

CONSISTENT SUSTAINABLE MEASURES BY VEDANTA

19 March 2021, Zambia: Vedanta Resources Holdings Limited and its parent, Vedanta Resources Limited (“the Parent Company”), issues the following statement with regards to the Company’s consistent efforts carried out to uphold the highest environmental standards at Konkola Copper Mines (“KCM”).

Vedanta had invested in various workstreams and projects with the goal of significantly improving its environmental practices in Zambia. These workstreams and projects follow a study carried out by Environmental Resources Management (“ERM”) in 2017. Vedanta was committed to addressing historical legacy issues through conducting the report and subsequently making the changes highlighted.

Below is an overview of the projects that Vedanta has invested in, in compliance with environmental norms of mining operations in and around KCM. Vedanta is committed to continue its efforts in Environment, Social and Governance practices which will adhere to best in class global practices of natural resources companies.

Water Recycling

The Company committed to the implementation of a 50% water recycling project for the Muntimpa Tailings Storage Facility (“TD5”) to return water with non-compliant sulphate concentrations. Critical work started by Vedanta, included:

- The diversion of the Muntimpa Spillway and completion of Spillway No 9;
- \$1 million of civil works completed for the pump chamber;
- The Mechanical & Electrical / Instrumentation package is currently under cost optimization;
- \$4.5 million spent on the upgrade of the Muntimpa Line 3 by RARE Contractors;
- The Kasompe stream diversion completed

Additionally, Vedanta undertook a thorough investigation into the groundwater issue, producing a comprehensive report including a clean-up programme which was finalised and submitted to Zambia Environmental Management Agency (“ZEMA”) in June 2018. The Company is still awaiting feedback on its proposed restoration of the Mushishima stream from ZEMA, a third draft of the plans having been submitted in September 2018. Vedanta remains committed to ensuring all water sources in the area surrounding KCM are safe and clean.

On-Site Investments

At KCM, Vedanta engaged a Hahne Contractor to upgrade the Tailings Leach Plant (“TLP”) catchment pond. Preliminary works was commenced, with the rerouting of the pipes completed and the clearing of the access road was in progress.

The Kitwe smelter, inherited by Vedanta, was pinpointed as a problem by the report, with the Company designing the Nchanga smelter to correct this problematic operation. Additionally, online monitoring equipment was received for the Nchanga smelter and the installation of dust analyser was 90% complete.

Our endeavour will be for Vedanta to regain KCM, continue the task, further work on monitoring emissions at KCM and continually improve as more advanced technologies have now become available.

The Anode furnace stack was technically and commercially evaluated and the study for Technology selection completed.



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Vedanta had started work on significantly upgrading the slag cleaning furnace, with smart parts received in July 2018. The civil and mechanical works were 82% complete.

Noise Pollution

Vedanta was conscious of the impact noise pollution from KCM or any other mining company has historically had on the local communities on the Copperbelt and is committed to ensuring this is within limits.

The first workstream in this project was completed with the re-instillation of rubber liners in New East Mill Ball Mill and the SAG Mill. Were Vedanta to regain control of operations, Vedanta would continue to enhance relevant acoustic barring exercises, leveraging structural acoustic designs using information from a Site Noise Survey undertaken by Acoustech.

Vedanta's commitment to the highest standard of environmental practices can be seen across its operations globally, as a demonstration of its focus on being a highly responsible company.

In 2020, Vedanta's improved performance in ESG was recognised by the global Dow Jones Sustainability Indices ("DJSI") increasing Vedanta's ranking to 12th in the metals and mining sector

More information on the Company's historic and future commitments can be found at <https://www.kcmtoday.com/>

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