

## Tata Steel uses Indo-Bangladesh route to access North-East

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Tata Steel has completed the first multi-modal shipment of steel TMT bars from Haldia Port in West Bengal to Agartala in Tripura via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol (IBP) route.

The barge *MV Bulker I* was flagged off from Haldia Port on January 8 with 960 tonnes of steel bars through inland waterways using the IBP route, to the transfer point at Ashuganj port in Bangladesh. The cargo was then moved by road to a Land Port Authority of India warehouse at Agartala on the India-Bangladesh border and trans-shipped by trucks to the distributor's warehouse in Agartala.

Tata Martrade International Logistics Ltd (TMILL) was in charge of the entire logistics management for this maiden voyage. The entire transporta-

tion from flag-off to the receiving of material at distributor's warehouse was completed in 17 days, a press statement issued by the company said.

According to Peeyush Gupta, Vice-President, GSP and Supply Chain, Tata Steel, the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol route serves as a reliable integrated logistics solution for both Bangladesh and India to use inland waterways and will further help expand consumer reach.