

VEDANTA 2.0  
**BUILT FOR  
THE FUTURE**

**T**ransparency at core  
rust at every step



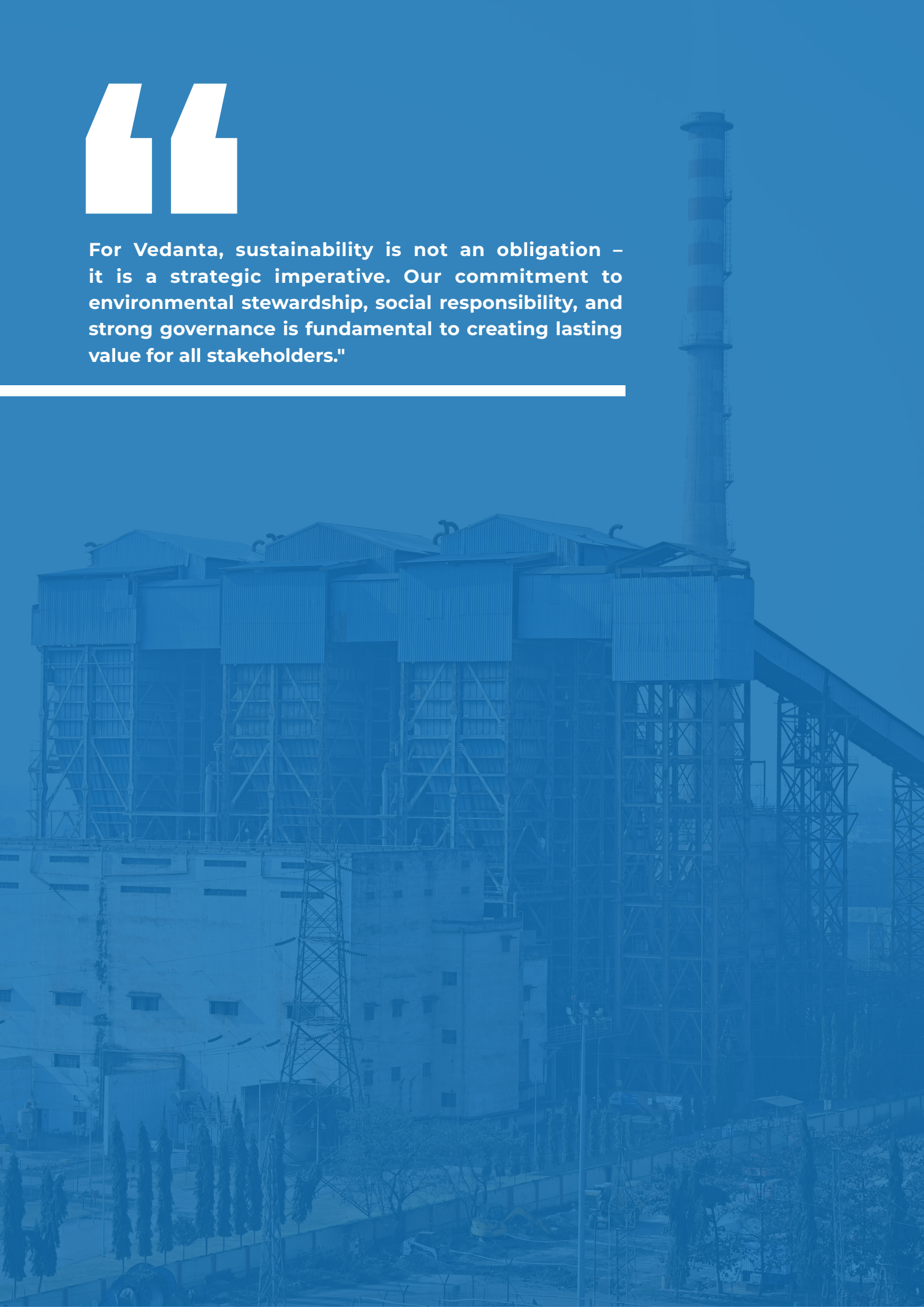
**TAX TRANSPARENCY REPORT**

**— FY 2025-26 —**

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For Vedanta, sustainability is not an obligation – it is a strategic imperative. Our commitment to environmental stewardship, social responsibility, and strong governance is fundamental to creating lasting value for all stakeholders.”

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# About the Report

## Vedanta Limited: Transparency at the Core, Trust at Every Step

At Vedanta Limited, transparency is not simply a guiding principle – it is the cornerstone of our identity. As a global natural resources’ powerhouse with operations spanning zinc-lead-silver, aluminium, iron ore, steel, copper, power, nickel, chrome, and oil & gas, we believe openness and honest communication is key to building trust, ensuring accountability, and driving sustainable growth.

We don’t view transparency as just ticking boxes. For us, it means sharing clear, meaningful insights into how we operate and the value we created – financially, socially and environmentally – in the regions where we work. It’s about giving stakeholders a true picture of our impact and performance.

Our leadership remains steadfast in its belief that transparency drives resilience. It strengthens our relationships with communities, investors and partners, while reinforcing our responsibility to contribute to national development and global sustainability.

A Tax Transparency Report is a comprehensive disclosure document that outlines a company’s tax

strategy, governance, and contributions to exchequer, providing stakeholders with clear insights into its tax practices and reinforcing accountability and trust. This report meticulously outlines the company’s financial contributions to the exchequer, both within India and globally, reflecting its dedication to transparency and accountability in taxation practices.

Beyond numbers, this report is a reflection of Vedanta’s broader mission – to act with integrity, support sustainable development, and create lasting value for all our stakeholders. It underscores our commitment to absolute transparency in disclosing profits and taxes paid.

This year marks our eleventh year of publishing Tax Transparency Report which serves as a testament to our commitment to responsible tax practices adopted earlier by the Company. The contributions outlined are based on cash transactions in FY 2025-26, reflecting the same data used in the audited financial statements of respective companies, albeit with variations in accounting methodologies.



# Chairman's Perspective - Charting the Path Ahead



Vedanta is uniquely positioned to both benefit from and enable India's transformation journey. In a rapidly evolving world, success will no longer be defined solely by what we produce, but by the progress we enable and the impact we create. This is where Vedanta is uniquely positioned to lead.

Over the years, we have built one of the world's leading natural resources companies, with a diversified portfolio and integrated value chains that provide the scale, resilience, and capability to undertake transformational projects. This strong foundation enables us to address critical global needs, support India's growth ambitions, and create sustainable value for all our stakeholders.

Equally important is the positive impact we continue to create beyond business performance. From delivering long-term value to shareholders and fostering community development to advancing environmental stewardship and prioritising the health, safety, and well-being of our people, we remain committed to creating meaningful and lasting impact across every dimension of our operations.

Scale remains a cornerstone of **Vedanta 2.0**. Through strategic capacity expansions, operational debottlenecking, and vertical integration initiatives, we are strengthening our leadership across key commodities and enhancing our ability to deliver sustainable, long-term growth.

Our proposed demerger into five independent entities marks a significant step in this journey, creating focussed businesses that are better positioned to lead in critical minerals, energy, and technology. This transformation is designed to unlock greater value for shareholders, drive sustainable development in the

communities we serve, and contribute meaningfully to India's and the world's growth ambitions.

With our scale, expertise, and diversified portfolio, we are well aligned with the nation's aspirations and remain committed to advancing India's resource independence in support of the vision of Viksit Bharat.

In this context, our priorities remain clear: disciplined execution of growth projects, successful completion of the demerger, continued balance sheet deleveraging, and steady progress towards building a future-ready, multi-metal enterprise.

FY 2025-26 was a milestone year for Vedanta, marked by continued expansion, operational excellence, and the resilience of our diversified portfolio across market cycles. Our core businesses delivered strong performance, driving a 15% increase in **revenue to ₹1,74,075 crore**, while **EBITDA grew by 29% to ₹55,976 crore**.

Tax is one of the most meaningful ways businesses contribute to economic progress and social development. Through **our Eleventh Tax Transparency Report**, we proudly disclose our contribution of **₹ 62,722 crore** to the public exchequer, reaffirming our commitment to transparency, accountability, and nation-building.

I take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all our stakeholders, the Government of India, shareholders, partners, employees, and the communities we serve who have been constant source of strength. Together, let us continue to build a stronger Vedanta and India.

**ANIL AGARWAL**  
Chairman, Vedanta Limited



# Non-Executive Director's Value Statement



It gives me immense pleasure to share Vedanta's performance for FY 2025-26, a year marked by significant progress in our transformational journey. Building on the strategic restructuring initiated last year, we have strengthened our foundation for growth and value creation. As our demerger plans advance, Vedanta has entered a new phase of evolution - Vedanta 2.0 - with a focussed vision on critical minerals, energy transition, and technology-led growth, positioning us to drive sustainable development and long-term value for all stakeholders.

