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Sesa Goa Limited **Is the First Iron Ore Mining Company in the World** **Certified SA 8000**

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Goa, 14 December, 2011: Sesa Goa Ltd, a part of the Vedanta Resources Group and India's largest private sector Iron Ore mining company (on a stand-alone basis) has been certified to the stringent standards of Social Accountability 8000. This is a unique achievement as this is the first time that an iron ore company has been given the certification internationally.

Bureau Veritas, the international certifying agency for the Social Accountability 8000 Standard, has certified the four major divisions of Sesa Goa Ltd, which are:

- a] Iron Ore Div. - All Mines: Exploration, Mining, Processing, Blending & Dispatch of Iron Ore
- b] Pig Iron Div. - Manufacture of Pig Iron
- c] Met-Coke Div. - Manufacturing of Metallurgical Coke
- d] Ship Building Div. - Design, Construction & Repair, of Self Propelled & Dumb floating crafts/vessels of steel construction

The certifications, issued on the 23rd November, 2011 for a period of three years, have been given for complying with the best management practices in the work place, especially in the areas of understanding of global issues and social impact in the workplace. The parameters of the Standard include practices regarding child labour and the young worker, forced labour, health & safety, discrimination, remuneration, working hours etc.

Mr. P K Mukherjee, MD Sesa Goa Ltd, expressed his satisfaction on receiving the certification for the company for the first time and commented that *"Sesa Goa Ltd has been committed to the best management practices for its employees. We are indeed pleased with the unique honour of being the first iron ore mining company in the world to be certified to SA 8000. The management and employees of Sesa Goa will strive harder to perform even better on the parameters set by the Standard"*.

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About Sesa

Sesa is India's largest producer and exporter of iron ore in the private sector. The company is a majority owned and controlled subsidiary of Vedanta Resources plc, the London listed FTSE 100 diversified metals and mining major. For more than five decades, Sesa has been involved in iron ore exploration, mining, beneficiation and exports. Sesa has iron ore mining operations in Goa and Karnataka. It has recently acquired 51% stake in Western Cluster Limited, a Liberia based company engaged in developing the Western Cluster Iron Ore Deposits into a large integrated Iron Ore Project. Sesa is also into manufacturing pig iron and metallurgical coke, with a 0.28 mtpa metallurgical coke plant and a 0.25 mtpa pig iron plant in Goa.

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