

Phillips Carbon to set up unit in Chennai

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KOLKATA: RPG Group company Phillips Carbon Black Ltd (PCBL) is planning to set up its biggest unit in Tamil Nadu and SIPCOT authorities have allotted 60 acres in-principle at SIPCOT industrial park Thervoy Kandigai, Chairman Sanjiv Goenka said.

Addressing a press conference to announce the company's results, he said environmental clearances have been applied for.

Unwilling to disclose details, he said that the capacity being planned was around 1.5 lakh tonnes with a 20 MW power unit. This would entail an investment of about Rs.450 crore.

At present the company's Durgapur unit with a 1.3 lakh tonne capacity is its biggest. It also has a unit in Kochi in Kerala and is in the process of completing a unit in Mundra

Plans to invest Rs.450 crore at SIPCOT industrial park

in Gujarat. It is setting up a greenfield unit in Vietnam and is pursuing acquisitions in Germany.

The current installed capacity would increase to 4.1 lakh tonnes from 3.6 lakh tonnes now with the completion of the Mundra project by September this year.

The company has a power generation capacity of 60.5 MW through cogeneration.

The company closed 2010-11 with a record export growth of 67 per cent and a 32 per cent rise in operating profit. Net profit for the year, however, dropped on higher taxation provisions.

A 50 per cent dividend has

been recommended by the company board. On the choice of Tamil Nadu, Mr. Goenka indicated that while there might be further investment in other southern states, Tamil Nadu was chosen first as it was fast emerging as the country's automobile capital.

Giving an update on the Vietnam joint venture, he said that land acquisition had been completed and the plant would have a capacity of 55,000 tonnes with a 12 MW captive power plant.

Total investment is about \$63 million. Construction is scheduled to start this month. While the Goenkas hold 80 per cent of the share, the balance is held by a local company.

Mr. Goenka also said that a blueprint for the company's growth would be finalised by July to put the company on a high growth trajectory.