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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **Vedanta's mining pits act as chalice to quench capital**

It is evident across India that scarcity of water has taken a grave face and almost 300 million people are facing the wrath of drought- like situation. In an agro-dependent country water is of prime importance. Potable drinking water is the basic necessity which is adversely affected during water scarcity situation.

For the sustainable progress and development of people potable drinking water and water for irrigation and agricultural purposes is of prime importance. Goa on an average receives largest rainfall however during summers it has to face water scarcity problems in many areas.

Goa is also a huge iron ore mining belt and contributes a large amount of revenue to the tune of nearly INR 5000 crore to the state. If iron ore is a contributor of wealth to the state, then mining pits are saviors to the citizens of Goa when faced with water scarcity. Not many of us know of the fact that like dams, mining pits also act like natural rain water harvesting collectors. From the past 4-5 years mining pits have been a potential source of water to the people even during the days of the mining ban. Water has been continuously pumped out and supplied to the nearby villages through tankers.

In the interest of the society and at doing larger good, Vedanta collaborated with the Mineral Foundation of Goa (MFG) in 2011 and constructed a water reservoir and purification plant to provide potable drinking water to the capital when in need. A successful Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiative this measure has addressed to the water scarcity in the State and helped supply water to communities dependent on agriculture for irrigation and for households, serving the communities at large. Around 1162 households covering almost 5000 population are beneficiaries of this project. It is noteworthy that more than 20 hectares of the land is now under cultivation and more than 140 farmers are directly benefitted from the project.

Vedanta always believes in sustainable and responsible mining and as a good corporate citizen been catering to quench the thirst of the Goan people at a time when many states in the nation are forced to buy potable water.

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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, aluminium 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

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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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