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# Independent Auditor's Review Report on the Quarterly and Year to Date Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results of the Company Pursuant to the Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended

Review Report to The Board of Directors Vedanta Limited

- 1. We have reviewed the accompanying Statement of Unaudited Consolidated Financial Results of Vedanta Limited (the "Holding Company") and its subsidiaries (the Holding Company and its subsidiaries together referred to as "the Group"), its associates and joint ventures for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 and year to date from April 1, 2021 to June 30, 2021 (the "Statement") attached herewith, being submitted by the Holding Company pursuant to the requirements of Regulation 33 of the SEBI (Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2015, as amended (the "Listing Regulations").
- 2. This Statement, which is the responsibility of the Holding Company's Management and approved by the Holding Company's Board of Directors, has been prepared in accordance with the recognition and measurement principles laid down in Indian Accounting Standard 34, (Ind AS 34) "Interim Financial Reporting" prescribed under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013 as amended, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the Statement based on our review.
- 3. We conducted our review of the Statement in accordance with the Standard on Review Engagements (SRE) 2410, "Review of Interim Financial Information Performed by the Independent Auditor of the Entity" issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. This standard requires that we plan and perform the review to obtain moderate assurance as to whether the Statement is free of material misstatement. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with Standards on Auditing and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

We also performed procedures in accordance with the Circular No. CIR/CFD/CMD1/44/2019 dated March 29, 2019 issued by the Securities and Exchange Board of India under Regulation 33(8) of the Listing Regulations, to the extent applicable.

- 4. The Statement includes the results of the entities as mentioned in Annexure I
- 5. Based on our review conducted and procedures performed as stated in paragraph 3 above and based on the consideration of the review reports of other auditors referred to in paragraph 7 and 9 below, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the accompanying Statement, prepared in accordance with recognition and measurement principles laid down in the aforesaid Indian Accounting Standards ('Ind AS') specified under Section 133 of the Companies Act, 2013, as amended, read with relevant rules issued thereunder and other accounting principles generally accepted in India, has not disclosed the information required to be disclosed in terms of the Listing Regulations, including the manner in which it is to be disclosed, or that it contains any material misstatement.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

6. We draw attention to note 5 of the accompanying consolidated financial results which describes the uncertainty arising out of the demands that have been raised on the Group, with respect to government's share of profit oil by the Director General of Hydrocarbons and one of the pre-conditions for the extension of the Production Sharing Contract (PSC) for the Rajasthan oil block is the settlement of these demands. While the Government has granted permission to the Group to continue operations in the block till July 31, 2021 or signing of the PSC addendum, whichever is earlier, the Company, based on external legal advice, believes it is in compliance with the necessary conditions to secure an extension of this PSC and that the demands are untenable and hence no provision is required in respect of these demands. Our conclusion is not modified in respect of this matter.

### **Other matters**

7. The accompanying Statement includes the unaudited interim financial results and other financial information, in respect of:

- 7 subsidiaries, whose unaudited interim financial results include total revenues of Rs. 2,404 crores, total net profit after tax of Rs. 274 crores and total comprehensive income of Rs. 275 crores, for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 as considered in the Statement which have been reviewed by their respective independent auditors.
- 1 associate and 1 joint venture, whose unaudited interim financial results include Group's share of net profit of Rs. Nil and Group's share of total comprehensive income of Rs. Nil for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 as considered in the Statement whose interim financial results, other financial information have been reviewed by their respective independent auditors.

The independent auditor's reports on interim financial results of these entities have been furnished to us by the Management and our conclusion on the Statement, in so far as it relates to the amounts and disclosures in respect of these subsidiaries and associates is based solely on the report of such auditors and procedures performed by us as stated in paragraph 3 above.

