

## **Vedanta's Sesa Goa wins big at Karnataka 21<sup>st</sup> MEMC Week celebrations - 2023.**

- The company was awarded for mineral beneficiation (1st prize), sustainable mining (1st prize), best practices adopted in mines (2nd prize), and environmental monitoring (2nd prize).
- Vedanta Sesa Goa is nominated by the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM) to host the 22<sup>nd</sup> Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation (MEMC) Week, for the year 2023-24.

**Bengaluru, 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023:** Vedanta Sesa Goa's Iron Ore Karnataka (IOK) has emerged as a winner in multiple award categories at the recently concluded 21<sup>st</sup> Mines Environment and Mineral Conservation (MEMC) week celebrations at Gulbarga, Karnataka. Under the auspices of the Indian Bureau of Mines (IBM), the MEMC week celebrations recognized the company's commitment to environmental sustainability and mineral resource conservation and awarded it for the best practices, including mineral beneficiation (1st prize), sustainable mining (1st prize), best practices adopted in mines (2nd prize), and environment monitoring (2nd Prize).

The MEMC Week celebrations, organized by the Indian Bureau of Mines every year, aim to promote awareness among stakeholders about the importance of sustainable mining practices and environmental conservation. The event brings various stakeholders of the mining fraternity together to showcase best practices, share knowledge and experiences, and collaborate for a sustainable mining future.

**Mr. Navin Jaju, CEO, Sesa Goa, Vedanta Limited,** said, "MEMC Week is a reminder of the power we hold to make a difference and create a more sustainable future. Vedanta Sesa Goa is committed to this cause and aims to be carbon-neutral by 2050. As a company, we have decades-long legacy of sustainable, safe, and green best practices and we continue to showcase our commitment towards preserving the environment for future generations."

**Mr. Krishna Reddy, COO-Mining, Sesa Goa, Vedanta Limited,** said, "We at Vedanta Sesa Goa are fortunate enough to have been a part of Karnataka's growth journey for many years, and our constant endeavor remains to contribute our maximum for the socio-economic upliftment of the state. Our utmost focus is on creating maximum value for all our stakeholders and generating maximum employment opportunities across the Chitradurga district. On this special occasion of MEMC week, I wish to congratulate all my colleagues from the industry for their wholehearted efforts in driving our mining industry to better and greater heights. I congratulate our entire Iron Ore Karnataka team for these commendable achievements."

**Mr. Shrishaila Gouda, CEO of Iron Ore Karnataka, Sesa Goa, Vedanta Limited,** said, "We are very pleased to receive these awards, which are a testament to our unwavering commitment to sustainability and responsible mining practices. At Vedanta, we strive to ensure that our operations have a minimal impact on the environment while also contributing to the economic growth of the regions where we operate."

Vedanta IOK has been at the forefront of promoting sustainable mining practices and has implemented various initiatives to reduce its carbon footprint, conserve energy, and minimize waste generation. The company has also undertaken several community development programs, including education, health, and livelihood initiatives, to create a positive impact on the lives of people living in the vicinity of its 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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