

Sustainable Development & CSR at Vedanta Zinc International in South Africa & Namibia

Vedanta Zinc International (“VZI”) is a grouping of zinc assets located in South Africa, Namibia and Ireland, owned by India-based Vedanta Limited, a listed subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Ltd. CSR is embedded in the DNA of Vedanta Resources Limited and the Company has made substantial positive steps forward to improve its approach to sustainability and CSR.

VZI is committed to empowering the communities within which it operates, to skills development and to creating substantial and lasting economic opportunities in those communities.

At all of our operations, but namely our operations in South Africa and Namibia, Vedanta’s commitment to “Do No Harm” extends to the surrounding environment and the Company strives to attain a “No Net Loss” of biodiversity at all of our operations.

- At the Inselberg mining area of Skorpion Zinc (Namibia), work is underway to demarcate and restrict access to areas that have instance of high biodiversity – in keeping with our mitigation hierarchy for biodiversity
- At Black Mountain Mining, Gamsberg (South Africa), work is underway to manage the no-go areas as per the conservation management plan for the Gamsberg Nature Reserve. The long-term activity is being overseen by IUCN.

At Skorpion Zinc, VZI has:

- Established a community vegetable garden for local women to provide some basic needs for their family/households, giving them additional independence
- Established the Kharas Goat Project to provide underprivileged rural families with an opportunity to become entrepreneurs through goat farming
- Launched the Skorpion Zinc U/17 Soccer Tournament in partnership with the Namibian Football Association and the Ministry of Youth, National Service Sport and Culture

At Black Mountain Mining (BMM), South Africa, VZI has:

- Constructed the new Aggeneys Public Clinic which can now cater for around 600 patients per month
- Partnered with PinkDrive and the Department of Health in the early detection and treatment of breast and prostate cancer within VZI’s host and labour sending communities. The results achieved from the most recent drive demonstrate the impact and wide reach of this programme and reinforce VZI’s continuous commitment to accessible healthcare services.
- In August 2018, launched VZI’s Free Community Wi-Fi initiative – **V-Fi** - in the Khai-Ma area.
- Started the Khai-Ma-focused Broad-Based Livelihood (BBL) programme in January 2019. The socio-economic poverty alleviation programme encourages inclusive local economic development by imparting horticulture skills that will assist households towards food security, building entrepreneurial and business management skills towards SMME development, and introducing planning skills to map their own future beyond the life of mine.

All Vedanta group companies are committed to zero harm, zero discharge and zero waste.

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