- 8. Certain of these subsidiaries and associates are located outside India whose financial results and other financial information have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in their respective countries and which have been audited by other auditors under generally accepted auditing standards applicable in their respective countries. The Holding Company's management has converted the financial results of such subsidiaries and associates located outside India from accounting principles generally accepted in their respective countries to accounting principles generally accepted in their respective countries to accounting principles generally accepted in their respective countries to the balances and affairs of such subsidiaries and associates located outside India from subsidiaries and associates located outside India from accounting principles generally accepted in their respective countries to accounting principles generally accepted in India. We have reviewed these conversion adjustments made by the Holding Company's management. Our conclusion in so far as it relates to the balances and affairs of such subsidiaries and associates located outside India is based on the report of other auditors and the conversion adjustments prepared by the management of the Holding Company and reviewed by us.
- 9. The accompanying Statement includes unaudited interim financial results and other unaudited financial information in respect of:
  - 12 subsidiaries, whose interim financial results and other financial information total revenues of Rs. 387 crores, total net profit after tax of Rs. 41 crores and total comprehensive income of Rs. 42 crores, for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 as considered in the consolidated financial results
  - 3 associates and 3 joint ventures, whose interim financial results includes the Group's share of net profit of Rs. Nil and Group's share of total comprehensive income of Rs. Nil for the quarter ended June 30, 2021 and for the period ended on that date respectively.
  - 1 unincorporated joint venture not operated by the group; whose financial statements includes the Group's share of total assets of Rs. 112 crores as at June 30, 2021.

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The unaudited interim financial results and other unaudited financial information of the these have been approved and furnished to us by the Management and our conclusion on the Statement, in so far as it relates to the affairs of these subsidiaries, joint ventures and joint operations and associates, is based solely on such unaudited interim financial results and other unaudited financial information. According to the information and explanations given to us by the Management, these interim financial results are not material to the Group.

Our conclusion on the Statement in respect of matters stated in para 7, 8 and 9 above is not modified with respect to our reliance on the work done and the reports of the other auditors and the financial results certified by the Management.

### For S.R. BATLIBOI & Co. LLP Chartered Accountants ICAI Firm registration number: 301003E/E300005

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Place : Mumbai Date : July 26, 2021

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Annexure 1 to our report dated July 26, 2021 on the consolidated financial results of Vedanta Limited for quarter ended June 30, 2021

List of subsidiaries/associates/ joint ventures

5. No.	Name
1	Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO)
2	Copper Mines of Tasmania Pty Limited (CMT)
3	Fujairah Gold FZE
4	Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL)
5	Monte Cello BV (MCBV)
6	Sesa Resources Limited (SRL)
7	Sesa Mining Corporation Limited
8	Thalanga Copper Mines Pty Limited (TCM)
9	MALCO Energy Limited (MEL)
10	Lakomasko B.V.
11	THL Zinc Ventures Limited
12	THL Zinc Ventues Ennied
13	Sterlite (USA) Inc.
13	Talwandi Sabo Power Limited
14	THL Zinc Namibia Holdings (Pty) Limited (VNHL)
15	
	Skorpion Zinc (Pty) Limited (SZPL)
17	Namzinc (Pty) Limited (SZ)
18	Skorpion Mining Company (Pty) Limited (NZ)
19	Amica Guesthouse (Pty) Ltd
20	Black Mountain Mining (Pty) Ltd
21	THL Zinc Holding BV
22	Vedanta Lisheen Holdings Limited (VLHL)
23	Vedanta Exploration Ireland Limited
24	Vedanta Lisheen Mining Limited (VLML)
25	Killoran Lisheen Mining Limited
26	Killoran Lisheen Finance Limited
27	Lisheen Milling Limited
28	Vizag General Cargo Berth Private Limited
29	Paradip Multi Cargo Berth Private Limited
30	Sterlite Ports Limited (SPL)
31	Maritime Ventures Private Limited
32	Goa Sea Port Private Limited
33	Bloom Fountain Limited (BFM)
34	Western Cluster Limited
35	Cairn India Holdings Limited
36	Cairn Energy Hydrocarbons Ltd
37	Cairn Energy Gujarat Block 1 Limited
38	CIG Mauritius Holdings Private Limited
39	CIG Mauritius Private Limited
40	Cairn Lanka Private Limited
41	Cairn South Africa Pty Limited
42	Vedanta ESOS Trust
43	Avanstrate (Japan) Inc. (ASI)
44	Avanstrate (Korea) Inc
45	Avanstrate (Taiwan) Inc

