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**PRESS RELEASE**

**Vedanta – Sesa Goa Iron Ore Spreads AIDS Awareness on World AIDS Day**

**PANAJI, December 02, 2016:** Vedanta -Sesa Goa Iron Ore in association with the Blood Bank of Goa Medical College and Hospicio Hospital, Margao conducted a blood donation camp for its Value Addition and Iron Ore employees in Amona and Codli, Goa on 1st December on the occasion of World AIDS Day.

The company has been organizing such blood donation camps for the past years on World AIDS Day as part of its Corporate Social Responsibility initiative. Around 60 units of blood were donated by employees from the Value Addition Business in Amona and Codli Mines and for the locations in Central & North Cluster the blood donation will be held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at Surla. Complete Blood Count (CBC) test was done for employees at HO. Further, awareness session on AIDS was delivered to employees including school children in Karnataka.

Dr. Varsha Raheja – Chief Medical Officer said, “Blood donation is a noble act. By coming forward to donate blood we fulfil our responsibility as a human as blood cannot be manufactured. Many lives can be saved and we are not at a loss too as the human body has a regenerating mechanism”.

Dr.Clara and Dr. Vasundhara along with their team of Blood Bank, Goa Medical College and Hospicio Hospital applauded the management and employees for its sustained efforts towards the cause and for making the camp successful.

Sesa Goa Iron Ore believes that organizing blood donation camps on a regular basis is very important. It believes that all sections of society should contribute towards the society and save lives. Till date around 1163 employees have donated blood in this manner. A week long activity is being planned which will involve Awareness on the subject followed by Blood Donation drives across the units.

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**Photo caption:**

- 1) Employees of Sesa Goa Iron Ore participating in the Blood Donation camp.**
- 2) Awareness on AIDS to School Children in Karnataka**

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