

**Mr. Anil Agarwal was conferred the prestigious ‘Dhaturatna’ by the Bombay Metals Exchange, honouring his immense contribution to the non-ferrous metals sector**



**Delhi, India, June 17, 2015:** Mr. Anil Agarwal, Founder & Chairman, Vedanta Resources Plc, has been conferred the title of ‘Dhaturatna’, the highest award by the Bombay Metals Exchange (BME), to acknowledge his tremendous contribution to the non-ferrous metals sector. The award was presented by the Honorable Cabinet Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Shipping, Mr. Nitin Gadkari and the Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis, who commended Mr. Agarwal for his work towards nation building, at a glittering ceremony held recently in Mumbai.

“Dhaturatna, Mr. Agarwal is a visionary, whose principles and ethics surpass the expanse of business. He went ahead with a start-up when nobody dared to tread that path. His ideas of forward integration in sectors such as the optical fiber manufacturing were path-breaking

at that time. Non-ferrous metals were not an area that found popularity within the trading circles in India. He changed the complexion, true to his game-changing abilities,” said Mr. Mahendra Shah, President, Bombay Metal Exchange, as he welcomed Mr. Agarwal on the stage to receive the award.

Seeped in nostalgia, in his acceptance speech, Mr. Agarwal recollected his deep associations with the senior members of BME, revered their work in promoting the nonferrous metals trade and thanked BME for the award, “I am truly humbled. I have always known that my early days as metals trader would have not be possible had it not been for BME. It’s been three decades of my association with you and not a day goes by when I don’t take strength from my learning at BME during my younger days,” said Mr. Agarwal. In his speech, Mr. Agarwal mentioned that he was truly impressed with the focus of the Honorable Cabinet Minister of Road Transport, Highways & Shipping, Mr. Nitin Gadkari to build 25 kms of roads per day and the Honorable Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Mr. Devendra Fadnavis’s commitment to developing the manufacturing sector through the ‘Make in Maharashtra’ campaign.

Mr. Agarwal’s message for the youth of the country is to continue doing hard work, keep raising the bar or you will soon be overtaken, and believe in the India growth story. “India needs you, India wants you, but most of all remember, you also need India. You are fortunate to be in India at a time when you will be part of India’s journey to become an economic superpower. So follow your dreams to be the torch bearers of tomorrow’s new India,” said Mr. Agarwal.

Mr. Agarwal, a first generation entrepreneur began his business in the metals trading business in Mumbai during the late 1970s, closely associated with the Bombay Metal Exchange. Armed with grit and strong business ethics, his business grew leaps and bounds in the 1980s. His vision was clear—to make India a self-sufficient nation.

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With 75% of his personal wealth pledged for philanthropic purposes, Mr. Agarwal is passionate about empowering the communities through providing platforms for education, social and economic development and healthcare. He strongly believes that it's not through charity, but through empowering those less fortunate that economic development can become more inclusive.

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