

## Press Note

**Vedanta's Iron Ore Business reaffirms its commitment towards nature's conservation on World Environment Day through plantation drives and awareness programs.**

- *Vedanta's Iron Ore business launches 'Sesa Sustainability drive 2022' at Chitradurga in and around its operations.*
- *Company organizes plantation drives and awareness sessions for communities in and around all the operations*
- *Launches #SesaForGreenerGood Campaign and ESG Xchange Campaign to highlight company's sustainable practices and Biodiversity conservation initiatives.*

**Panjim, 6th June 2022:** On World Environment Day, Vedanta's - Iron Ore Business is organizing series of Environment conservation activities and awareness programs in & around all its operations at Goa, Karnataka, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Odisha. The company launched *Sesa Sustainability drive 2022 at Chitradurga- Karnataka which will include various initiatives such as sapling distribution, jute bag distribution, plantation drives in the presence of Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KPSCB) officials and awareness sessions in nearby schools. Company also carried out plantation drives across all its operations and in communities around at Goa & Gujarat.*

Additionally, Vedanta's Iron ore Business organized site visits of senior government officials and key stakeholders to showcase environment conservation initiatives. Besides this company have launched various competitions based on this year's theme that is #OnlyOneEarth for all employees & Business partners coupled with various awareness programs, rallies within plant premises. Vedanta's Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business recently launched #SesaForGreenerGood and ESG Xchange campaigns to highlight company's best ESG initiatives and create awareness about adoption of Best ESG practices.

**Speaking on World Environment Day 2022, Mr. Sujal Shah, CEO – Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited said,** "We are fully committed towards creating harmony between ecology & economic growth to craft a better & sustainable future for our generations to come. On this World Environment Day, we at Vedanta's Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business reaffirm our pledge to further scale up our sustainability practices with adoption of best-in-class green technologies and protect our #OnlyOneEarth to fulfil the larger purpose of positively transforming our planet for greener good. I am extremely proud to see that we as Iron Ore business have successfully achieved the milestone of net water positive operations and aggressively working to achieve our next goal of net carbon neutral operations by 2050 Or before" Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business of Vedanta Limited implemented various Environment conservation measures and community development initiative such as afforestation on reclaimed mine sites, pisciculture project, Horti-Silviculture, medicinal garden, bamboo setum, butterfly park, bamboo pavilion, Water conservation programs, Development of Green belt areas using Innovative Miyawaki plantation technique etc.

### **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.

#### **About VGCB**

Vizag General Cargo Berth Private limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited has been awarded the General Cargo Berth (GCB) at outer harbor of Visakhapatnam Port for mechanization of coal handling facilities and up gradation for handling of coking coal and steam coal on Design, Build, Finance, Operate and Transfer ("DBFOT") basis through private sector participation for 30 years concession period effective October 2010. The project has been awarded to a consortium led by Vedanta Resources Limited (formerly known as Sesa Sterlite Limited) and is managed by a Special Purpose Vehicle called Vizag General Cargo Berth Pvt. Ltd ("VGCB").

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