

Press Release

Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore bags two prestigious awards at the India CSR Leadership Awards 2022

- Vedanta Limited – Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business (IOB) was honoured for its Covid Relief Project and for its Project ‘Gram-Nirman’

Panjim, Goa, 19th December 2022: Vedanta’s Sesa Goa Iron Ore business wins big at the 11th India CSR Leadership Awards held at PHD Chamber, Delhi. Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business honoured as a winner in the category of COVID-19 response for its COVID-19 relief project whereas, Value Added Business (VAB) secured first place in the category of Integrated village development for its flagship initiative ‘Project Gram Nirman’, at India CSR Leadership Awards 2022.

Vedanta’s Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business provided relentless support to the people & state Government of Karnataka, Goa and Dodamarg- Taluka of Maharashtra including frontline warriors through various community outreach initiatives such as contributing to the Chief Minister Covid relief funds, improving medical infrastructure, supplying liquid medical oxygen & medical equipments, distributing sanitizers, and supplying groceries & ration kits during the COVID imposed lockdown phase. Vedanta Sesa Goa also handed over two-100 bedded covid hospitals in Chitradurga district and Dharwad district in Karnataka respectively & provided 100 bedded COVID treatment facilities to Goa Medical College for supporting respective state Governments in combating the pandemic. Vedanta further supported Women Self-Help Groups by providing an alternate form of income during the Covid-19 lockdown by engaging them for stitching of face masks.

Vedanta’s VAB launched Project Gram Nirman in 2021 in partnership with Vanarai NGO to facilitate integrated village development in the peripheral villages. Under the project Gram Nirman company drives various structured community development interventions across multiple thematic areas including sustainable livelihood, women empowerment, Water, Sanitation & Hygiene and Agriculture development in Amona & Navelim villages from Goa.

Ms. Leena Verenkar, Group CSR Head- Vedanta Limited, and Mr. Ashwani Pathak, Sr. Officer CSR- VAB, Vedanta Limited received the awards at India CSR Leadership Summit & Awards ceremony.

Ms. Leena Verenkar, Head- CSR, Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited commended the CSR team of Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business and said, “I would like to thank India CSR Leadership Awards for recognizing Vedanta Sesa Goa’s CSR initiatives, which will further boost our zeal to work for the larger vision of ‘Transforming For Good’. At Vedanta, we believe that holistic community development is at the core of our business philosophy. Project Gram Nirman is a step ahead in our attempt to ensure inclusive development of communities. Our nationwide COVID relief initiatives proved to be instrumental in supporting respective district/State administrations in tackling COVID-19 pandemic.”

Under the aegis of Anil Agarwal, Vedanta aims at empowering communities, transforming lives and facilitating nation building through sustainable & inclusive growth.

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 and Namibia. For two decades, Vedanta has been contributing significantly to nation building. Governance and sustainable development are at the core of Vedanta's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety, and environment. Vedanta has put in place a comprehensive framework to be the ESG leader in the natural resources sector. Vedanta is committed to reducing carbon emissions to zero by 2050 or sooner and has pledged \$5 billion over the next 10 years to accelerate the transition to net zero operations. Giving back is in the DNA of Vedanta, which is focused on enhancing the lives of local communities. The company's flagship social impact program, Nand Ghars, have been set up as model anganwadis focused on eradicating child malnutrition, providing education, healthcare, and empowering women with skill development. Under the aegis of the Anil Agarwal Foundation, the umbrella entity for Vedanta's social initiatives, the Vedanta group has pledged Rs 5000 crore over the next five years on social impact programmes with a thrust on nutrition, women & child development, healthcare, animal welfare, and grass-root level sports. Vedanta and the group companies company have been featured in Dow Jones Sustainability Index 2020, and was conferred Frost & Sullivan Sustainability Awards 2020, CII Environmental Best Practices Award 2020, CSR Health Impact Award 2020, CII National Award 2020 for Excellence in Water Management, CII Digital Transformation Award 2020, ICSI National Award 2020 for excellence in Corporate Governance, People First HR Excellence Award 2020, 'Company with Great Managers 2020' by People Business and certified as a Great Place to Work 2021. Vedanta's flagship Nand Ghar Project was identified as best CSR project by Government of Rajasthan. Vedanta Limited is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange. For more information, please visit www.vedantalimited.com

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 two waste heat recovery power plants of total capacity 60 MW 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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