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Dear Sir,

# **Re: News Clarification**

This has reference to your letter dated September 1, 2022, having Ref No. NSE/CM/ Surveillance/12236 seeking clarification on the news article captioned "**Tata Steel to invest over 65 million euros for hydrogen-based steel manufacturing in Netherlands**" dated August 31, 2022, published online on <u>www.economictimes.com</u>

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