At Vedanta, our purpose extends beyond business performance. We are equally committed to creating meaningful social impact and contributing to the communities in which we operate. Our flagship social initiative, Nand Ghar, continues to drive holistic childhood development in rural India, reflecting our Chairman's vision that no child should go to bed hungry and that every child should have access to equal opportunities.

As we advance towards a more sustainable and Net Zero future, our transformational initiatives are increasingly aligned with India's energy transition and critical mineral requirements. We firmly believe that the metals and mining sector will play a pivotal role in enabling a low-carbon, resource-secure future. With our diversified portfolio and strategic focus areas, Vedanta is well-positioned to contribute meaningfully to this transformation while supporting India's journey towards self-reliance and long-term economic growth.

A key pillar of this contribution is our commitment to responsible and transparent tax practices. Tax represents one of the most direct and meaningful ways through which we support nation-building. It enables governments to invest in critical infrastructure, promote inclusive development, and strengthen the welfare ecosystem - objectives that closely align with the Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, where economic strength and self-reliance go hand-in-hand.

In FY 2025-26, Vedanta contributed ₹62,722 crore to the government exchequer, taking our cumulative contribution over the last decade to more than ₹4,83,034 crore. These contributions reflect not only the scale and diversity of our operations but also our unwavering commitment to fulfilling our responsibilities as a responsible corporate citizen. Through our tax contributions, we actively support the Government of India's Vision for Viksit Bharat, which envisages India becoming a US\$ 30 trillion economy by 2047.

With purpose as our guide and transparency at our core, we are confident in our ability to create enduring value for our stakeholders while contributing to India's sustainable and inclusive growth.

**Priya Agarwal Hebbar,**  
Chairperson, Hindustan Zinc Ltd.  
Non-Executive Director, Vedanta Ltd.



**A Vision for a Sustainable and Inclusive Future"**

— By Priya Agarwal Hebbar

# Vedanta Group at a Glance

## A Snapshot of Vedanta

Vedanta Limited, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Limited, is one of the world's leading diversified natural resources companies, with operations across India, South Africa, and Namibia. Our portfolio spans zinc, lead, silver, aluminium, copper, iron ore, steel, power, nickel, chrome, and oil & gas, providing the resources that support economic growth, industrial development, and the energy transition.

Over the past two decades, Vedanta has established itself as a leading natural resources company, driven by a diversified portfolio, operational excellence, and a commitment to innovation and sustainable development. Through significant contributions to














the national exchequer, investments in strategic industries, and the creation of employment opportunities, we continue to play an important role in India's growth story.

As we advance towards Vedanta 2.0, we are building a future-ready enterprise with a sharper focus on critical minerals, energy transition, and technology-led growth. Guided by strong ESG principles and our ambition to achieve Net Zero emissions by 2050 or sooner, we remain committed to creating sustainable value for our stakeholders while contributing to India's vision of Viksit Bharat.

## Our Value Chain



### Industries Served

- |  |   |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|
| <br>Infrastructure          | <br>Wires & Cables         | <br>Steel     | <br>Fertiliser | <br>Aerospace |
| <br>Power                   | <br>Automotive             | <br>Chemicals | <br>Appliances | <br>Packaging |
| <br>Building & Construction | <br>Hydrocarbon Refineries | <br>Transport |  |  |



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ATLAS  
SAFETY GLOVES  
MADE IN INDIA

# Mission

To create a leading global natural resources company.

# Culture

Vedanta has always inspired to build a culture that demonstrates world-class standards in safety, environment, and sustainability. People are our most valuable asset, and we are committed to providing all our employees with a safe and healthy work environment. Our Culture exemplifies our core values and nurtures innovation, creativity, and diversity.

# Our Core Values

Our core values underpin everything we do at Vedanta. These universal values guide our behaviour, as we expand into new markets and countries.



Care



Integrity



Innovation



Agility

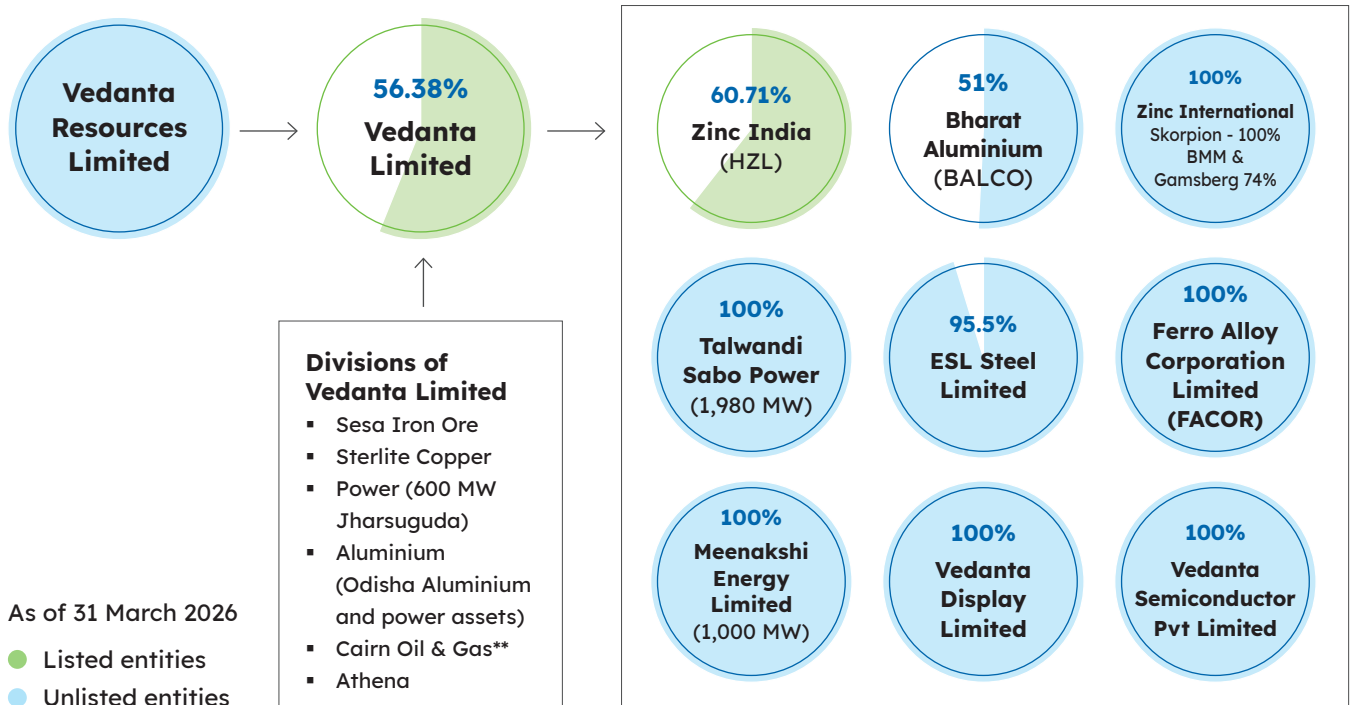


Ownership



# Operating Structure

Our diversified structure and wide geographic presence enable efficient operations and serviceability.



\*\*50% of the share in the RJ Block is held by a subsidiary of Vedanta Limited



# Assets that power



## Zinc-Lead-Silver

### Business

Zinc India (HZL) | Zinc International (VZI)

**74%**

Indian market share

### Asset highlights

- World's largest zinc-lead mine at Rampura Agucha, India
- Among top 10 silver producers globally



## Aluminium

### Business

Vedanta Aluminium & BALCO

**46%**

Indian market share

### Asset highlights

- Largest aluminium installed capacity in India at 2.44 MTPA



## Power

### Business

Vedanta Merchant Thermal Power

**4,780 GW**

Total thermal capacity

### Merchant business

- TSPL: 1,980 MW supercritical plant
- Jharsuguda: 600 MW IPP capacity
- Meenakshi Energy Andhra Pradesh: 1,000 MW
- Sakti Thermal Plant, Chhattisgarh: 1200MW (Unit-2 600 MW under construction)



## Oil & Gas

### Business

Cairn India

**50%**

Vision to contribute to India's oil production

### Asset highlights

- World's longest continuously heated pipeline from Barmer to Gujarat Coast (~670 kms)
- The largest polymers EOR projects in the world

# Our Growth Ambition



## Iron Ore

### Business

Iron Ore India : One of the largest merchant iron ore miners in India and one of the largest producers and exporters of merchant pig iron in India.

