

# **Press Release**

# 'Back to Farming' project of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore continues to promote Agriculture across the State.

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore provides agricultural assistance to over 160 farmers from Amona,
Navelim and Vagona villages helping to facilitate cultivation of 47 Hectares land.

Goa, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2020: Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore continues to provide agricultural assistance under its flagship CSR Program - 'Back to Farming' wherein recently company has supported over 160 farmers helping to bring around 47 Hectare of land under cultivation at Amona, Navelim and Vagona village. Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore extended agricultural assistance by providing seeds & fertilizers, fencing of the fields, harvesting & ploughing support and Irrigation support etc. to the farmers. The seeds & fertilizers were handed over to farmers from Vagona village in the distinguished presence of Mrs. Suvarna Tendulkar, ZP member Sanvordem, Mr. Ramakant Gaonkar and Mr. Tulshidas Gaonkar, Panchayat members ,V.P. Kirlapal Dabal, Mr. Joseph Coelho, Director IOG Vedanta Ltd. and Mr. Ram Sawant, Head-Logistics, IOG Vedanta Limited whereas at Amona & Navelim Villages Mr. Sandesh G. Naik –President of Brameshwar Shetakari Sanghatana, Amona, Vishwambar Gauns- President of Tenants Association Maina- Navelim ,Yashwant Parab- President of Mai Katar Khazan,Amona, Milind Barve, Head- ER, PR & CSR, VAB Vedanta Limited and Neha Adokonkar, CSR Officer, VAB, Vedanta Limited handed over the Seeds & fertilizers to the farmers.

Speaking about this Initiative Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head- Vedanta Resources Limited said "Our endeavor is to support the nation building and contribute to our Hon'ble PM's vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat through all possible means. We believe Agriculture is one of the major component of our economy and Indian heritage. Development of Agriculture is the major thrust area of our CSR Interventions and we are fully committed to contribute towards the up-liftment of Agriculture sector to support our communities around to be self-reliant"

Mr. Sandesh G Naik- President of Brameshwar Shetakari Sanghatana, Amona applauded the initiative and Said "We appreciate Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore for providing agricultural assistance to the farmers. This initiative has truly helped farmers by rejuvenating agriculture and making it a viable livelihood option. We all farmers are motivated due to much needed support provided by company and expecting high yields from our fields"

The project back to farming of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore is an on-going initiative as an investment towards reviving agriculture along with farming activities for sustainable results. Under this project various paddy fields left fallow were identified and required assistance is provided to farmers helping them to revive farming.



#### **About Vedanta Limited**

Vedanta Limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, is one of the world's leading Oil & Gas and Metals company with significant operations in Oil & Gas, Zinc, Lead, Silver, Copper, Iron Ore, Steel, and Aluminium & Power across India, South Africa, Namibia, and Australia. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing to India's growth story, currently contributing 1 percent of India's GDP. The company is among the top private sector contributors to the exchequer with the highest ever contribution of INR 42,560 Crore in FY 2019. 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. The company has been conferred the CII-ITC Sustainability Award, the FICCI CSR Award, Dun & Bradstreet Awards in Metals & Mining, and certified as a Great Place to Work. Vedanta Limited 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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## **About Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business**

Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business of Vedanta Limited is engaged in exploration, mining, and processing of iron ore. The company was founded in 1954 as Scambi Economici SA Goa and acquired by Vedanta. Since then, it has grown to be one among the top low-cost producers of iron ore in the country. During 1991-1995, it diversified into the manufacture of pig iron and metallurgical coke. It has also developed indigenous and environment-friendly technology for producing high quality metallurgical coke. Sesa Goa Iron Ore also has a 60 MW power plant that produces clean power by using the waste heat recovery from its coke ovens and blast furnace gas. Sesa Goa Iron Ore operations in India are in Goa & Karnataka.

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