

Question for written answer E-000825/2018
to the Commission
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Subject: Merger of Thyssen-Krupp's steel division and Tata Steel and the question of imports of cheap steel from India

Thyssen-Krupp announced in 2017 that it would merge its steel division with the Indian company Tata Steel. In particular, this step will have far-reaching consequences for workers and the question of securing the location of plants, investments and job security issues. This merger also raises questions about the future quality of steel from India.

- 1) Does the Commission see this merger as part of the solution to the problem of worldwide overcapacity?
- 2) What measures can the EU take to end the price war with China over the latter's excess steel capacity?
- 3) What is the Commission's view of the risk that the merger of Thyssen-Krupp's steel division and Tata Steel could lead to imports of cheap steel from India?