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S. No.	Name
46	Electrosteel Steels Limited
47	Lisheen Mine Partnership
48	Ferro Alloy Corporation Limited (FACOR)
49	Facor Power Limited (FPL)
50	Facor Realty and Infrastructure Limited

### Associates

S. No.	Name
1	RoshSkor Township (Proprietary) Limited
2	Gaurav Overseas Private Limited
3	Raykal Aluminium Company Private Limited
	Rampia Coal Mines and Energy Private limited
4	(Struck off by the MCA on April 19, 2021)

### **Joint Ventures**

S. No.	Name
1	Goa Maritime Private Limited
2	Madanpur South Coal Company Limited
3	Rosh Pinah Healthcare (Pty) Ltd
4	Gergarub Exploration and Mining (Pty) Limited



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		(₹ in Crore except as stated)				
			Quarter ended		Year ended	
S. No.	Particulars	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited) (Refer Note 2)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited)	
1	Revenue from operations	28,105	27,874	15,687	86,8	
2	Other operating income	307	332	286	1,	
3	Other income	739	859	1,025	3,	
	Total Income	29,151	29,065	16,998	91,	
4	Expenses					
a)	Cost of materials consumed	8,207	7,331	4,471	22,	
b)	Purchases of stock-in-trade	88	18	13		
c)	Changes in inventories of finished goods, work-in- progress and stock-in-trade	(766)	143	264		
d)	Power & fuel charges	3,918	3,972	2,499	13,	
e)	Employee benefits expense	683	709	659	2,	
f)	Finance costs	1,182	1,325	1,252	5,	
g)	Depreciation, depletion and amortization expense	2,124	2,055	1,733	7,	
h)	Other expenses (Refer note 4)	6,411	6,996	4,074	20,	
5	Total expenses	21,847	22,549	14,965	73,	
6	Profit before exceptional items and tax	7,304	6,516	2,033	17,	
7	Net exceptional loss (Refer note 3)	(134)	(773)	-	(6	
8	Profit before tax	7,170	5,743	2,033	17,	
9	Tax expense/ (benefit)					
	On other than exceptional items					
a)	Net Current tax expense	1,413	33	297	2,	
b)	Net Deferred tax expense/ (benefit) (Refer note 8)	522	(1,732)	214		
i)	Deferred tax on intra group profit distribution (including from accumulated profits)	-	(132)	96		
ii)	Other Deferred tax expense/ (benefit)	522	(1,600)	118	(6	
	On exceptional items				,	
c)	Net tax benefit on exceptional items (Refer note 3)	(47)	(187)	_	(2	
	Net tax expense/ (benefit) (a+b+c)	1,888	(1,886)	511	2,	
10	Profit after tax before share in profit/ (loss) of jointly controlled entities and associates and non- controlling interests	5,282	7,629	1,522	15	
11	Add: Share in profit/ (loss) of jointly controlled entities and associates	1	(1)	0		
12	Profit after share in profit/ (loss) of jointly controlled entities and associates (a)	5,283	7,628	1,522	15	

	(₹ in Crore exce					
S. No.	Particulars	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	Quarter ended 31.03.2021 (Audited)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	Year ended 31.03.2021 (Audited)	
			(Refer Note 2)			
13	Other Comprehensive Income					
i.	(a) Items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	32	5	10		
	(b) Tax benefit/ (expense) on items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss	0	(9)	4	(	
ii.	(a) Items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	371	118	7	1	
	(b) Tax benefit/ (expense) on items that will be reclassified to profit or loss	15	10	36	(	
	Total Other Comprehensive Income (b)	418	124	57		
14	Total Comprehensive Income (a + b)	5,701	7,752	1,579	15,2	
15	Profit attributable to:					
a)	Owners of Vedanta Limited	4,224	6,432	1,033	11,	
b)	Non-controlling interests	1,059	1,196	489	3,	
16	Other Comprehensive Income/ (Loss) attributable to :					
a)	Owners of Vedanta Limited	393	99	64		
b)	Non-controlling interests	25	25	(7)		
17	Total comprehensive Income attributable to:					
a)	Owners of Vedanta Limited	4,617	6,531	1,097	11,	
b)	Non-controlling interests	1,084	1,221	482	3,	
18	Net Profit after taxes, non-controlling interests and share in profit/ (loss) of jointly controlled entities and associates but before exceptional items	4,280	7,013	1,033	12,	
19	Paid-up equity share capital (Face value of ₹ 1 each)	372	372	372		
20	Reserves excluding Revaluation Reserves as per balance sheet				61,	
21	Earnings per share (₹) (**not annualised)					
	-Basic -Diluted	11.40 ** 11.31 **	17.37 ** 17.25 **	2.79 ** 2.77 **	31 31	

