

Vedanta Resources continues its support against the Covid-19 pandemic in Zambia

London, December 21, 2021: Vedanta Resources Ltd, UK announces that in view of the rising case numbers of the new omicron variant of the Covid-19 virus recorded in Zambia, it has moved in to raise public awareness and has distributed thousands of re-usable face masks in Chingola and Chililabombwe.

Yesterday Vedanta distributed 4,000 masks to commuters and marketeers as a response to this concerning challenge. This is in addition to the over 10,000 masks distributed to the communities surrounding KCM in the past weeks as Vedanta remains committed to helping Zambians in their battle against the Covid-19 pandemic. With the new variant posing a significant threat to public health, Vedanta reaffirms its commitment to help support the communities around KCM in as best way they can.

Recently in the copper belt, the district administration was appreciative of the CSR initiatives undertaken by the company in terms of Covid care, providing sanitary napkins to schools and embarking on spraying the area to prevent malaria that are adjacent to 3400 households near KCM.

Dr Moses Banda, Country Director, Vedanta said:

“As a concerned corporate citizen this act by Vedanta goes some way in cushioning the public from the adverse effect of the Covid 19 pandemic.

I am encouraged by the extensive CSR initiatives that are already being undertaken in Chingola and throughout the surrounding communities. The most prominent issue our country is facing at present is COVID-19, and Vedanta is aiding the fight against the pandemic by providing sanitisers including facemasks to Chingola. Vedanta has provided, 13,000 masks to the region and distributed these to the most vulnerable groups. To the young schoolgirls, Vedanta has donated 1,000 reusable sanitary pads and 6,000 reusable facemasks. The Company’s commitment to the Copperbelt extends to all local stakeholders to KCM and a further initiative underway is working with the local NGO. A Company representative recently attended International Day of the Disabled, in order to better understand how Vedanta can assist further, not only in the disabled community, but also wider vulnerable women groups.

He added, “Our interactions with the community members are meant to assure the communities around KCM of the commitment from Vedanta to better their lives for good. May the Christmas bring good tides to all”

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of the Anil Agarwal Foundation, the umbrella entity for Vedanta's social initiatives, the Vedanta group has pledged Rs 5000 million 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, 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 in India. For more information, please visit www.vedantalimited.com.

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