

## Press release

### **VEDANTA SESA GOA IRON ORE REITERATES ITS COMMITMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONS AT METALOGIC PMS WEBINAR**

*While Addressing webinar on “Sustainable Mining- Waste Management”, Mr. Jagdish Desai, Head- HSE explained about sustainability framework adopted at Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business*

**Panjim, Goa, 29th Sep'20:** Mr. Jagdish Desai, Head-HSE of Vedanta's Iron Ore Goa division while speaking at Metalogic PMS Webinar, elaborated about sustainability framework adopted at Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business, which includes robust mine closure planning, Structured reclamation of Mining sites, Biodiversity conservation, and holistic development of communities. During the webinar on the topic of "Sustainable Mining-Waste Management", Mr. Jagdish highlighted best in class sustainability practices at Vedanta's Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business such as reclamation of Sanquelim Iron Ore Mine which is one of the role model for the systematic reclamation of site & biodiversity conservation along with community development programs for long terms benefits of the people.

Speaking at the Webinar **Mr. Jagdish Desai** Said “Robust environment management plans throughout operational lifecycle and *Mine closure planning at the early stages is very crucial for sustainable mining operations which helps in adequate time and financial resources. At Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business we devise the comprehensive sustainability mechanism which helps to maximize the social and environmental benefits of mining and create maximum value for all stakeholders. We go beyond the Environmental & Social norms to ensure the best in class Environment management practices & Socio-economic upliftment of communities. We believe Stakeholder engagement is another important facet of sustainable Business growth and our constant endeavor is to create win-win situation*”

Mr. Desai also highlighted the Vedanta's efforts in adopting best practices and advanced technology in every aspect of mining operations including exploration, blasting, beneficiation, and Logistics. He emphasized that companies should go beyond compliance requirements and adopt various international best standards like IFC guidelines and ICMM principles to strengthen sustainability mechanism.

Mr. Glenn Kalavampara, Secretary of GMOEA said “The Goa mining industry has had a rich legacy of contributing to the overall socio- economic development of the state as

well as communities around as proactive initiatives. These are well documented as well. The efforts of many major companies in Goa have initiated voluntarily exemplary efforts & increased benchmarks towards sustainable mining proactively. In fact, such efforts yielded fruits even before the statutory regulations were put in place. Some of the projects spearheaded have been appreciated world over, Such as reclamation efforts at Sanquelim mines of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore.

Mineral foundation of Goa an voluntary effort spearheaded by mining companies from Goa over 20 years back have now been initiated by national Mining act in the last 5 years.”

*Over past several decades Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore has contributed towards introduction of several Environment friendly best practices such as introduction of Geotextiles for reclamation of lands, Road Sweeping machines, Development of pisciculture at Exhausted mining pits, Waste heat recovery power plants at Value Added Business, Development of Greenbelt areas and community initiatives to promote Environment conservation among the communities around.*

### **About Vedanta Cares**

Vedanta is committed to reinvest in the social good of its neighbourhood communities and the nation. The Group’s flagship CSR project, Nand Ghar, is a network of model anganwadis where the thrust is on inclusive development of women and children at the grassroots level. The Group CSR initiative comprises of seven key verticals – Education, Healthcare, Water and Sanitation, Sustainable Livelihood, Skilling, Sports & Culture and Employee Volunteering. Vedanta Foundation, a philanthropic initiative of Vedanta Group is focused on skill development and vocational training programmes for the underprivileged to make them employable. A key healthcare speciality CSR project is the Balco Medical Center, a 200-bed state-of-the-art Cancer care hospital located in New Raipur, Chhattisgarh. The company supports grassroots level sports through their Football academies in Goa and Udaipur.

### **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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