### Asset highlights

- Karnataka iron ore mine with reserves of 60 million tonnes
- Goa Iron Ore mines; R&R of 57 million tonnes



## Steel

### Business

ESL Steel

**3.5**

MTPA design capacity

### Asset highlights

- Largely operates in long steel products



## Chrome

### Business

Ferro Alloys Corporation Ltd

**145 KT**

High Carbon Ferrochrome capacity

### Asset highlights

- Ostapal and Kalarangiatta Mines with 1.15 Mtpa mining capacity
- 45 MVA Charge chrome plant of 80 KTPA, 33 MVA Charge chrome plant of 65 KTPA and captive power plant of 100 MW



## Copper

### Business

Copper Business

**One of the largest copper production capacities in India**

### Asset highlights

- Tuticorin smelter and refinery are currently not operational
- Silvassa Refinery Capacity: 222 KTPA

## Presence

# Stronger Footprint Across Strategic Global Markets



**1. IRELAND**  
Lisheen Mine

**2. LIBERIA**  
Iron Ore Project Western Cluster

**3. NAMIBIA**  
SKorpion Mine

**4. SOUTH AFRICA**  
Black Mountain Mine Gamsberg

**5. UAE**  
Fujairah Gold

**6. EAST ASIA**  
Glass

**7. INDIA**  
Multiple

# NATION WIDE PRESENCE

## DELHI

- Corporate Office

## RAJASTHAN

- RJ Oil & Gas block
- Zinc refinery and smelters
- Zinc mines
- Power plants

## HARYANA

- Oil & Gas business

## PUNJAB

- Talwandi Sabo Power Plant

## GUJARAT

- Cambay Oil & Gas block
- Metcoke plant
- Power plants

## MAHARASHTRA

- Corporate / Registered office
- Vazare coke plant
- Power plants

## DADRA AND NAGAR HAVELI

- Copper refinery

## ANDHRA PRADESH

- Ravva Oil & Gas block
- Meenakshi Power Plant
- Port business

## GOA

- Iron ore beneficiation plant
- Iron ore mines
- Nickel processing plant
- Cement plant

## KARNATAKA

- Chittradurga Iron ore mines
- Iron ore beneficiation plant
- Power plant

## TAMIL NADU

- Copper smelter & refinery (non operational)
- Power plants

## ODISHA

- Aluminium refinery and smelter
- Power plants
- Mines - Iron ore, Bauxite, Coal, Chrome
- FACOR chrome plant

## CHHATTISGARH

- Aluminium refinery and smelter (BALCO)
- Power plants
- Athena Power plant

## JHARKHAND

- Integrated steel plant

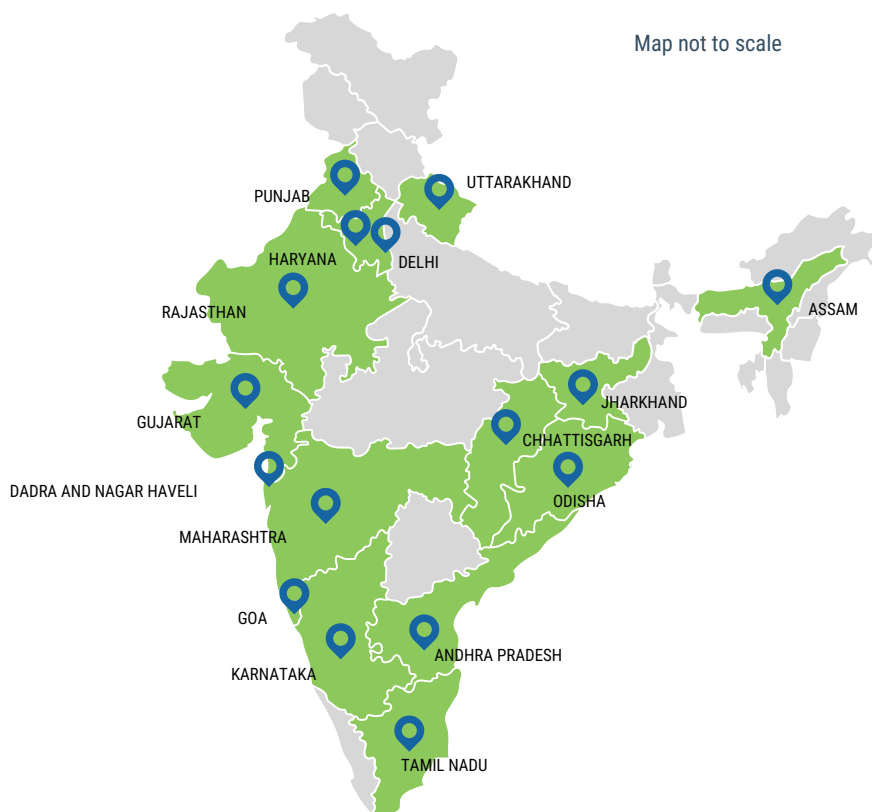
## UTTARAKHAND

- Zinc, Lead and Silver refinery and smelter

## ASSAM

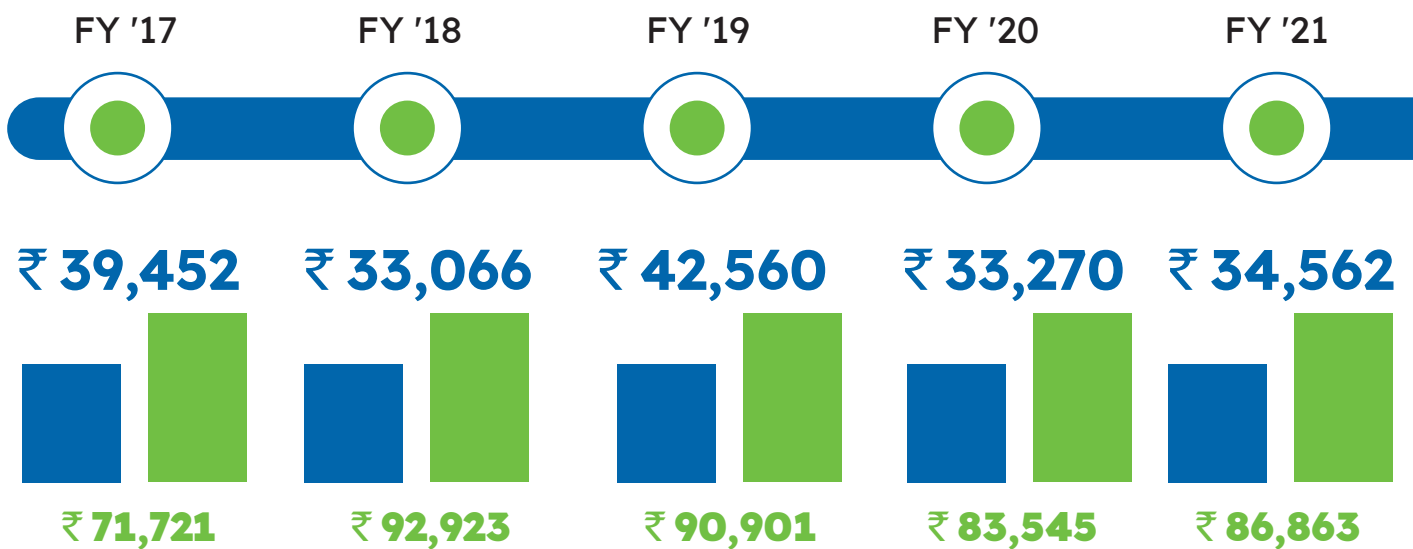
- Oil & Gas Block

Zinc Lead Silver  
Iron Ore Steel  
Aluminium  
Oil & Gas Power  
Chrome Copper





## Empowering Progress: Investing in a Better Tomorrow

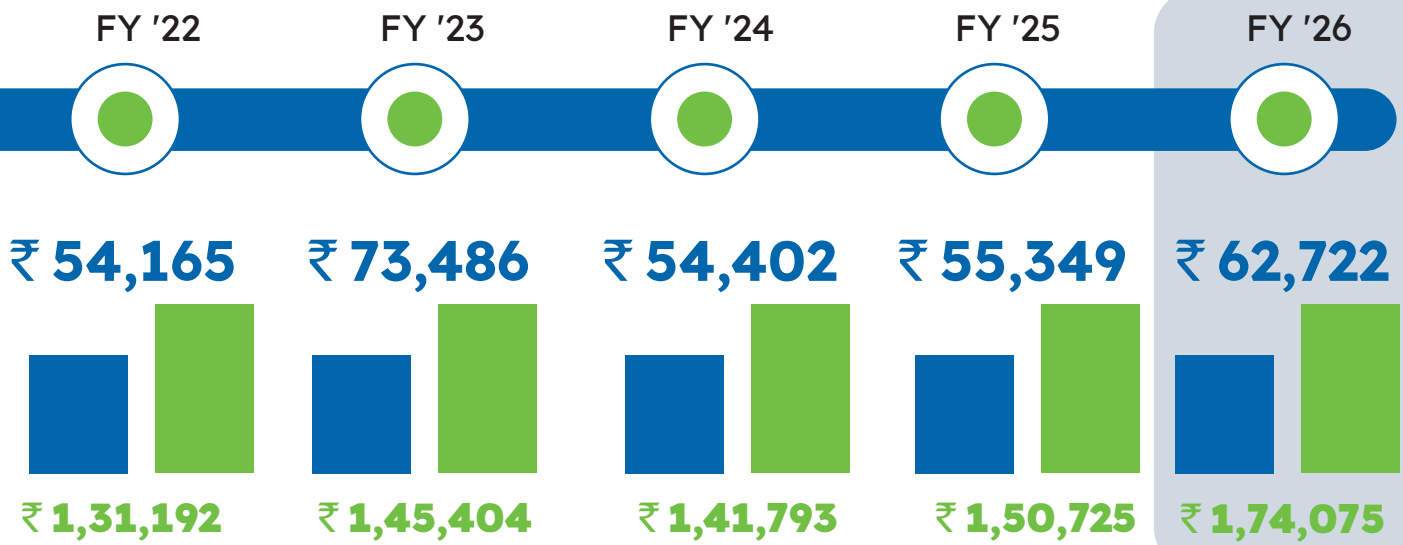


● Contribution to Exchequer (₹ crore)

