

## Press Release

### **Vedanta installs streetlights in Navelim-Bicholim; Improves safety in the community**

- Vedanta's Value-Added Business (VAB) completed streetlights work for the road connecting Maina ward of Navelim panchayat to highway.
- Vedanta's infrastructure development work is applauded by Sarpanch and panchayat members of Navelim village.

**Navelim, Bicholim, 12 January, 2021:** Vedanta's Value-Added Business completed streetlight work for the road which connects Maina ward of Navelim village to the main highway. In order to enhance road safety and support upgradation of village infrastructure, Vedanta's VAB completed whole electrification work for the stretch of 2.5 KM road including supply of streetlight poles, required accessories and installation of material & electrical work at site. The streetlights project at Maina, Navelim is inaugurated by Mrs. Namrata Nanda Gawas, Sarpanch of village panchayat, Navelim in distinguished presence of Panchayat members, A.E Electricity Department- Mr. Naresh Gad, Director VAB- Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, Vedanta officials and villagers.

Vedanta has been proactively taking up various rural infrastructure Development initiatives and is constantly contributing towards holistic development of communities through its structured CSR Initiatives. Vedanta's VAB is implementing various CSR initiatives such as Back to farming, Mobile Health Units, Community medical centres, Utkarsh scholarship etc., for the benefits of communities around.

Speaking on the occasion, **Mrs. Namrata Nanda Gawas, Sarpanch of Navelim Village Panchayat** said, *"Vedanta has been doing many developmental activities in the village. The road's electrification was needed for safety and security of residents. We are very thankful to the Vedanta's Value-Added Business team and hope to see Vedanta taking up more infrastructural projects under its CSR."*

**Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel Sector, Vedanta Limited** said *"At Vedanta, we believe safety of all stakeholders is our topmost priority. This initiative is a yet another step in our endeavour to ensure the robust safety practices not only within our operational area but also among the peripheral communities."*

Speaking during the inauguration of the project **Mr. Saptesh Sardesai, Director Value Added Business, Vedanta Limited** said *"At Vedanta, Community development is at the core of our business philosophy and rural infrastructure development is one of the major verticals of our CSR initiatives. We are very happy to successfully complete streetlight work at Maina-Navelim"*

*under our CSR, which will help in enhancing road safety and ensure better travel convenience for the communities around.”*

Vedanta’s Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business has implemented several community development initiatives across Goa such as Sesa Technical school, Sesa Football Academy, Vedanta computer literacy program, E-Shiksha etc., reaching out to the various sections of the community.

#### **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](http://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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