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Sub: Clarification on Media Reports

Dear Sir.

This is with reference to certain media reports that Sterlite Industries (India) Limited plans to convert all its loans given to Vedanta Aluminium Limited in to equity. The Company clarifies its stand through the attached press / media release.

Please find attached a Press Release in this regard and request you to update the same on the website of your respective stock exchanges for the benefit for the Investors.

Thanking you, Yours sincerely,

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## Sterlite Industries (India) Limited Clarification on Media Reports

Sterlite Industries (India) Limited ("Sterlite") issues clarification to the news article in Economic Times of 1 November 2011, regarding increase in its stake in associate company, Vedanta Aluminium Limited ("VAL"). The article contains several misleading statements. The company would like to clarify that it does not expect any change in its shareholding in VAL, which currently stands at 29.5%. The article further states that Sterlite intends to convert all its loans to VAL into equity, which is untrue.

At present, Sterlite's investment in VAL is primarily in the form of debt/ quasi-equity, with a small amount of equity. Sterlite has stated in the past on several occasions, including its Q2 FY 2012 earnings call held on 24 October 2011, that as and when the capital structure of VAL is finalized, part of the loans/quasi-equity from Sterlite would get converted to equity of VAL, in order to achieve the target Debt-Equity ratio of VAL, and maintain Sterlite's 29.5% shareholding in VAL. This situation remains unchanged.

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## **About Sterlite Industries**

Sterlite Industries is India's largest non-ferrous metals and mining company with interests and operations in aluminium, copper, zinc and lead and power. It is a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources plc, a London based diversified FTSE 100 metals and mining group. Sterlite Industries operates in subsidiaries are Hindustan Zinc Limited for its zinc and lead operations; Zinc International operations in Namibia, South Africa and Ireland. Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Limited for its copper operations in Australia; and Bharat Aluminium Company Limited for its aluminium operations. The company operates its own copper operations in India. The company has entered the commercial energy generation business and is in the process of setting up a 2,400MW independent power plant through its wholly owned subsidiary, Sterlite Energy Limited. Sterlite Industries is listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange in India and the New York Stock Exchange in the United States. For more information, please visit <a href="https://www.sterlite-industries.com">www.sterlite-industries.com</a>.

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