● Revenue (₹ crore)



**Total Contribution to Exchequer  
over the Past 10 Years  
₹ 4,83,034**



# Economic Stewardship

Guided by its mission, vision and culture, Vedanta Group continues to pursue a holistic value creation approach that balances economic growth with environmental stewardship and social progress. By leveraging its resources, capabilities and stakeholder relationships, Vedanta seeks to create long-term and sustainable value while addressing material issues and strategic priorities. As a diversified natural resources company, we transform the nation's mineral and energy resources into enduring benefits for our stakeholders and society at large.

FY 2025-26 marked another year of progress as we continued to strengthen our operational excellence, accelerate transformation initiatives and enhance efficiency across our businesses. Our focus on innovation, disciplined execution and continuous improvement enables us to remain resilient in a dynamic business environment while supporting India's aspirations for sustainable and inclusive growth.

As the world transitions towards a low-carbon future, Vedanta recognises its critical role in supporting India's energy security, resource independence and net-zero ambitions. We remain committed to delivering the materials and resources essential for economic development while advancing responsible and sustainable mining practices.

We continue to maintain a disciplined approach towards capital allocation, prioritising investments that strengthen our competitive advantage, generate sustainable cash flows and create long-term value for shareholders. Supported by a robust balance sheet and prudent financial management, we remain well positioned to capture future growth opportunities.

At Vedanta, our people are at the heart of everything we do. We bring together talent from diverse backgrounds, fostering a workplace built on inclusion, equality, innovation and collaboration. Through continued investments in capability building, safety, well-being and leadership development, we empower our employees to achieve their full potential while contributing meaningfully to the organisation's success.

Sustainability remains deeply embedded in our business strategy. We continue to make meaningful progress towards our **'Net Zero by 2050'** commitment

**Driving Economic Progress with Responsible Stewardship, while Championing India's Net Zero Pathway by 2050**

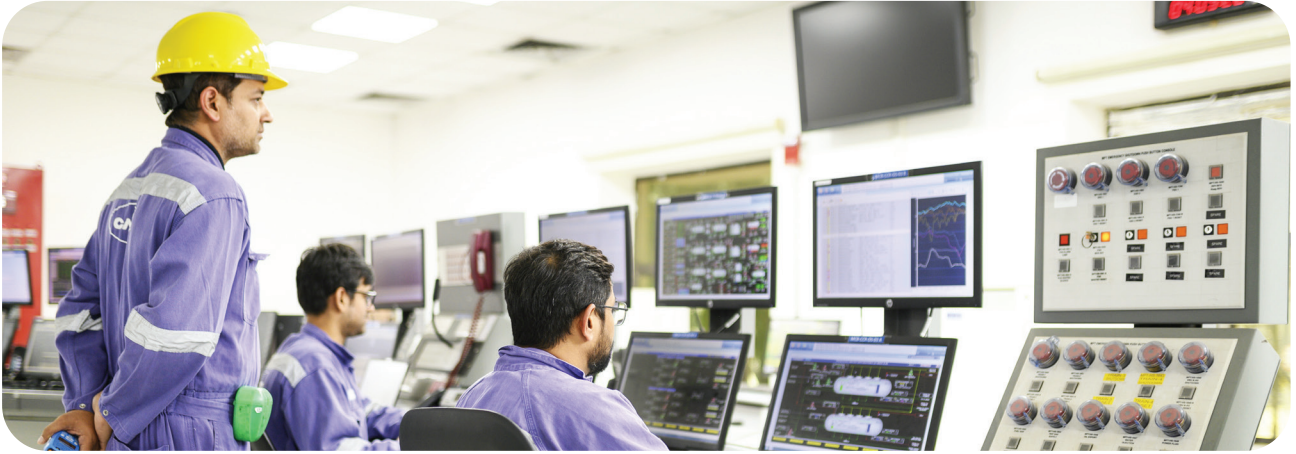
while advancing our ambitions in carbon reduction, water stewardship, biodiversity conservation and circular economy practices. Our efforts are focussed on creating a more resilient and environmentally responsible business for future generations.

Through our Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, we continue to drive positive change across communities by supporting education, healthcare, livelihood enhancement, women empowerment and infrastructure development. These initiatives reflect our commitment to creating lasting social impact and improving quality of life in the regions where we operate.

As a responsible corporate citizen, Vedanta continues to make significant contribution of ₹62,722 crore to the public exchequer of the countries in which it operates during FY 2025-26. These contributions reflect the economic value generated across our businesses and value chains and reinforce our commitment to nation-building, economic development and inclusive prosperity.

We create value beyond our business by strengthening domestic supply chains, reducing import dependence, generating livelihoods, empowering local MSMEs, and building future-ready skills within communities.

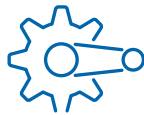
Through responsible operations, sustainable value creation and meaningful stakeholder engagement, Vedanta remains committed to powering progress, strengthening communities and contributing to the vision of **Viksit Bharat**, while creating enduring value for generations to come.



## Value Creation Highlights



Financial Capital  
**₹55,976**  
**crore EBITDA**



Manufactured Capital  
**2,456 kt India's largest primary aluminium producer with record-high annual output**



Natural Capital  
**4 million trees planted as a part of commitment to plants**



Human Capital  
**1,08,905**



Social & Relationship Capital  
**12,000+**  
**Nandghars built**

All amounts in ₹ crore

Direct Economic Value Generated

**₹ 1,83,250**

Direct Economic Value Retained

**₹ 33,851**

Economic Value Distributed

**₹ 1,49,399**

Operating Costs	<div style="width: 73.7%;"></div>	1,10,312
Payment to Government	<div style="width: 7.4%;"></div>	11,025
Employee Wages and Benefits	<div style="width: 2.4%;"></div>	3,663
Payment to providers of funds	<div style="width: 15.8%;"></div>	23,949
Community Investments voluntary donations	<div style="width: 0.3%;"></div>	450

# Enriching Communities beyond business

Artha (the value we create) brings purpose, and Dharma (the value we give back) brings meaning. With Artha, we build; with Dharma, we uplift. Only together do they create true progress. At Vedanta, we believe that uplifting the lives of people will pave the way for a developed and sustainable nation.

This philosophy is embedded at the core of Vedanta's operations, reflecting a commitment that goes beyond philanthropy to fostering shared progress with communities. The Company's sustained efforts are driven by the dedication of its employees and partners, enabling effective delivery of high-impact social initiatives across nutrition, healthcare, skilling, and broader community development, thereby enhancing access to essential services and improving quality of life.

Vedanta's CSR approach is firmly aligned with the provisions of the Companies Act, its internal CSR Policy, National Voluntary Guidelines, and the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). By prioritising locally relevant needs and adopting a structured, compliance-driven framework, the Company ensures inclusive, sustainable, and measurable development outcomes across its areas of operation.

At Vedanta, CSR is not viewed as a statutory obligation but as an integral part of the Company's ethos, embedded in its commitment to creating shared value with the communities it serves. For nearly two decades, Vedanta has consistently integrated social impact into its core business

~7.8 MILLION  
BENEFICIARIES  
VEDANTA CSR IMPACT  
IN FY 2025-26

strategy, driving positive change through initiatives in healthcare, education, skilling, livelihoods, and community infrastructure, while enabling inclusive development at scale.

Recognising that community trust underpins its licence to operate, Vedanta places communities at the centre of its engagement approach. The Company actively collaborates with local stakeholders to understand evolving needs, tailor interventions accordingly, and strengthen long-term partnerships. This approach is further guided by strict adherence to globally accepted human rights principles, ensuring responsible, inclusive, and sustainable development across all its areas of operation.

