

## PRESS INFORMATION NOTE

# Vedanta Group companies reiterate commitment to Rajasthan through extensive support to employees and communities

## Cairn Oil & Gas and Hindustan Zinc at the forefront to support region's economy while charting roadmap to combat COVID-19

**Udaipur/Barmer, Wednesday, 6 May 2020:** As people and organisations from all walks of life are pitching in to help the government in the fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, the two Rajasthan based Vedanta companies, Cairn Oil & Gas and Hindustan Zinc, have extended an INR 10 crore contribution to the Rajasthan CMRF COVID-19 Mitigation Fund. This contribution is over and above approximately INR 8 crore that the two companies are spending to ramp up community outreach in their operational areas.

The hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan, **Shri Ashok Gehlot** too acknowledged the Vedanta group's efforts to support the state during these challenging times.

The two companies, operational in Barmer and Udaipur respectively, have steadfastly continued operations with a focus on Only Safe Production in these trying times, with minimal personnel and amidst stringent health and safety protocols. In addition, they have reached out to help local people and communities by spreading awareness and through CSR interventions in the areas of healthcare and sanitation to aid the efforts of local administration.

Rajasthan government and district administration have been working diligently to fight Coronavirus. Many steps have been taken by the state government to ensure safety of people and adopted precautionary procedures across Rajasthan. The Vedanta group has always been a partner in the state's progress and aims to do its bit in this endeavour.

"It is time to make collective efforts to fight the Coronavirus pandemic to bring a significant change. We are facing multiple challenges but it's the country that comes first and it is our duty at a critical time like this to give back to society. Vedanta has had a long and fruitful association with the state of Rajasthan. Our commitment towards the people and growth of Rajasthan is unwavering. We look forward to supporting the state and district administrations in fighting this pandemic and restoring at the earliest" said Mr. Anil Agarwal, Chairman, Vedanta Limited.

### **Model resource centre for the community**

State-of-the-art Anganwadis in the form of Nand Ghars are a transformative leap dedicated to benefit rural children and women in India. In Rajasthan, already 914 Nand Ghars, modern Anganwadis are running across 11 districts. These Nand Ghars aim to impact more than 36,500 children and over 27,000 women.

In addition, the Vedanta Foundation led Post-Graduate Girls' College is a not-for-profit institute established in 1995 in Reengus, Rajasthan. The 3,000 students who benefit from the college have relentlessly worked in the battle against Corona crisis by distributing groceries, homemade sanitizers, and masks to thousands of people within the community.

### **Adding mettle to the nation's development**

Being the largest taxpayer in Rajasthan, and as a responsible corporate, Hindustan Zinc has always been a frontrunner in supporting the nation's development, generating employment and helping eradicate poverty. As per government directives, Hindustan Zinc has begun its operations while adopting all protocols related to the Covid-19 pandemic. There is no compromise on

employee safety and hygiene while the company continues operations for the welfare of the people, and to help mitigate the economic slowdown.

HZL has been working across 189 villages and 6 districts in Rajasthan and Pantnagar in Uttarakhand to combat the coronavirus pandemic. It is extending relief measures to the community in the form of dry rations to more than 30,000 families and has mobilised about 20,000 SHG women to contribute grains within the community under The Grain Bank initiative. It has so far supplied more than 80,000 masks (including N95 masks, 3-ply masks and cloth masks), 10,000 PPE Kits and 10,000 goggles, and 2,000 disposable thermometers and 5,000 face shields for strengthening medical facilities.

### **Continuing to power India's economy**

Oil and gas production falls in the mission-critical economic activity category, which the country must continue to run the economy. Therefore, the company's "Energy Warriors", currently a seventh of the usual workforce onsite, are going beyond their regular shift of duty to keep up production for India's energy security. For its home state and most prolific oil fields in Rajasthan, this means keeping crucial jobs, production, revenues, and therefore the regional economy going.

***Cairn Oil & Gas and Hindustan Zinc have contributed INR 5 crore each, to the Rajasthan CMRF COVID-19 Mitigation Fund.***

Cairn's awareness and sensitization campaigns have reached **525** villages in Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh. In Barmer, it is working across 69 villages under the 'Sanjeevni' project against coronavirus. Apart from handing over the Cairn Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Jodhpur to district administration as a quarantine facility with a 120-bed capacity, it has also contributed an ambulance, 20 ventilators, 33,000 face masks and 2,535 liters of hand sanitizer.

### **About Vedanta Ltd.**

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## **Annexure:**

## **Vedanta Community Initiatives Reach 714 Rajasthan Villages**

## Annexure A

### CAIRN OIL & GAS

#### Awareness and Sanitization Drive

- 10,500 skill-development trainees/volunteers, school principals, teachers, frontline workers, are multiplying digital content-sharing in multiples of 3-5 people on WhatsApp. This initiative in Rajasthan has garnered more than 5.6 million views and 3050+ shares on Facebook.
- Regular spraying of disinfectant in Barmer district hospital, residential colonies, panchayats, markets, etc. in Barmer in Rajasthan, including three panchayat blocks and Surasaniyanam in Andhra Pradesh.
- Campaign “Bachcho se Bachcho Tak” through more than 25 children of Cairn employees, who are spreading awareness through video messages.
- Marking circles in 161 public places like shops (grocery, dairy, and medical), banks etc. in Barmer district to ensure social distancing.
- More than 93+ community members have shared appreciation video messages on our COVID-19 awareness drive.