		(₹ in Crore except as			
			Quarter ended		Year ended
S. No.	Segment Information	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited) (Refer Note 2)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited)
1	Segment Revenue				
a)	Zinc, Lead and Silver				
	(i) Zinc & Lead - India	5,217	5,349	3,207	17,
	(ii) Silver - India	1,106	1,350	645	4,
	Total	6,323	6,699	3,852	21,
b)	Zinc - International	1,119	900	374	2,
c)	Oil & Gas	2,485	2,584	1,389	7.
d)	Aluminium	10,263	8,828	6,043	28,
e)	Copper	3,499	3,945	1,377	10,
f)	Iron Ore	1,576	1,727	639	4,
g)	Power	1,225	1,449	1,018	5,
h)	Others	1,641	1,785	1,029	5.
,	Total	28,131	27,917	15,721	87.
ess:	Inter Segment Revenue	26	43	34	
	Revenue from operations	28,105	27,874	15,687	86,
2	Segment Results				
	[Profit/ (loss) before tax and interest]				
a)	Zinc, Lead and Silver				
,	(i) Zinc & Lead - India	1,883	1,940	488	5.
	(ii) Silver - India	995	1,226	532	3.
	Total	2,878	3,166	1,020	9,
b)	Zinc - International	271	109	24	,
c)	Oil & Gas	576	740	220	1,
d)	Aluminium	3,235	2,260	848	5.
e)	Copper	(157)	(132)	(115)	(.
f)	Iron Ore	739	770	164	1
g)	Power	179	7	230	
h)	Others	151	191	(61)	
	Total	7,872	7,111	2,330	19
Less:	Finance costs	1,182	1,325	1,252	5.
Add:	Other unallocable income net off expenses	614	730	955	3
	Profit before exceptional items and tax	7,304	6,516	2,033	17,
Add:	Net exceptional loss (Refer note 3)	(134)	(773)	-	(
	Profit before tax	7,170	5,743	2,033	17,
3	Segment assets		,		
a)	Zinc, Lead and Silver - India	21,001	21,302	22,059	21,
b)	Zinc - International	6,495	6,065	5,264	6,
c)	Oil & Gas	20,270	18,915	16,885	18,
d)	Aluminium	56,358	54,764	55,257	54,
e)	Copper	6,323	6,273	7,142	6,
f)	Iron Ore	3,302	2,722	2,862	2,
g)	Power	17,526	17,565	18,852	17,
h)	Others	8,163	7,862	7,876	7,
i)	Unallocated	47,215	50,229	43,169*	50,
	Total	1,86,653	1,85,697	1,79,366	1,85

\* Restated, refer Note 7

			cept as stated)			
		Quarter ended			Year ended	
S. No.	Segment Information	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited) (Refer Note 2)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited)	
4	Segment liabilities					
a)	Zinc, Lead and Silver - India	4,951	5,929	5,477	5,92	
b)	Zinc - International	1,034	1,067	882	1,0	
c)	Oil & Gas	12,551	11,178	10,648	11,1	
d)	Aluminium	18,579	18,565	19,568	18,5	
e)	Copper	4,103	4,388	4,971	4,3	
f)	Iron Ore	1,463	1,319	1,293	1,3	
g)	Power	1,889	2,123	1,937	2,1	
h)	Others	1,985	2,126	1,513	2,1	
i)	Unallocated	56,965	61,586	62,524*	61,5	
	Total	1,03,520	1,08,281	1,08,813	1,08,2	

