets, Trade & Exports

- Global Demand, Cost Pressures and Key Trade Barriers
- Strengthening trade flows, competitiveness, and industry collaboration

SPEAKER	ROLE
Mr. Ayush Keyal, CEO, Mortex Group (Invited)	Panelist
TBA, World Metals & Alloys	Panelist
Mr. Souvik Mukherjee, General Manager, Marubeni India Pvt Ltd (Invited)	Panelist

12:15 – 13:30 IST

Beyond the Script: Resilience, Reinvention and Leadership

Mr. Ashish Vidyarthi

- 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