

## Press Release

### **Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka bags two awards at the 'CII Challengers Trophy 2022'**

- Vedanta IOK's **Digitized Hauling Operations** won the 'Jury Challenger' award while its **Fuel Management Systems** won the 'Star Challenger' award respectively

**Bangalore, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2022:** Vedanta Sesa Goa's- Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) operations bagged two awards in the technology category at the prestigious CII's 'The Challengers Trophy 2022'. The company won the 'Jury Challenger' award for Digitized Hauling Operations and the 'star challenger' award for Fuel Management Systems. On behalf of Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka, Mr. Ramesh B.R , Mr. Stanley W, Ms. Harshita Rathore, Mr. Yashwanth H A and Mr. Lalith Nandan received these awards during the ceremony held at Bangalore.

Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka has implemented several Business excellence initiatives aimed at Asset Optimization, Green technologies and digitization such as training of workmen and staff using technologies like Virtual Reality (VR) modules, truck driving simulators, Digitalization of Laboratory sample management system, GPS tracking for water tanker governance, Mine pit survey using Drones and Manless weighbridge operation, etc.

**Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, Dy. COO- Mining, Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business, Vedanta Limited** Said "I congratulate my Iron Ore Karnataka team on these prestigious recognitions, which are testaments of our best-in-class Business excellence initiatives. Continuous improvement and innovation are at the core of our philosophy which is instrumental in driving our growth journey in a most sustainable way. I thank CII for honouring our initiatives, which will further motivate the team to take our asset optimization & Green operations initiatives to the greater heights."

Vedanta's Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business has always emphasized upon adoption of best-in-class sustainable business practices. Vedanta's Iron Ore Karnataka has been recently certified with 5-star rating by Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) for the scientific and sustainable mining operations.

#### **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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