

IL&FS to put 4 more biz units on the block

Mumbai: IL&FS will put on the block four more businesses –



IL&FS Education, IL&FS Technologies, ONGC Tripura Power Company and

IL&FS Paradip Refinery Water – in coming weeks. The board has also appointed L&T veteran N Sivaraman as chief operating officer. In its second report on progress and way forward, the IL&FS board chaired by **Uday Kotak** has said that it is unlikely that there would be a single buyer for the whole group.

“Based on the outreach conducted by the financial and transaction advisers (JM Financial Services and Arpwood Capital), the initial

assessment seems to indicate that, currently, the group level resolution option is unlikely to materialise,” the report said. It added given that the group level resolution option seems unlikely, the new board is engaging with its advisers to assess the vertical-level and asset-level resolution options.

The cost reduction measures taken by the new board include manpower cost optimisation, which will discontinue services of retired employees. These measures are expected to save around Rs 100 crore for the group. IL&FS has terminated guesthouses leased by various group entities, where the annual rentals amounted to Rs 5 crore. It has also closed offices at various locations saving nearly Rs 5 crore. TNN