

Vedanta's Iron and Steel Endowed with Platinum Awards for Best Environmental Practices

- Vedanta's Iron & Steel Sector was recognized for its systematic Mine reclamation measures at the Sanquelim Iron Ore mine in Goa

Goa/ New Delhi, 17th January 2022: Vedanta's Iron and Steel has been conferred with platinum award for the best environmental practices at the International Conference on Geo-Technical Challenges in Mining, Tunnelling and Underground Structures (ICGMTU) 2021. ICGMTU recognized Vedanta's Iron & Steel sector under green awards category for its systematic mine reclamation measures at the Sanquelim Iron Ore Mine at Goa. Mr. Jagdish Desai, Head- HSE, Iron Ore Division-Goa & Strategic Environment Project, Iron ore Business, Vedanta Limited received the award during the virtual award ceremony.

Commenting on this prestigious recognition, **Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar, CEO- Iron & Steel sector, Vedanta Limited** said, "At Vedanta, we believe in the sustainable development with utmost focus on adoption of best in class Environmental, Social & Governance (ESG) practices. Systematic Mine reclamation measures at Sanquelim Iron Ore mine is a testimony of our committed proactive efforts towards environment conservation and holistic community development. I thank ICGMTU for recognizing our efforts in sustainable Mining."

Vedanta's Iron and Steel, as part of its systematic mine reclamation plan at the Sanquelim Iron Ore mine, has undertaken horticultural plantations of local varieties like Coconut, Betel nut, Pineapple, Black pepper, Kokum, etc. It planted around 8 Lakh plants of different varieties within reclamation area besides performing silviculture project and converting an old mine pit to a pisciculture pond.

The company has developed medicinal gardens to spread awareness amongst the locals and school students about medicinal plants growing in their surroundings and their benefits. This is besides developing a butterfly park to add to the beauty of the area and increase biodiversity and growing over twenty-five varieties of bamboo and construction of bamboo pavilion to promote bamboo cultivation.

The other key highlight of the Sanquelim iron ore mine reclamation was putting to productive use the old infrastructure like buildings and workshops for high impact community development initiatives such as Sesa technical school imparting quality industrial trainings to local youth and Sesa Football academy for promotion of football. Both the projects are benefitting the Goan youth not only by providing quality training facilities but also empowering them through sustainable career opportunities.

Till date over 1500+ youth completed their ITI course from Sesa Technical School (Sesa Private ITI) since its inception with job placements in top notch organisations. Similarly Sesa Football Academy has groomed over 200+ aspiring footballing talents, which are shining at the prestigious footballing platforms including few of them have represented Indian national team.

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.