

## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **VEDANTA SESA GOA REITERATES ITS COMMITMENT TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE ECOSYSTEM ON WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

**Panjim, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2020:** Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron reiterated its commitment towards sustainable ecosystem on World Environment day today, through various environment friendly initiatives such as plantation drives, distribution of saplings and online Environment related competitions. To commemorate the occasion, plantation drive was organized at Codli and Value Added Business (VAB), Amona & Navelim. The plantation drive at Vedanta - Value Added Business was initiated at the benign hands of Mrs. Mayuri Gawas (Sarpanch – Navelim Village), Mr. Kashinath Mhato (Sarpanch -Amona Village), Mr. N.L. Vhatte (Director- Vedanta Value Added Business) and Mr. Anant Gawas (Workers Union representative, Vedanta VAB). Similarly plantation drive at Codli, was organized by employees of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business. The program was initiated by Mr. Joseph Coelho (Director- Vedanta Iron Ore Division Goa).

Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar- CEO Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business and senior management members planted saplings at head office premises in Panjim to mark the occasion. Besides plantation drives, Vedanta- VAB handed over saplings to individual area owners and employees for planting in their respective areas. Various Online competition were organized for the employees in order to raise awareness about growing Environmental concerns and Environment protection measures to be adopted. All the programs were organized while strictly adhering to Social distancing guidelines in view of COVID-19.

On this occasion of World Environment Day, Mr. Sauvick Mazumdar- CEO, Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore quoted "Adopting Environment friendly practices and sustainable industrial growth is the only way out for the betterment of all of us and generations to come. At Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore Business, we believe that this can be done through innovative

green technologies, environment friendly industrial processes and holistic development of communities, which is an integral part of our business philosophy."

Environment conservation is the major thrust area of Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore's CSR interventions. Over past several decades, Vedanta Sesa Goa have contributed to up gradation of surrounding environment through robust community engagement programs including Environment awareness campaigns, plantation drives etc.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. N.L. Vhatte- Director, Value Added Business said "At Vedanta, environment protection and community development are integral parts of Business operation. At Value Added Business We are using Eco-friendly processes such as clean power generation through Waste heat recovery Power Plants, best in class Non – recovery Sesa Coke Oven technology, innovative and modern techniques to reduce water and energy Consumption. Sustainable & responsible Business is our top priority and we will continue to contribute toward our communities through our structured CSR Interventions"

Vedanta Sesa Goa iron ore has a legacy of over seven decades in Mining and metals, the company have introduced several Environment protective and Bio-diversity conservation measures. One such which is role model for sustainability and effective restoration of environment that is reclamation of Sanquelim Mine including complete restoration of mining pits into pisciculture. Vedanta Sesa Goa Iron Ore have reclaimed mine in such a structured manner that one can witness numerous species of Flora & fauna along with development of aquatic ecosystem. The Sankhali Mine is perfect blend of Community development and Biodiversity conservation wherein post mining, area is effectively restored by development of lush green vegetation, Pisciculture , Nakshtra Garden and the existing infrastructure is utilized for the development of community project such as sesa technical school and residential football academy.

### **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.

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