Through Vedanta's social development programmes, the company transforms the lives of more than 7.8 million people at the grassroots level.

It has become an essential aspect of the Group's ESG policy, fully aligned with Vedanta's overarching mission to 'give back'. Each of our business units has aligned its social impact initiatives to cater to the needs of our communities.





**Key Impact Highlights:**



**3.64 Mn**

Healthcare beneficiaries



**0.42 Mn**

Community infrastructure



**1,01,969**

Livelihoods supported



**0.32 Mn**

Women empowerment



**15,552**

Skilling



**0.43 Mn**

Drinking water and sanitation



**0.62 Mn**

Environment protection



**0.47 Mn**

Children wellbeing and Education



**1.77 Mn**

Sports and culture

# Our Approach to Tax & Transparency

## Our Tax Approach

Vedanta is committed to maintaining the highest standards of corporate governance and transparency. Disclosing the taxes and royalties paid to governments reflects our commitment to building trust with shareholders, employees, customers, local communities and other stakeholders. Greater transparency supports informed discussions on tax systems and highlights the economic contribution we make in the jurisdictions where we operate. We understand the significance of fulfilling our fiscal obligations not only as a legal requirement but also as a moral responsibility towards the society and economy we operate within. Further, being part of the extractive industry, we are aligned with the principles stated in the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative document (EITI'), primarily relating to the onus of corporation.

Tax compliance is not just a matter of adhering to laws and regulations; it is a reflection of our commitment to integrity, transparency, and accountability that is embodied in our Tax Strategy document. These are essential elements of a responsible conglomerate that necessarily has a symbiotic relationship with all its stakeholders. We recognise that paying taxes on time and accurately is essential for fostering trust with all these stakeholders, including employees, customers, investors, and the broader community.

We continuously review and enhance our internal processes and systems to ensure accuracy and efficiency in tax reporting and payments. We invest in training and development for our employees to ensure they are equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate complex tax landscapes effectively. Also, regularly updating the systems and personnel on changes in tax laws is integral to our operational framework, ensuring compliance and adaptability in a dynamic regulatory landscape. Lastly, we also take support from eminent tax consultants in multiple jurisdictions who advise us on

various complex tax matters, ensuring our decisions are well-informed. Before finalising any tax position, we consult professionals and senior legal counsel to understand alternate viewpoints and interpretations.

In conclusion, our company's commitment to tax compliance and timely payments is unwavering. We understand the importance of fulfilling our fiscal responsibilities ethically, transparently, and conscientiously. By upholding these principles, we not only comply with legal requirements but also contribute positively to the welfare and prosperity of the communities we serve.

## The Future of Global Tax Transparency

Meaningful tax transparency requires disclosure of information that is relevant to stakeholders and presented in a clear, accessible and machine-readable format. In this regard, we support the development of a globally consistent tax transparency and disclosure framework, including appropriate equivalency mechanisms across jurisdictions.

We also support greater alignment between the quantitative information submitted to tax authorities under country-by-country (CbC) reporting requirements and the information disclosed under public tax transparency standards. Such alignment would promote consistency in reporting practices, facilitate comparability across jurisdictions, industries and companies, and help reduce compliance complexity and associated costs.

We recognise the importance of transparent disclosure of taxes, royalties and other payments made to governments, as it enables stakeholders to better understand our economic contribution. We also acknowledge the value of transparency in government agreements and contractual arrangements, which supports informed comparison between statutory obligations and actual payments made.



### International related party dealings

Vedanta's operations involve significant dealings with offshore related parties that impact the taxable position of the Company and its subsidiaries. Related party dealings include transactions with entities located in jurisdictions such as the United Kingdom, Mauritius, Cyprus, United Arab Emirates, Zambia, South Africa, Australia and other countries where the Group operates.

Vedanta undertakes transfer pricing assessments and maintains contemporaneous documentation in line with applicable Indian transfer pricing regulations to manage and mitigate transfer pricing risk.

Further, Vedanta complies with Country-by-Country (CbC) reporting requirements, wherever applicable, by furnishing prescribed financial, economic and tax-related information for jurisdictions in which the Group operates.

### Tax Guiding Principles

Vedanta has established 9 guiding tax principles that shape our global operations and decision-making, ensuring full compliance with tax laws and timely adherence to local regulatory requirements in every jurisdiction. Upholding integrity, transparency, and accountability is fundamental, with tax considerations naturally stemming from commercial decisions driven by sound judgement. Our tax principles are closely aligned with the 'B-Team Responsible Tax Principles' reinforcing our commitment to responsible corporate citizenship. The disclosures presented in this report illustrate how we apply these guiding principles in practice, demonstrating our dedication to ethical tax governance and sustainable value creation.



# 9 Tax guiding principles

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## Trust

To maintain high standards of integrity with respect to tax compliance and reporting

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## Engagement with Regulators

Maintaining constructive, cooperative relationships with tax authorities in all jurisdictions. Working positively, proactively and transparently with tax authorities to minimise the extent of disputes.

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## Compliance

To observe all applicable laws, rules and regulations in the countries where we operate, including Transfer Pricing and to meet all tax compliance requirements in a timely manner

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## Risk Management

To identify tax risks in a consistent and formal manner and communicate these where appropriate to the Audit & Risk Management Committee and the Board.

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## Transparency

To proactively disclose detailed information about the overall tax contribution of the Group to the governments of the countries where we operate

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## Proactive Consultation

To actively participate in tax policy consultation processes where appropriate at a national or international level.

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## Economic Substance

We only undertake transactions which will have results that are consistent with the underlying economic consequences, including tax structures with commercial substances.

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## People Progress

Embedding tax responsibility into organisational culture and empowering employees to uphold integrity.

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## Processes & Controls

Establishing robust internal systems to manage tax risks and ensure accuracy. Ensuring meticulous documentation of transactions and tax positions with diligent professional care and judgement.

# Tax Risk Management Framework and Strategy

## Tax Risk Management, Governance, Compliance & Strategy

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### Tax Risk Management

Our key responsibility in taxation is to ensure compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and statutory requirements while adhering to our internal policies and standards.

Guided by these frameworks and the principles of our Tax policy, we take a proactive approach to managing our tax affairs. We strive to enhance shareholder value in alignment with our strategic goals and our commitment to transparency. We are dedicated to paying the appropriate amount of tax, on time, in every country where we operate.

The Vedanta Group recognises the criticality of managing its global tax risks and has processes and controls that enable the timely identification,

assessment and management of these risks. These processes and controls are part of a strong governance framework adopted by the Vedanta Group.

The Vedanta multi-layered risk management system and robust governance framework align all the Group companies' operating controls with the overarching vision and mission and help them deliver on the Vedanta strategic objectives.

We are committed to strong governance, to identify, manage and report tax risks. By proactively addressing tax risks, we enhance our financial stability, compliance, and reputation while minimising our liabilities and disputes.



### Tax Risk Governance Framework

The Vedanta Group complies with documented tax risk management procedures and completes thorough risk assessments before entering into significant transactions. Group maintains internal controls in the form of compliance calendars, internal audit processes by MAS (Management Assurance Services) teams, and authorisation matrices under the maker-checker concept. Also, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which applies to all employees, sets out our zero tolerance on corruption and bribery. Vedanta requires its employees, tax advisors, and suppliers of tax services to act with integrity and maintain high ethical standards in all tax activities.

Vedanta has also formed an internal 'Tax Council' which acts as an overarching governing body to the tax function. The Tax Council operates with a mix

of experienced professionals internally drawn from Tax and Finance, and externally drawing on senior lawyers, retired bureaucrats, and independent tax practitioners. The Tax Council addresses issues relating to both direct and indirect tax. The body plays a vital role in ensuring that all the businesses across the Vedanta Group duly comply with the risk governance framework and tax strategy of the Vedanta Group. It conducts periodical reviews, provides guidance, and advises with respect to tax compliance, tax litigation, and other related matters, ensuring adequate transparency and consistency.

Material tax risks or disputes are reported to the Audit & Risk Management Committee ('Audit Committee') for its consideration. This review includes an assessment of the probabilities of different outcomes, including

cash flow and reputational impact. The suggestions by the Audit Committee are duly considered by the Tax Council, and thereafter, the Audit Committee updates the Board.

The tax strategy is owned and approved by the Company's Board. It is subject to annual review by the Board, and an annual compliance report is submitted to the Board and Audit Committee.

The Vedanta Group Chief Financial Officer holds responsibility for tax at the Board level and communicates with and advises the Board on the tax affairs and risks of the Vedanta Group, with support from the Vedanta Group's Corporate Tax team. Responsibility for tax governance rests with the tax function, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and the Financial Controller.



