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## BOL announces another major investment

Bangladesh Oxygen Limited announces another major investment in a fully integrated welding electrode manufacturing plant to be sited besides its recent investment of a 30 Ton Per Day Liquid Oxygen plant, says a press release.

The plant will be able to produce all types of welding electrodes of the highest international quality, needed now as well as in the future, particularly the types needed for the construction of the Jamuna Multipurpose Bridge.

This plant will be the largest in the country, capable of producing the country's entire requirement in one shift, and future demands for many years.

The plant is being imported from ESAB of Sweden, who is the largest welding product manufacturer in the world. ESAB will also provide technical assistance to BOL for operation of the plant, as well as technical knowhow and manufacturing support for all types of electrodes, under a technical aid agreement.

BOL will thus have access to the world's best source of technological expertise in this field.

## Cost & Management Accounts team meets Biswas

A delegation of the Institute of Cost and Management Accountants of Bangladesh called on President Abdur Rahman Biswas at Bangabhaban yesterday, reports BSS.

Taking to them, President Biswas underlined the importance of the cost and management accountancy in ascertaining the financial and management viability of an organisation. He said that this is the era of specialisation and those who specialise can contribute substantially to their respective fields.

Earlier, in a memorandum the chairman of the institute cost and management accounts appraised the President of some of their professional difficulties. President gave them a patient hearing and assured to look into the matter.

The delegation included, among others, Chowdhury Hafizur Rahman, chairman of the institute, Habibur Rahman, Muzaffar Ahmed, Mohammad Ishaq, Mohammad Mohiuddin, M Abdul Kalam Muzamdar, Mohammad Yusuf Ali Mia, M Rafiqul Hasan, A S M Shaikhul Islam, A K M Delwar Hussain and Golam Mahbub Alam.

## Gov Wilson sues US to recoup prison costs

LOS ANGELES, June 1: The US government owes the state of California nearly 370 million dollar for the cost of providing health care to illegal immigrants. Gov. Pete Wilson claimed in a lawsuit filed Tuesday, reports Xinhua.

In April, Wilson filed a lawsuit seeking to recoup prison costs. He plans a third lawsuit dealing with education.

"It is time the federal government starts to enforce the nation's immigration laws," Wilson said.

In filing the lawsuit, California joins six other states — Florida, New York, New Jersey, Illinois, Arizona and Texas — in either taking legal action or planning to do so to get more money from the federal government to cover the costs of caring for illegal immigrants.

Immigrant rights say there is virtually no legal basis for the suit and note that the action came at a time when the Republican governor is running for re-election.

"This is to get a story and headlines and show that he is trying to do something on this issue," said Charles Wheeler, directing attorney for the National Immigration Law Centre. "It's entirely for political reasons."

US Justice Department spokesman Carl Stern said the Clinton Administration hasn't shut the door on the issue.

"We are working very closely with California and several other states to try to reduce the burden and to make headway against the problem of illegal immigration," Stern said. "We welcome any cooperative efforts the governor wishes to undertake with us."

The lawsuit seeks the 369.8 million dollars that state officials say California will spend in the current fiscal year to provide emergency medical services to an estimated 300,000 illegal immigrants.

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