JAPAN/US

Komatsu acquires Joy
Tokyo-based mining and construction equipment maker Komatsu is set to acquire US mining equipment firm Joy Global for US$ 2.89 billion.

A press release from Komatsu said a “definitive agreement” had been reached by the two companies, subject to approvals under laws in relevant countries.

The Japanese firm has agreed to pay US$ 28.30 a share in cash for Milwaukee-based Joy Global – 20% higher than the company’s closing price on 20 July.

The deal will be Komatsu’s biggest-ever acquisition and signals its confidence that the recent upturn in commodity prices is set to continue.

Komatsu said the acquisition of Joy Global – which it first considered purchasing in 2012 – is a continuation of its strategy to “strengthen the core mining equipment business in an effort to achieve sustainable growth”.

Joy manufactures advanced original equipment and parts for underground and surface mining applications, as well as material handling systems.

SRI LANKA

Port city back on track
The construction of a new financial city in Sri Lanka’s capital Colombo has been given the green light by the government.

An agreement between Sri Lanka’s Urban Development Authority, the Ministry of Megapolis and Western Development and the China Harbour Engineering Company has put back on track the US$ 3.4 billion project that stalled last year, following environmental concerns.

The Sri Lankan government is hoping that the project, renamed the Colombo International Financial City, will help transform the country into a financial hub in the Indian Ocean region.

Speaking at the signing ceremony last week, Ch Yamuna Ranwawansa, Minister of Megapolis and Western Development, said the project was one of the key phenomena that would decide the future development of Sri Lanka.

Under the new agreement, the city has been expanded to 269 hectares and will now include central parks and public beaches. It is also expected to create thousands of jobs in the country.

INDIA

$ 587 m job for L&T
Larsen & Toubro (L&T) Power has won the contract to supply three 660 MW steam generators to the thermal power plant at Ghuttpur Telco in Uttar Pradesh, India.

L&T secured the 3,860 crore rupees (US$ 587 million) contract through its joint venture company L&T-MPHS Boilers Private Limited (LMB). The company is 51% owned by L&T India, with Hitachi Power Systems, Japan, owning the remaining 49%.

The LMB contract calls for the design, engineering, manufacture, supply, erection and commissioning of the generators for Newvatt Uttar Pradesh Power Limited.

L&T Power’s CEO Shailendra Ray said, “This is a prestigious order for supercritical steam generators, with state-of-the-art equipment meeting new emission norms. LMB will meet the project schedule with resources conforming to international quality standards.”

The joint venture company has so far completed eight orders for pressure parts, pulverisers and engineering services in the Middle East, Africa and South East Asia.

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