

## Press Release

# **Vedanta Lanjigarh wins CII Excellence Award for Safety, Health & Environment Best Practices**

**Lanjigarh, Kalahandi District, Odisha; 11 September 2020:** Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, the premier producer of metallurgical grade alumina in India, has bagged the prestigious CII Eastern Region Excellence Award for Safety, Health & Environment. Among the 44 participants, Vedanta emerged as the winner of this coveted award in 'large scale manufacturing unit above 2500 employees' category. On behalf of the company, **Mr. Rakesh Mohan, Chief Operating Officer, Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh** received the award during the 14<sup>th</sup> edition of CII Safety Exhibition and Symposium held virtually on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

The award marks the recognition from CII Eastern Region for the leadership, vision and efforts by organizations in establishing path breaking practices in industrial safety, occupational health and environment protection. Eminent dignitaries from National Safety Council and CII appreciated the efforts and initiatives of Vedanta Lanjigarh towards ensuring safety and sustainability.

Receiving the award, Mr. Rakesh Mohan said, "The operations at Vedanta Lanjigarh are aligned with the core sustainability aspects, fostered by a culture of care for its employees and the environment it works in. This award is a testimony to our efforts towards implementing global best practices and setting benchmarks in the fields of safety, health and environment, thereby contributing towards sustainable development and nation building. Vedanta Lanjigarh not only believes in the ethos of 'zero harm, zero waste and zero discharge' but also practices it in letter and spirit."

Mr. BMK Rahaman, Site In-charge, Vaaman Engineering, Vedanta's business partner for the maintenance of the alumina refinery says, "The growth story of the unit is based on best-in-class technology, adherence to safety norms, environmental safeguards and sustainability-focused operating procedures to create value for the nation. We are proud to be part of such an organisation."

Regular safety interactions, trainings, awareness campaigns and emergency preparedness are integral to the unit's operations. Towards ensuring a safe and healthy environment, Vedanta Lanjigarh has robust air quality management, solid waste management, hazardous waste management and water and wastewater management systems in place. The plant is the lowest Green House Gas emitting plant, among similar coal-fired alumina refineries in the world. In the field of occupational health, the company accords significant importance to regular health check-ups and preventive measures to safeguard its employees against potential health hazards.

Vedanta is the largest producer of aluminium in India and a premier manufacturer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) capacity alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant.

## About Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh Unit (Alumina Refinery)

Vedanta is the largest producer of aluminium in India and remains the premier manufacturer of metallurgical grade alumina. The company has carved a niche for itself in the global aluminium industry with its superior product quality based on state-of-the-art technology. Vedanta Limited operates a 2 MTPA (million tonnes per annum) capacity alumina refinery in Lanjigarh (Kalahandi district, Odisha), India since 2007 and an associated 90 MW captive power plant. The refinery feeds Vedanta's aluminium smelters at Jharsuguda in Odisha and at BALCO in Korba, Chhattisgarh.

In line with the group's strategy of contributing to the communities it operates in, the company has focused interventions in the areas of health, education, livelihoods, and infrastructure amongst several others, in the Kalahandi region.

Vedanta Limited's Lanjigarh unit has been conferred with several accolades across several critical business functions including:

- India Green Manufacturing Award 2018 for best Green Manufacturing Processes.
- CSR Health Impact Award 2019 for Open Defecation Free (ODF) under the Swachhta Project
- CSR Innovative Project Award for the revival of Dhokra Art
- Greentech Safety Award 2018 for its best Safety Management and Operations
- CII HR Excellence Award 2018 for its best Human Resource practices
- Excellent Energy Efficient Unit award 2019 for technological advancements in energy-efficiency initiatives
- 6th CSR Impact Award 2019 for Dhokra art under the 'Aajeevika' Livelihood project
- Kalinga Safety Excellence Award 2018 under the alumina sector category
- Greentech Safety Award 2019 under the Mines & Metal Category
- Great Place to Work certified™ 2019
- India Manufacturing Excellence Award 2019 under the Metals category by Frost & Sullivan

## 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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