\* Restated, refer Note 7

The main business segments are :

(a) Zinc, Lead and Silver - India, which consists of mining of ore, manufacturing of zinc and lead ingots and silver, both from own mining and purchased concentrate;

(b) Zinc - International, which consists of exploration, mining, treatment and production of zinc, lead, copper and associated mineral concentrates for sale;

(c) Oil & Gas, which consists of exploration, development and production of oil and gas;

(d) Aluminium, which consist of mining of bauxite and manufacturing of alumina and various aluminium products;

(e) Copper, which consist of mining of copper concentrate, manufacturing of copper cathode, continuous cast copper rod, anode slime from purchased concentrate and manufacturing of precious metal from anode slime, sulphuric acid and phosphoric acid (Refer note 6);

(f) Iron ore, which consists of mining of ore and manufacturing of pig iron and metallurgical coke;

(g) Power, excluding captive power but including power facilities predominantly engaged in generation and sale of commercial power; and (h) Other business segment comprises port/berth, glass substrate, steel and ferroy alloys. The assets and liabilities that cannot be allocated between the segments are shown as unallocated assets and liabilities, respectively.

Additional intra segment information of revenues and results for the Zinc, Lead and Silver segment have been provided to enhance understanding of segment business.

#### Notes:-

- 1 The above consolidated results of Vedanta Limited ("the Company") and its subsidiaries ("the Group"), jointly controlled entities, and associates for the quarter ended 30 June 2021 have been reviewed by the Audit Committee and approved by the Board of Directors in their respective meetings held on 26 July 2021.
- 2 The figures for the quarter ended 31 March 2021 are the balancing figures between audited figures for the full financial year ended 31 March 2021 and unaudited figures for the nine months ended 31 December 2020.

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3 Net exceptional loss comprise the following:

				(₹ in Crore)	
	Quarter ended			Year ended	
Particulars	30.06.2021 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited) (Refer Note 2)	30.06.2020 (Unaudited)	31.03.2021 (Audited)	
Capital work-in-progress written off in following segments:					
- Aluminium - Others	-	(181) (63)	-	(181) (63)	
Provision on advances subject to litigation - primarily in Copper segment <sup>a</sup>	-	(213)	-	(213)	
Transaction costs paid to the ultimate parent company on structured investment sold in previous year	-	(103)	-	(103)	
Provision for settlement of dispute regarding environmental clearance - Others segment	-	(213)	-	(213)	
Revision of Renewable Purchase Obligation pursuant to respective state electricity regulation commission notifications - Aluminium segment	-	-	-	95	
One time settlement of entry tax under amnesty scheme - Zinc, Lead and Silver - India segment	(134)	-	-	-	
Net exceptional loss	(134)	(773)	-	(678)	
Current tax benefit on above	47	-	-	-	
Net deferred tax benefit on above	-	187	-	154	
Non-controlling interests on above	31	5	-	(25)	
Net exceptional loss net of tax and non-controlling interests	(56)	(581)	-	(549)	

a) Represents a provision of ₹213 Crore on advances given to Konkola Copper Mines plc (KCM), an overseas company, whose majority shares are ultimately held by Vedanta Resources Limited ("VRL") and on which a liquidation suit has been filed. The outstanding balance as at 30 June 2021 from KCM net of provisions is ₹214 Crore (31 March 2021: ₹211 Crore).

- 4 Other expenses include cost of exploration wells written off amounting to ₹ 99 Crore, ₹ 1 Crore, ₹ 0 Crore and ₹ 7 Crore for the quarter ended 30 June 2021, 31 March 2021, 30 June 2020 and the year ended 31 March 2021 respectively.
- 5 The Company operates an oil and gas production facility in Rajasthan under a Production Sharing Contract ("PSC"). The management is of the opinion that the Company is eligible for extension of the PSC for Rajasthan ("RJ") block on same terms w.e.f. 15 May 2020, a matter which was being adjudicated at the Delhi High Court. The Division Bench of the Delhi High Court in March 2021 set aside the single judge order of May 2018 which allowed extension of PSC on same terms and conditions. We have filed Special Leave Petition in Supreme court against this Delhi High court judgement. In parallel, the Government of India ("GoI"), accorded its approval for extension of the PSC, under the Pre-NELP Extension policy as per notification dated 07 April 2017 ("Pre-NELP Policy"), for RJ block by a period of 10 years, w.e.f. 15 May 2020 vide its letter dated 26 October 2018, subject to fulfilment of certain conditions.