### Approach to Tax Compliance

The tax risk management systems, processes, and controls, along with the adoption of technology, enable the Vedanta Group to fulfil its tax compliance obligations and mitigate associated risks. At the same time, the tax team ensures that all new updates and positions, if any, are considered and applied or complied with on a real-time basis.

The Vedanta Group also strives to ensure that commercial transactions are structured in tax-efficient ways where credible technical analysis

and interpretation are available. In particular, our governance structure ensures that such transactions are in full compliance with the law. This includes setting transfer prices at arm's-length for all inter-company transactions in accordance with global guidance. The Vedanta Group claims tax incentives and exemptions as legitimately available in the countries where it operates, maintains appropriate documentation, and ensures compliance with the law for all its tax initiatives.



### Approach to Tax Technology

Early adopters embrace innovation before it becomes mainstream, paving the way for future trends. The Vedanta Group stands as an early adopter of technology, and its adoption of tax technology marks a strategic shift towards enhancing efficiency and compliance in managing global tax obligations. By

leveraging cutting-edge tax technology solutions, Vedanta aims to streamline processes and optimise tax strategies. Various technology tools are deployed to supplement the human interface, automate the tax processes and achieve efficiencies in tax function by bringing standardisation & uniformity in processes.





## In-house Tax Team

Our dedicated in-house tax team both at Corporate & respective businesses, efficiently manages the tax function across all businesses, ensuring full compliance with local laws and timely fulfillment of obligations. With a focus on accuracy, governance, and process optimisation, they uphold the highest standards in every aspect of tax management. The team stays up-to-date with evolving tax regulations, proactively identifying risks and opportunities. Through strong

internal controls and collaboration with relevant stakeholders, our team support the Company's overall financial integrity and strategic goals.

The in-house tax team also focusses on building effective tax processes, bringing a uniformity in tax compliances. They are also actively involved in tax technology projects to enhance efficiency and adaptability in an ever-changing tax landscape.



## Vedanta's Stakeholders

The Vedanta vision is to be the developer of choice across all areas of its operations while creating long-term value for all stakeholders. These stakeholders include local communities, employees, shareholders, investors and lenders, civil society, industry, and government. From a tax perspective, tax authorities are important stakeholders as well.

Vedanta strives to engage with all stakeholders with integrity and transparency, guided by its tax principles. Any deviations, if they occur, are unintentional and never premeditated.



## Dealings with tax authorities, including disputes

We maintain proactive and transparent engagement with tax authorities across jurisdictions, guided by our values and Code of Conduct. We are committed to responsible tax compliance and to paying the appropriate amount of tax in the relevant jurisdictions in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. Given the global nature of our operations and the complexity of tax legislation, differences in interpretation or application of tax laws may

occasionally arise, which could result in disputes with tax authorities.

In such situations, we engage constructively with the relevant authorities to address and resolve matters in a timely and efficient manner. Where necessary, certain matters may require clarification or resolution through formal legal or judicial processes.



## Grievance Redressal

Vedanta has a Stakeholders' Relationship Committee that supports the Board in maintaining strong and lasting relationships

with stakeholders. This committee ensures that stakeholders' views and concerns are collected and appropriately addressed.



## Agility Focus

We continuously strengthen our systems, processes, group structures, and transactions to comply with evolving tax laws globally. We fully support the ongoing work by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) to protect the taxing rights of host governments in respect of extractive activities. Pillar Two of this framework seeks to apply a 15% global minimum tax and applies to the Group from 1 January 2024, following enactment of

the UK's Finance (No. 2) Act 2023 in July 2023. In this regard, the Vedanta Group is proactively assessing the application and impact of the BEPS 2.0 initiatives across all its Group companies and ensure that filings are done timely and appropriately. Also, Vedanta's established systems and standard protocols ensure that we can handle such transitions smoothly and without disruptions.



## Vedanta Group Tax Strategy

Vedanta Group has developed a detailed Tax Strategy document which outlines the Group's tax principles and acts as a guiding framework for all employees, ensuring alignment in daily decision-making processes that carry tax implications. We apply the arm's-length principle to related-party cross-border

transactions. This is in line with guidelines issued by the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). We adopt a simple, principle-based approach to structuring transactions and addressing tax impacts.

### Vedanta shall not:

- Take positions that lack reasonable basis, or rely on non-disclosure
- Prioritise tax benefits in its business strategies; decisions are driven primarily by commercial prudence and operational substance. Where tax implications are carefully evaluated by in-house tax professionals and independent external advisors

Global tax and compliance updates are monitored on a real-time basis. Their implications on operations are first analysed at the operational level and then presented to Senior Management for a strategic way forward. Wherever a broader perspective is needed, expert input is sought before making presentations to the leadership team.

### Further

- Tax planning or tax efficiency is never the primary motivation in structuring entities or transactions within the Vedanta Group
- Any operations initiated in low-tax jurisdictions are strictly for substantive, commercial and business purposes, not for mere tax savings
- Vedanta remains committed to not deliberately structure transactions through so-called "tax havens" to avoid taxes.

In conclusion, Vedanta's robust tax governance framework – anchored by its guiding tax principles and comprehensive Tax Strategy document – highlights the company's unwavering commitment to integrity, transparency, and compliance. As Vedanta continues to navigate the evolving global tax landscape, its emphasis on stakeholder engagement, proactive advocacy, and organisational agility remains central, reflecting its dedication to sustainable value creation and ethical conduct in all tax-related matters.

# Evolving Dynamics of Tax Transparency

Embracing change enables the development of new ideas and encourages adaptability, which are essential for continuous improvement. In an increasingly dynamic environment, this approach supports sustained growth and long-term success. In response to the global call for greater accountability in business practices, the Vedanta Group draws inspiration and guidance from two prominent initiatives: the B Team and the Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI). Further, the dynamics of tax transparency are rapidly evolving, driven by global initiatives like BEPS, public country-by-country reporting, and mandatory disclosure rules.

The B Team Responsible Tax Principles (“the B Team Principles”) recognise this and emphasise that tax responsibility is fundamental to a company’s social impact and licence to operate. Vedanta, as a conscious global operator, finds its established tax principles closely aligned with those advocated by the B Team, reinforcing its commitment to financial accountability and responsible business practices.

The B Team is a not-for-profit initiative formed by a global group of business leaders to catalyse a better way of doing business. The B Team Responsible Tax Principles define what leadership in responsible tax looks like and was established to reimagine the role of the private sector in addressing the world’s most pressing challenges and to advance a blueprint for more responsible and sustainable business practices.

Given Vedanta’s significant presence in the extractive industry, the company is acutely aware of its responsibility to adopt sustainable business practices. Vedanta remains deeply committed to minimising negative environmental and social impacts while ensuring strict adherence to regulatory standards. With a focus on commercial prudence and sustainability, Vedanta endorses the applicable Extractive Industries Transparency Initiative (EITI) principles, emphasising transparency, public disclosure, and environmental stewardship.





Vedanta's alignment with the B Team Principles and the EITI framework underscores its dedication to responsible corporate citizenship and ethical business conduct. By embracing these global standards, Vedanta aims to contribute positively to the global business environment while upholding its core values of integrity, accountability, and sustainability.

Further, the core principles of the international tax landscape have set to change from 2023. Almost all countries in the G20/OECD Inclusive Framework on BEPS ('the Inclusive Framework') have signed up to a joint political statement on the agreed components of their 'two-pillar' approach to global tax reform. Pillar Two sets out global minimum tax rules designed to ensure that large multinational businesses pay a minimum effective rate of tax of 15% on profits in all countries.

In the UK, tax transparency has been a major focus through measures like public country-by-country reporting, the Corporate Criminal Offence (CCO) legislation for tax evasion, and the requirement for large businesses to publish a tax strategy. In India, tax transparency is evolving through the adoption of OECD BEPS measures, including country-by-country reporting, significant economic presence (SEP) rules, and digital tax reforms.

