

## **Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron ore gets 5 Star Rating for Sustainable Mining**

**Panaji, July 4, 2016:** Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore was awarded a 5 Star rating at the 'National Conclave on Mines and Minerals' held at Raipur today. The award was presented to Sesa Goa Iron Ore, Chief Operating Officer (COO), Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar by Union Cabinet Minister - Steel & Mines, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar in the presence of Chief Minister of Chhatisgarh, Mr. Raman Singh and Union Secretary of Steel, Ms. Aruna Sundararajan.

***Receiving the award Mr. S. Mazumdar said, "We are most humbled and pleased to receive this award as it recognizes our best practices and sustainability measures. Vedanta is always committed to mining in a responsible manner aimed at socio economic development and welfare of the communities."***

Sesa Goa Iron Ore bagged the 5 Star rating and Award for its Codli and Bicholim Mines. This is as part of the Star Rating Scheme implementation of the Sustainable Development Framework (SDF) that has been formulated and finalized by the Ministry of Mines.

The Sesa mines were assessed after a thorough inspection by IBM officials on various parameters that included:

- The management of impact by carrying out scientific and efficient mining
- Addressing social impacts of our resettlement and rehabilitation requirements for taking up mining activities
- Local community engagements and welfare programmes
- Steps taken for progressive and final mine enclosure
- Adoption of international standards

The eligibility criteria was for all major mineral mines, which have been operational for more than 180 days in the reporting year 2015-16.

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore is the only miner in Goa which was operational for 180 days in 2015 – 16 and has bagged the award in the State.

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**Photo Caption 01:** Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, COO receives the 5 star rating Sustainability Award from Union Cabinet Minister - Steel & Mines, Mr. Narendra Singh Tomar and Chief Minister of Chhatisgarh, Mr. Raman Singh.

**Photo Caption 02:** Vedanta Codli Iron Ore Mine - 5 Star Rating - Sustainability Development

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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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