One of the conditions for extension relates to notification of certain audit exceptions raised for FY 16-17 as per PSC provisions and provides for payment of amounts, if such audit exceptions result into any creation of liability. In connection with the said audit exceptions, a demand of US\$ 364 million (₹ 2,705 Crore) has been raised by DGH on 12 May 2020, relating to the share of the Company and its subsidiary. This amount was subsequently revised to US\$ 458 million (₹ 3,405 Crore) till March 2018 vide DGH letter dated 24 December 2020. The Company has disputed the demand and the other audit exceptions, notified till date, as in the Company's view the audit notings are not in accordance with the PSC and are entirely unsustainable. Further, as per PSC provisions, disputed notings do not prevail and accordingly do not result in creation of any liability. The Company believes it has reasonable grounds to defend itself which are supported by independent legal opinions. In accordance with PSC terms the Company has also commenced arbitration proceedings. The arbitration tribunal stands constituted and Vedanta also filed its application for interim relief. The interim relief application was heard by the Tribunal on 15 December 2020 wherein it was directed that GOI should not take any coercive action to recover the disputed amount of audit exceptions which is presently in arbitration and that during the arbitration period, GOI should continue to extend the tenure of the Rajasthan Block PSC on terms of current extension. The GOI has challenged the said order before the Delhi High Court which is next listed for hearing on 04 August 2021. The GoI has also filed application before the Tribunal objecting to its jurisdiction to decide issues arising out of or relating to the PSC extension policy dated 07 April 2017, the Office Memorandum dated 01 February 2013, as amended and audit exceptions notified for FY 2016-18.

Further, on 23 September 2020, the GoI had filed an application for interim relief before Delhi High Court seeking payment of all disputed dues. This matter is also scheduled for hearing on 04 August 2021.

Simultaneously, the Company is also pursuing with the GoI for executing the RJ PSC addendum at the earliest. In view of extenuating circumstances surrounding COVID-19 and pending signing of the PSC addendum for extension after complying with all stipulated conditions, the GoI has been granting permission to the Company to continue Petroleum operations in the RJ block. The latest permission is valid upto 31 July 2021 or signing of the PSC addendum, whichever is earlier.

For reasons aforesaid, the Company is not expecting any material liability to devolve on account of these matters or any disruptions in its petroleum operations

6 The Company's application for renewal of Consent to Operate ("CTO") for existing copper smelter at Tuticorin was rejected by the Tamil Nadu Pollution Control Board ("TNPCB") in April 2018. Subsequently, the Government of Tamil Nadu issued directions to close and seal the existing copper smelter plant permanently. The Principal Bench of National Green Tribunal ("NGT") ruled in favour of the Company but its order was set aside by the Supreme Court vide its judgment dated 18 February 2019, on the sole basis of maintainability. Vedanta Limited has filed a writ petition before the Madras High Court challenging various orders passed against the Company. On 18 August 2020, the Madras High Court dismissed the writ petitions filed by the Company, which has been challenged by the Company in the Supreme Court while also seeking interim relief to access the plant for care and maintenance. The Supreme Court Bench did not allow the interim relief. The matter shall now be heard on merits. The matter was again mentioned before the bench on 17 March 2021, wherein the matter was posted for hearing on 17 August 2021.

However, during the current period, the Company approached the Supreme Court offering to supply medical oxygen from the said facility in view of prevailing COVID-19 situation, which was allowed by the Supreme Court, under supervision of a committee constituted by the Government of Tamil Nadu until 31 July 2021. Further the Company has moved an application on 29 June 2021 providing status report on running Oxygen plant and seeking extension for another 6 months for operating the Oxygen plant. The matter is listed for hearing on 27 July 2021.