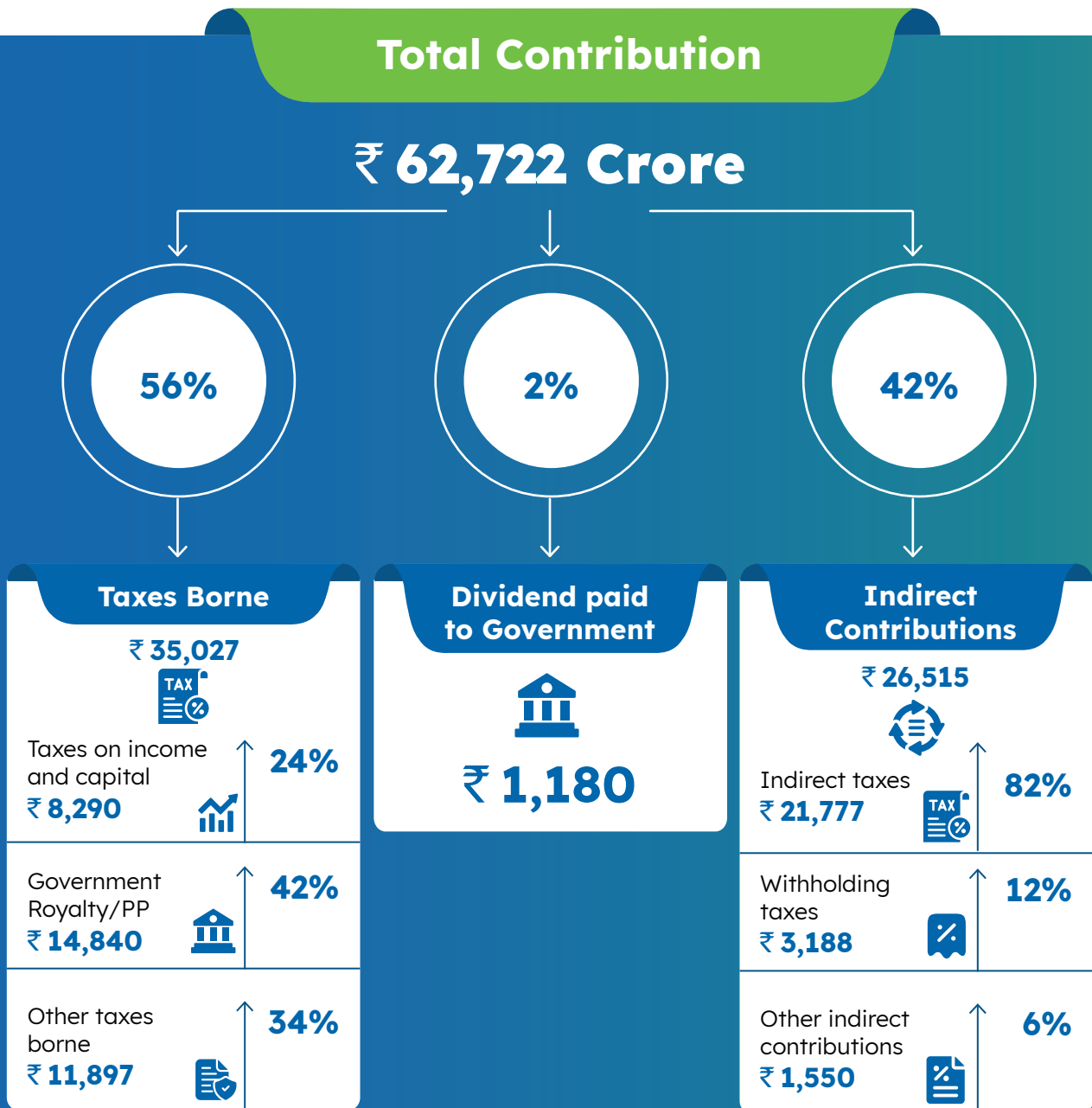
Together, these developments reflect a global convergence towards stricter tax scrutiny, with the UK and India actively aligning domestic laws to international standards.

# Our Contribution to the Exchequer

We had outlined our approach to tax in the earlier section of the report along with our tax risk framework & strategy to share the Vedanta Group's overall perspective towards tax.

Here, we present our contribution numbers made during FY 2025-26. Vedanta Group made a substantial contribution of ₹62,722 crore to the exchequer, representing approximately 36% of its consolidated

turnover. This contribution encompassed various forms, including corporate income taxes, royalties, licence fees, profit petroleum, as well as significant indirect revenue contributions through withholding taxes and indirect taxes. In line with this commitment to transparency, the Company is releasing Eleventh Tax Transparency Report with this publication. The total contribution to the exchequer comprises the following:



## Total Contributions ₹ 62,722 crore



The tax contributions are categorised into two main groups: Taxes Borne and Indirect Contributions

A. **Taxes Borne** primarily include corporate income tax, royalty-related tax payments, production entitlements (such as profit petroleum), and other significant payments made to the government. These may encompass production-based oil cess, stamp duty payments, import/export levies, local municipal taxes, and more.

B. **Indirect Contributions** primarily consist of taxes collected and paid on behalf of our employees and vendors. This category covers withholding taxes, payroll taxes (such as professional taxes), payments of Goods and Services Tax ("GST") on sales, and other social security contributions aimed at funding government social security programmes for employees.

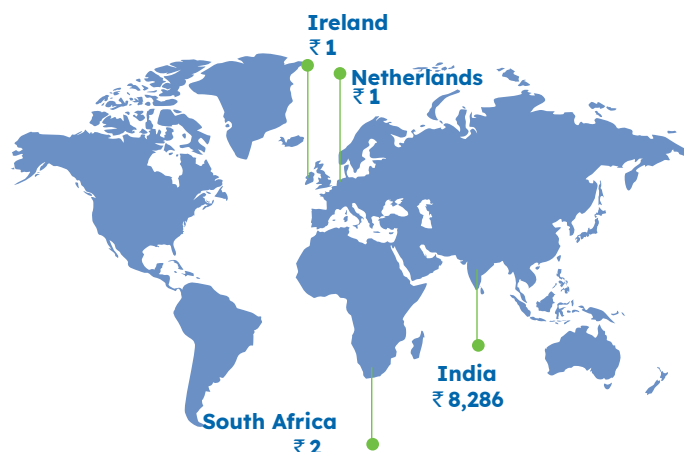
## A. Taxes Borne

### (i) Taxes on Income & Capital - ₹ 8,290 crore

In accordance with the Income-tax Act of 1961 ('the Act'), profits earned by companies in India are subject to Income Tax. The majority of Vedanta Group companies have opted the new tax regime under section 115BAA of the Income-tax Act, 1961 (section 200 of the New Income-tax Act, 2025), which carries a statutory tax rate of 22.00%, along with a surcharge of 10.00% on the tax amount, and an additional health and education cess of 4.00% on

the total tax including surcharge. This results in an effective statutory tax rate of 25.168%.

However, certain companies within the group continue to operate under the old regime, subject to tax rate of 30% plus applicable Surcharge & Cess or Minimum Alternate Tax ('MAT') rate of 15% plus applicable Surcharge & Cess, whichever is greater.



**(ii) Government Royalty & Profit Petroleum - ₹ 14,840 crore**

**Government Royalties & other Statutory Levies - ₹ 10,478 crore**

We pay royalties to the state governments of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Chhattisgarh, Assam, Goa and Karnataka in India based on extraction of bauxite, lead-zinc, silver, iron ore, crude oil and natural gas. The most significant of these is the royalty that HZL is required to pay to the state

government of Rajasthan, where all of HZL's mines are located. Generally, in respect of oil and gas operations, royalty payments are made by the joint operation partners in proportion to their participating interest. Vedanta being the operator of the block reports the total royalty paid to the government.

**Profit Petroleum - ₹ 4,362 crore**

The Government of India ('GoI') is the owner of the hydrocarbons wherein it has assigned the responsibility to the joint operation (Contractor) to explore, develop and produce the hydrocarbons. Contractor is entitled to recover out of petroleum produced, all the costs incurred according to the Production Sharing Contracts ('PSC') in exploring, developing and producing the hydrocarbons, which is

known as "Cost Petroleum". Excess of revenue (value of hydrocarbons produced) over and above the cost incurred as above, is called "Profit Petroleum", which is shared between the GoI and Contractor Parties as per procedure laid down in PSC. Vedanta being the operator of the Oil & Gas blocks reports the total profit petroleum.