#### Distribution of Medical supplies and Dry Rations

- Support to district administration, hospitals, media, teachers, and PRI members by providing 33,000 face masks prepared by local women’s self-help groups, which will also earn the women INR 1 lakh for every 10,000 masks; 2,535 liters of hand sanitizer, 4,850 soaps in Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Andhra Pradesh.
- Support to Barmer district hospital with 200 PPE kits and N95 masks.
- 1,400 dry ration kits in Andhra Pradesh and 190+ kits to daily wage labourers of MPT and RGT areas which can help families sustain for a month.
- Stakeholder outreach: 4 state ministers and MLAs, more than 50 district and block level officials, 27 sarpanches, 69 villages.

#### Leveraging Company Skill Centers

- The Cairn Centre of Excellence (CCoE) in Jodhpur has been handed over to district administration as a quarantine facility with a 120-bed capacity, with meals provided three times a day for 150 people.

#### Ambulance for Barmer District Administration

- Cairn provided the district administration a fully kitted out ambulance on World Health Day and Barmer’s 72nd Foundation Day, 7 April 2020.
- Transport and treatment of patients requiring basic monitoring and non-invasive airway management. Catered to 60+ COVID-19 suspects in Barmer district.

#### Employee Volunteering Activity from Site Locations

- 53 employees have volunteered to complement the CSR efforts of the company to create larger impact. INR 79,000 has been collected to provide dry rations in Ravva and Gujarat.

As the company continues to ramp-up its relief projects, it demonstrates how it has grown only along with the state and its people. It is through years of capacity-building along with the state and district administration, and its deep community partnerships over the years, that the company is able to make a contribution at a scale that impacts the public at large.

## Annexure B

### HINDUSTAN ZINC

Hindustan Zinc, India's largest producer of integrated Zinc - Lead - Silver based off Udaipur, has been working across 189 villages and 6 districts in Rajasthan and Pantnagar in Uttarakhand to combat the coronavirus pandemic. Proactive measures are being taken and an action plan has been drawn up to minimise the impact of the pandemic on local communities.

#### Distribution of Cooked Meals and Dry Rations

- Hindustan Zinc is extending relief measures to the community in the form of dry rations to more than 30,000 families. The company is facilitating supply of food grains through the District Administration.
- Aligning with the Prime Minister's vision of becoming self-reliant, Hindustan Zinc's aim isn't just to engage the communities, but to make them independent for the future. With this thought, they have mobilised about 20,000 SHG women to contribute grains within the community under The Grain Bank initiative. Nearly 10,000 Kg grains have been collected
- Extending this approach, the company in partnership with Azim Premji Foundation has enabled communities to cook food through a new initiative called the 'Sakhi Rasoi' - where the SHG women have set up kitchens to prepare meals for their communities among themselves.
- More than 1.5 lakh cooked meals have been served to daily-wage earners and communities.

#### Support to Medical Staff

- Hindustan Zinc has so far supplied more than 80,000 masks (including N95 masks, 3-ply masks and cloth masks), 10,000 PPE Kits and 10,000 goggles, 2,000 disposable thermometers, 5,000 face shields, 3000 disposable gloves and nearly 450 thermal scanners for strengthening medical facilities. The company is also provisioning full body suits - stitched by SHG women, to health department.
- Hindustan Zinc's plan of action includes health and hygiene initiatives, disinfection of areas by spraying and fumigation with Sodium Hypochlorite solution, providing medical gear like masks, sanitisers and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). So far, around 25,000 litres of Sodium Hypochlorite solution have been procured for sanitization purposes.

#### Awareness and Sanitization Drive

- People are being sensitized in the community to maintain social distancing as part of community sensitization and to ensure the same, circles are being marked in the community at appropriate gaps.
- Awareness campaigns are being driven via audio messaging by MHVs.
- Hindustan Zinc is sanitizing neighbouring villages & beyond by spraying sodium hypochlorite & providing sodium hypochlorite solution to local administration.

#### Health

- Hindustan Zinc is also working closely with panchayats, district administration, police officers, community workers and Asha Workers and Anganwadi Workers. Under the Khushi - Nand Ghar project, Hindustan Zinc has ensured that 'No child remains Hungry' in its areas of operations through "Koi Bachha rahe na Bhookha" campaign creating awareness about preventive measures against COVID-19 at grassroots levels, through use of digital platform, ascertaining physical well-being, and ensuring rations/food support to malnourished children and other needy families of five districts, to enable a reliable supply of rations. ~4,400 such families have been reached so far. The company's awareness efforts are reaching 2,200+ Khushi Anganwadi's villages and their children.

### Mobile Health Vans

- HZL has ensured taking basic health care systems to the vulnerable in its neighbourhood communities during the time of the health crisis
- OPD is continuing across villages
- Door to door screening is ensured during the lockdown period, following safety measures including thermal scanning, full use of PPE. ANM and local health workers too are extending their support.

### Stitching and Distribution of Masks

- The company has also engaged women from Self Help Groups (SHG) and non-profit partners to stitch and distribute more than 1.25 lakh masks in the first phase, which in turn, has generated a large-scale livelihood of INR 7.5 lakh for these SHG women.

### Leveraging Technology

- Usage of technology for delivering education and skilling programs of CSR like virtual classes of students
- Tutorials are sent out to the Zinc Football Academy children so that daily football drills are not missed out. Also ensuring school studies continuity of these children through zoom app

### Employee Volunteering

- Employee family and spouses are voluntarily contributing by stitching mask for distribution in community. More than 2,000 masks have been stitched thus far
  - Employees are also contributing dry rations for distribution in community
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