
PRESS RELEASE

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore bags Environmental Leadership Award

Panaji, July 01, 2016: Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore received the prestigious ‘**Environmental Leadership Award**’ under the Environmental Sustainability category presented by Responsible Business Awards recently at a solemn function held at Taj Lands, Mumbai. Mr. Jagdish Desai, Environment Manager, Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore, received the award from Prof. Dr. C. M. Dwivedi, Board of Director – Datamatics Staffing Services and Dr. Tarita Shankar, Chairperson, Indira Group of Institutes.

The Environment Leadership Award recognizes Vedanta’s efforts and practices in contributing to the development and strengthening of social wellness, minimizing the effects on environment and commitment to operate transparently towards employees, community and society. The Responsible Business Awards is an annual initiative, supported by the State Institutions aiming to raise awareness on Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR).

Mining is a temporary activity, with the operating life of a mine lasting from a few years to several decades. Mine closure occurs once the mineral resource at a working mine is exhausted, or operations are no longer profitable. Mine closure plans are required by most regulatory agencies worldwide before a mining permit is granted, and must demonstrate that the site will not pose a threat to the health of the environment or society in the future.

“Our Sankhali Mine is a classic example which has been reclaimed in a phased manner and Vedanta-Sesa Goa Iron Ore has led by example by delivering well before a legislation or regulation was even thought of, for responsible closure of mines in India,” said Mr. Jagdish Desai. He further said, we were the first iron ore mining company to comply with ISO 14001 environment management system and pioneers in the use of biodegradable geotextiles for dump stabilisation, reporting on sustainability based GRI guidelines since 2005 besides others”.

The Sankhali Mines of Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore is located in Mauliguem village of Bicholim taluka of North Goa district with an area of 203 hectares which houses a Butterfly Park, Aromatic Garden, Bamboo and Rattan arboretum, Bamboo Pavillion, Pisciculture pond, Sesa Technical School and Sesa Football Academy besides others.

To emulate the phased reclamation and best practices carried out by Vedanta –Sesa Goa Iron Ore, the Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry recently invited the company officials to present a case study of the Sankhali Mine Closure at the 2nd Jharkhand Mining Conclave which just concluded in Ranchi.

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Photo caption: Mr. Jagdish Desai, Environment Manager, Vedanta - Sesa Goa Iron Ore, receiving the award from Prof. Dr. C. M. Dwivedi and Dr. Tarita Shankar

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Vedanta Limited (Vedanta Ltd) is a diversified natural resources company, whose business primarily involves exploring and processing minerals and oil & gas. The Company produces oil & gas, zinc, lead, silver, copper, iron ore, aluminum and commercial power and has a presence across India, South Africa, Namibia, Ireland, Australia, Liberia and Sri Lanka.

Vedanta Ltd, formerly Sesa Sterlite Ltd. is the Indian subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Plc, a London-listed company. Governance and Sustainable Development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety and environment and on enhancing the lives of local communities. Vedanta Ltd is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange in India and has ADRs listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

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