

Press Release:

HZL to build 30,000 Toilets in rural Rajasthan

80 villages in Rajasthan to become 'Open Defecation Free'

India: 21 June, 2014: HZL (Hindustan Zinc Limited), a Sesa Sterlite Limited subsidiary in Zinc-Lead-Silver business has signed an MoU with the State Government of Rajasthan to build 30,000 rural toilets for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families under the 'Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan'. The construction of these toilets will be completed in 3 years. This initiative will make 80 rural and tribal villages in Rajasthan 'Open Defecation Free'. HZL would be spending Rs. 8.6 crore towards construction of these 30,000 toilets.

Construction of these toilets has begun in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Udaipur districts of Rajasthan and so far the construction of 8,000 toilets has been completed. Two 'Leach Pits' are constructed below each toilet to facilitate disposal of waste. Only one 'Leach Pit' will be used at a time. Each 'Leach Pit' is estimated to be full in about 5 year. The waste in the first 'Leach Pit' will be converted into manure to be utilized by the farmer for agriculture purpose.

These newly constructed toilets will also minimize the risk of contamination of drinking water sources thus reducing the health related problems in rural India. Under the *Nirmal Bharat Abhiyan*, cost of construction of each toilet is Rs.8,500, where Rs.4600 per toilet is being paid by government, Rs.3000 by HZL and Rs.900 by the beneficiary.

According to the UNICEF report, today only 48% of rural Indian population has access to good toilet and sanitation facilities. When more than 50% of Indian population defecates in open it leads to improper disposal of the waste, sanitation issues and cause of many harmful diseases. In Rajasthan 60% of population defecates in open.

The project will provide households with comfort, convenience and a sense of security and dignity to each member of the family, especially females. The project is also expected to improve good hygiene practices and create awareness towards health & sanitation.

The objective of this project is to provide clean and hygienic house-hold toilets to the BPL families and discourage and eventually eliminate open defecation practices in the villages.

About HZL

HZL (Hindustan Zinc Limited) is a subsidiary of the BSE and NSE listed Sesa Sterlite Limited (ADRs listed on the NYSE), a part of London listed diversified natural resources major, Vedanta Resources Plc. HZL is one of the world's largest integrated producer of zinc and are among leading global lead and silver producers. With reserves and resources of 365.1 million tonnes, the exploration programme is integral to HZL's growth and future expansions. HZL owns 474 MW of coal based thermal captive power plants in Rajasthan to support their metallurgical operations. In addition, their environment friendly power generation includes 274 MW of wind energy and 36MW from waste heat generation.

About Sesa Sterlite Limited

Sesa Sterlite Limited (SSL) is one of the world's largest diversified natural resources companies, whose business primarily involves exploring, extracting and processing minerals and oil & gas. SSL produces oil & gas, zinc, lead, silver, copper, iron ore, aluminium and commercial power and has a presence across India, South Africa, Namibia, Ireland, Australia, Liberia and Sri Lanka. Sustainability is at the core of SSL's strategy, with a strong focus on health, safety and environment and on enhancing the lives of local communities.

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