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Vedanta Looks to Sell Electrosteel

Wants to focus on core mining, industrial biz, cut debt; AMNS, JSW, Jindal Steel & Power, Tatas tapped

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Mumbai: Four years after scooping up Electrosteel Steels Limited to make a big splash in the steel industry, Anil Agarwal-led Vedanta Group has decided to sell business to focus on its core mining and industrial businesses and deleverage the balance sheet which had a debt of \$11.7 billion at March-end, said people with knowledge of the matter.

The group has approached steel companies such as ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel (AMNS), Tata Steel, JSW and Jindal Steel and Power Limited, and a select group of financial investors, said the people. Top executives like ArcelorMittal CEO Aditya Mittal have also visited the site along with Vedanta Group officials in recent weeks, they said.

Vedanta Group said it did not want to comment on market speculation. ArcelorMittal

Nippon Steel and JSW declined to comment.

"We don't have any acquisitions under evaluation currently," Tata Steel CFO Koushik Chatterjee told ET.

Mails sent to JSPL did not generate a response till press time.

Hot Metal

Vedanta beat Tata Steel to buy Electrosteel in 2018 for ₹5,230 cr under IBC

Owns 95.5% in steel co

ELECTROSTEEL

Capacity 1.5 MTPA at Bokaro & Goa facilities

Expansion: 3 MTPA hot metal (to be completed by FY23)

Capex: \$348 m

Iron Ore: 12 MTPA

Segment-wise financials:

Steel revenues
Q2FY23: ₹1,985 cr

Ebitda loss: ₹12 cr*

*Source: Company

