

## PRESS RELEASE

### **Vedanta Sesa Goa Supports Livelihoods Of Farmers Through Agriculture Assistance**

**Goa, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2020:** Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore continues to support Agriculture under its CSR program – 'Back to Farming' - which is reaching out to over 936 farmers to bring 228.4 Ha area under cultivation across the state till date.

Recently, the company extended support towards promoting Agriculture and allied livelihood opportunities, to over 107 farmers from Pilgao, Lamgao and Amona Villages in the form of providing sufficient quantities of fertilizers and over 6000 Kg of cattle feed.

The fertilizers & cattle feeds were handed over to farmers in the distinguished presence of Mr. Darshan Redkar - Officer Bearer of Dairy Project, Adv. Rohan Shirodkar, Mr. Mahabaleshwar Gaonkar – Farmer from Pilgao, Ms. Saliya Gawas – Panchayat member- VP Amona, Mr. Santosh Mandrekar –Head North Cluster Mining, Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business along with other members including team from Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business and villagers.

The aim of the 'Back to Farming' project is to create the sustainable Livelihood opportunities and to further enhance the contribution of Agri- based activities towards economic growth. The Back to Farming Project provides support towards Agriculture and allied activities by providing seeds, fertilizers, irrigation facilities, power tiller , manure ,fencing, sluice gate repairs, access road for the field, other agricultural inputs etc.

Expressing her views about the Initiative Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head- Vedanta Resources Limited said "At Vedanta, Promotion of Agriculture among communities and generating sustainable livelihoods is one of the major thrust area of our CSR Interventions. We are committed to be a partner in nationwide program of Government of India to boost Agriculture Sector under the larger umbrella of Aatmanirbhar Bharat. "

Mr. Darshan Redkar, Officer Bearer of Dairy Project lauded Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore and said, "On behalf of Lamgao dairy farmers, I would like to appreciate Vedanta's goodwill and assistance by providing us fodder feed for our cattles. We are grateful to your good deed and hope to see your kind consideration towards the growth of the society."

Mr. Mahabaleshwar Gaonkar, one among the beneficiary farmers said, "Vedanta's assistance in the form of fertilizers came at the righttime. We were facing a shortage of fertilizers due to the COVID-19 situation and further delay would have adversely affected our crops putting our earnings for the year in jeopardy."

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.

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