CRISIL UPGRADES VEDANTA GROUP COMPANIES TO AA+

- **Vedanta Limited, Vedanta Aluminium and Vedanta Oil & Gas ratings upgraded to AA+**
- **Vedanta Power's guaranteed facilities upgraded to AA+ (CE)**
- **Rating Action Reflects Successful Demerger Execution, Sharp Deleveraging, and Record Profitability Across Portfolio**
- **Vedanta Limited's strongest credit standing in over a decade - its highest rating since 2014**

Mumbai, July 16, 2026: CRISIL Ratings has upgraded the long-term ratings of Vedanta Limited (NSE: VEDL), Vedanta Aluminium (NSE: VAML), and Vedanta Oil & Gas (NSE:VOGL) to **AA+/Stable**, removing all three from "Rating Watch with Developing Implications." ESL Steel Ltd a subsidiary of Vedanta Iron & Steel (NSE: VISL) has been reaffirmed at **AA/Stable**, while Vedanta Power's (NSE: VEDPOWER) guaranteed facilities were upgraded to **AA+(CE)**. This marks Vedanta Limited's strongest credit standing in over a decade - its highest rating since 2014.

VEDANTA LIMITED: FLAGSHIP STRENGTH, EXCEPTIONAL LEVERAGE PROFILE

Vedanta Limited anchors the group with unmatched scale and market leadership in India, underpinned by its 61% stake in Hindustan Zinc, a leading producer of zinc, lead, silver. It also has a strong presence across copper, nickel and ferroalloys, along with 10 critical mineral and strategic mineral blocks. On leverage, CRISIL stated that **"The company's financial profile remains strong, with net leverage improving significantly to 0.7x as of 31 March 2026 under the demerged structure. Despite planned growth capital expenditure, leverage is expected to remain comfortably below 1.0x over the medium term."**

The agency further affirmed: **"The lower leverage, together with sustained earnings and cash flow generation from Hindustan Zinc, has strengthened the company's financial profile and enhanced its financial flexibility, supported by the substantial market value of its investment."**

VEDANTA ALUMINIUM: RECORD PROFITABILITY, MARKET LEADERSHIP

CRISIL affirmed Vedanta Aluminium’s position with **"dominant market position in the domestic Aluminium industry with a low-cost of operations,"** noting the company is the **largest domestic aluminium producer and third-largest globally (ex-China)**, commanding a 48% domestic market share.

The agency highlighted a landmark profitability jump: **"Operating profitability rose to a record high in fiscal 2026, with the company reporting EBITDA of Rs 25,208 crore, reflecting a 43% on-year increase from fiscal 2025."** On leverage, CRISIL projects **"net leverage to remain below 1-1.25 times and interest coverage ratio above 8 times in fiscal 2027."**

VEDANTA OIL & GAS: NET CASH, EXCEPTIONAL FINANCIAL STRENGTH

Vedanta Oil and Gas emerged as one of the strongest credits in the entire portfolio. CRISIL stated: **"Under the demerged structure, the company reported an estimated EBITDA of ~Rs. 4,350 crore**

* as of FY25

in fiscal 2026. Following the demerger, the business has been allocated limited debt and has come to a net cash position."

Additionally, CRISIL affirmed: **"Debt levels are expected to remain broadly stable and net debt to EBITDA is expected to remain negative over the medium term"** reflecting Vedanta Oil and Gas's robust cash generation and disciplined capital allocation.

VEDANTA POWER: UPGRADE ANCHORED BY STRONG CONTRACTED CASH FLOWS

Vedanta Power's guaranteed long-term bank facilities were upgraded to AA+(CE), driven directly by the upgrade of guarantor Vedanta Limited. CRISIL noted the company's **"strong contracted portfolio and fuel security arrangements,"** with its flagship Talwandi Sabo plant maintaining **plant availability of 83% in fiscal 2026**, comfortably above the 80% normative threshold required for full fixed-charge recovery under its 25-year PPA.

GROUP-WIDE FINANCIAL FLEXIBILITY

CRISIL emphasized the group's overall strength: **"Vedanta Group has a diversified metals portfolio spanning zinc, silver, lead, aluminium, copper and nickel. The large scale of operations with a healthy market share in the domestic aluminium and zinc businesses and the cost-efficient operations in these segments strengthen the Group's operating profile."**

On the parent company, Vedanta Resources' position, CRISIL noted that **"the Group's financial flexibility has improved significantly post demerger with the substantial market value of Vedanta Resource's shareholdings in the demerged entities translating into a market value cover of ~5.6 times against its net debt as on June 30, 2026."**

About Vedanta Group

Vedanta Group is the world's leading producer of metals, oil & gas, critical minerals, power and technology. The Group supplies essential materials that power the global energy transition, emerging technologies and the green economy of the future. Its diversified portfolio supports industrial growth, energy security and technological advancement across global value chains. With operations spanning India, Africa, the Middle East and East Asia, Vedanta is embedded in high - growth geographies shaping the next era of global development. Sustainability anchors the Company's strategy, guided by strong ESG governance, people first workplaces, and a commitment to achieving net - zero emissions by 2050 or sooner. By operating at the intersection of resources, technology and human potential, Vedanta is strengthening economies, empowering communities, and creating enduring value for all stakeholders.

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