The Company was also in the process of expanding its capacities at an adjacent site ('Expansion Project'). The High Court of Madras, in a Public Interest Litigation, held that the application for renewal of the Environmental Clearance ("EC") for the Expansion Project shall be processed after a mandatory public hearing and in the interim, ordered the Company to cease construction and all other activities on the site with immediate effect. In the meanwhile, SIPCOT cancelled the land allotted for the Expansion Project, which was later stayed by the Madras High Court. Further, TNPCB issued an order directing the withdrawal of the Consent to Establish ("CTE") which was valid till 31 March 2023. The Company has also appealed this action before the TNPCB Appellate Authority and the matter is pending for adjudication.

As per the Company's assessment, it is in compliance with the applicable regulations and hence it does not expect any material adjustments to these financial results as a consequence of the above actions.

7 During the previous year ended 31 March 2021, as part of its cash management activities, the Company, through its overseas subsidiaries extended certain loans and guarantee facilities to Vedanta Resources Limited ("VRL") and its subsidiaries (collectively "the VRL group"). Further, during the previous year, certain terms of the facilities were modified which resulted in substantial modification of the instruments. The guarantees were also extinguished. Consequently, the loans were fair valued and the difference in the fair value of the loan and its carrying value was debited to equity as a transaction with the shareholder. As of 31 March 2021, loans of ₹ 7,065 Crore (US\$ 966 million) were outstanding and held by a single subsidiary of VRL, namely, Twinstar Holdings Limited ("TSH").

During the current quarter ended 30 June 2021, the VRL group has repaid ₹ 1,514 Crore (US\$ 207 million) of the aforesaid loans, along with interest thereon. In May 2021, the overseas subsidiaries of the Company, executed agreements with TSH to novate ₹ 2,194 Crore (US\$ 300 million) due for repayment in June 2022 to another subsidiary of VRL, which is guaranteed by VRL. This transaction did not have any material impact on the financial results for the current quarter. The results for the quarter ended 30 June 2020 have been restated by reducing the equity and carrying value of assets and increasing the liabilities by ₹ 358 Crore (US\$ 48 million), ₹ 249 Crore (US\$ 33 million) and ₹ 110 Crore (US\$ 15 million) respectively.

- 8 Income taxes
- a) In June 2018, the Company acquired majority stake in ESL Steel Limited ("ESL"), which has since been focusing on operational turnaround. Based on management's estimate of future outlook, financial projections and requirements of Ind AS 12 Income taxes, ESL has recognized deferred tax assets of ₹ 3,184 Crore during the quarter ended March 31, 2021.
- b) Consequent to the declaration of dividend (including from accumulated profits) by the subsidiaries of the Company, the unabsorbed depreciation as per tax laws and MAT balances have been utilized by the Company leading to a deferred tax (benefit)/ charge as disclosed in line 9(b)(i) of the above results.
- 9 As per information received from VRL, during the current period, VRL together with Twin Star Holdings Limited, Vedanta Holdings Mauritius Limited and Vedanta Holdings Mauritius II Limited, as persons acting in concert with VRL ("PACs"), acquired 37,42,31,161 equity shares of the Company under the voluntary open offer made to the public shareholders of the Company in accordance with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Substantial Acquisition of Shares and Takeovers) Regulations, 2011 and thereby increasing their shareholding in the Company from the current 55.1% to 65.18%.
- 10 The Group has considered the possible effects of COVID-19 including on the recoverability of property, plant and equipment, loans and receivables, etc in accordance with the applicable Ind AS. The Group has considered forecast consensus, industry reports, economic indicators and general business conditions to make an assessment of the implications of the pandemic. Based on the assessment, no adjustment is required to these financial results. The impact of the pandemic may be different from that as estimated as at the date of approval of these results and the management continues to closely monitor any material changes to future economic conditions.
- 11 Previous period/year figures have been re-grouped/ rearranged, wherever necessary.

By Order of the Board

Sunil Duggal

Whole- Time Director and Chief Executive Officer

Dated : 26 July 2021 Place : New Delhi