**(iii) Other Taxes Borne - ₹ 11,897 crore**



**₹ 5,980 crore**  
Duties of Export and Import



**₹ 2,503 crore**  
Oil Cess/NCCD



**₹ 1,252 crore**  
Electricity Duty



**₹ 1,663 crore**  
Ineligible GST



**₹ 466 crore**  
Statutory Levies



**₹ 33 crore**  
Others



## B. Indirect Contributions

### Indirect Taxes - ₹ 21,777 crore

GST is a supply-driven concept and therefore applies on the supply of goods and services. Taxes under GST are applicable as follows -

- Central Goods and Services Tax and State Goods and Services Tax are simultaneously levied on intra-state supply of goods and services
- Integrated Goods and Services Tax are levied on imports and inter-state supply of goods and services.
- In addition, GST Compensation Cess is also applicable on certain specified goods
- The general rate of GST on our output supplies is 18%. However, silver attracts GST at 3%

### Withholding Taxes - ₹ 3,188 crore

This comprises the following -

- Payroll and employer taxes payable as a result of a company's capacity as an employer
- Other taxes collected/deducted

### Other Indirect Contributions - ₹ 1,550 crore



₹ 907 crore

Royalty payout through third parties



₹ 374 crore

GST compensation cess payout to third parties



₹ 194 crore

Contribution to PF/ESI



₹ 75 crore

Others





**Table 1: Global Tax & Other Contributions**

All amounts are in ₹ crore

Country-wise operations	Taxes Borne				Indirect Revenue Contributions				"Dividend paid to Govt."	Contribution to Exchequer
	Taxes on Income and Capital	Government Royalties & Profit Petroleum	Others	Total Payments Borne	Withholding Taxes	Indirect Taxes	Others	Total		
	A	B	C	I=A+B+C	D	E	F	II=D+E+F	III	I+II+III
India	8,286	14,824	11,851	34,961	3,016	21,775	1,498	26,289	1,180	62,430
Africa	2	15	3	20	147	1	36	184	-	204
Others	2	-	44	46	25	1	16	42	-	88
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,290</b>	<b>14,839</b>	<b>11,898</b>	<b>35,027</b>	<b>3,188</b>	<b>21,777</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>26,515</b>	<b>1,180</b>	<b>62,722</b>



**Table 2: Other relevant indicators**

All amounts are in ₹ crore

List of Entities	Revenue (External)	Profit Before Tax (PBT)	No. of Employees <sup>(#)</sup>
All entities as per Annexure B of Basis of preparation	1,74,075	35,426	17,387

**State-Level Contribution to National Exchequer**

All amounts are in ₹ crore

State	Taxes on Income and Capital	Government Royalties, fees and other payments	PP and Oil cess	Dividend	Indirect taxes	Other Indirect payments incl. payroll taxes	Total
Chhattisgarh	1,301	1,251	-	-	2,941	555	6,048
Goa	(13)	465	-	-	633	81	1,166
Gujarat	0	373	955	-	405	2	1,734
Karnataka	-	238	-	-	605	1	845
Maharashtra	-	10	-	-	265	36	312
Odisha	1,763	5,185	-	-	4,205	1,377	12,531
Rajasthan	4,552	8,382	5,154	1,180	5,919	809	25,995
Dadra and Nagar Haveli	-	3,038	-	-	2,716	0	5,754
Tamil Nadu	81	3	-	-	273	72	429
Telangana	-	-	-	-	256	0	256
Assam	-	26	38	-	13	0	76
Haryana	293	33	-	-	321	150	798
Punjab	(5)	340	-	-	10	151	496
Uttar Pradesh	-	7	-	-	6	-	14
West Bengal	-	0	-	-	199	0	199
Delhi	328	0	-	-	668	1,336	2,333
Andhra Pradesh	58	374	719	-	123	77	1,352
Uttarakhand	-	28	-	-	912	2	942
Madhya Pradesh	-	-	-	-	104	-	104
Jharkhand	42	56	-	-	1,201	110	1,408

**Notes:**

- The gross contribution value in this table presents only the state level data, while at India level, the reported numbers in Table 1 include other considerations (e.g., India's share in global contribution, refunds, etc) as per internal reporting standards.
- Reference to states referred above is limited to Vedanta's contribution to the originating state.

# Basis of Preparation

## NOTE 1

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Amounts reported in the Table 1 - 'Global Tax & Other Contributions' have been subject to external assurance. Assurance Report forms a part of this report. The financial information it contains is consistent with that used to prepare our FY 2025-26 consolidated financial statements and financial statements of Vedanta Group's listed/non-listed operating subsidiary companies. In case of joint venture operations, contributions are shown at gross level as made by the Unincorporated Joint Venture (UJV) of which the Company's subsidiary is the operator irrespective of our percentage interest in the UJV.

## NOTE 2

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All data is prepared for the year from 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026. The above contributions have been reported on a cash basis. The base information used to compute the above contributions is the same as that for the audited financial statements of respective companies with inherent differences in the accounting methodology. The social expenditures have not been considered in the contribution to exchequer shown in the above table.

## NOTE 3

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Vedanta has disclosed in taxes borne in table above, the taxes charged by suppliers/ service providers in their invoices and paid by the Vedanta Group to the extent not creditable. Indirect contributions shown in the table above inter alia include royalty and cess paid to third parties, and these collectively represent gross output liabilities discharged by the Vedanta Group. Any amount arising on account of foreign exchange fluctuation has been excluded from the reportable data, as such amount is not paid to any government entity and arises only on account of book entries.

## NOTE 4

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### TAXES BORNE

#### A) Taxes on Income and Capital

This comprises Corporate Income Tax but does not include Deferred Tax and Penalty, if any. These taxes are provided at amounts paid during the year FY 2025-26 with respect to corporate income tax liability of the same year and of previous years at respective corporate tax rates applicable for those years. Typically, these taxes would be reflected in corporate income tax returns made to governments, and tend to become payable, and are paid (either directly by way of advance tax or self-assessment tax or through credit of withholding tax), either in the year the profits were made or up to one year later, depending on the tax laws of the respective countries as to the timing of payments.

For the purpose of the figures of credit of withholding taxes/TCS, the ledgers provided by the respective divisions/companies were considered. wherein the credit is booked as and when credit certificates or payments are received from the deductors/collectors.

These taxes also include payments made against tax demands (net of refunds received) during the financial year with respect to corporate income tax liability of previous years. These payments are without considering interest component wherever identifiable.

#### B) Government Royalties and Profit Petroleum

This comprises contributions made to exchequer in the form of royalties, licence fees and resource rents; for example, contribution for the extraction of minerals, metals, crude oil or gas whether paid directly to the Government for all the members of the consortium or through the third parties. These form part of operating costs. Profit Petroleum represents share of profit paid to the government on account

of production of crude oil and natural gas from the fields awarded by the government as per the terms of Production Sharing Contract (PSC). Typically, this is reflected in various forms/returns prescribed by the government for this purpose. The government's share (considered as contribution to exchequer) of profit petroleum is accounted for when the obligation (legal or constructive) in respect to the same arises. Profit petroleum is netted off from revenue generated from such operations. The profit petroleum includes the share for other members of the consortium.

### C) Other taxes borne

This comprises cess paid on production of crude oil In India, VAT paid on purchase of High Speed Diesel, stamp duty that arises on the transfer of assets or capital, levies on import/export of goods (considered on gross basis), municipal taxes, electricity duty, service tax, VAT, CST, GST, entry tax/octroi and other taxes borne. These form part of operating costs, except where creditable.

## INDIRECT REVENUE CONTRIBUTIONS

### D) Withholding Taxes

This comprises payroll and employee taxes (including professional tax) withheld from employee remuneration, and paid to governments, i.e., tax collected and remitted to governments on behalf of employees. Typically, these taxes would be reflected in payroll tax returns made to exchequer and tend to be payable, and are paid, on a regular basis (often monthly) throughout the year, shortly after the submission of the returns. It also comprises taxes withheld or collected from various payments made to contractors and paid to governments, i.e., taxes collected/deducted and remitted to governments

on behalf of the service providers/vendors/group companies.

### E) Indirect Taxes

This comprises taxes paid to the governments on procurement or production or sale of goods such as Value Added Tax (VAT)/sales tax, excise duty, central sales tax, Goods and Services tax paid to government on sale of goods / services (considered on gross basis) These taxes would not be collected if the Vedanta Group had not produced and made sales to the customers.

### F) Other

This includes contribution of employers for funding the social security programme of the government such as Provident Fund (PF) and Employee State Insurance Fund (ESI). Such contributions are reflected in the monthly and annual returns made to the respective organisations.

## DIVIDENDS TO GOVERNMENT

This includes dividends paid to government on a regular basis, wherever the government holds shares in any of the Vedanta Group companies and that company has paid dividend during the year.

In the current year, the only payer is the Company's subsidiary, HZL where GOI holds a 27.92% stake in the subsidiary.

Please refer to **Annexure A** on types of taxes paid by Vedanta in various countries.

Please refer to **Annexure B** on the list of entities considered for the purpose of this report.

# Annexure A - Taxes Paid

Below mentioned are the types of taxes paid by Vedanta companies:

- ✔ Corporate Income Tax
- ✔ Goods and Services tax
- ✔ Government Royalties
- ✔ Octroi/Entry Tax
- ✔ Profit Petroleum
- ✔ Provident Fund and Employee State Insurance
- ✔ Oil Cess / NCCD / BED / SAED
- ✔ Land Tax / Property Tax
- ✔ Duties on Export and Import
- ✔ Licence Fees
- ✔ Other Cesses and Surcharges
- ✔ Stamp Duty
- ✔ Electricity Taxes / Duty
- ✔ Municipal Taxes
- ✔ Export Licence Utilisation
- ✔ Withholding Taxes
- ✔ Excise Duties
- ✔ Any other taxes inter-alia Niryat Kar, Panchayat Tax, Paryavaran Tax, Upkar Tax, Inhabitant Tax, SPV, payment for infrastructure improvement
- ✔ Professional Tax
- ✔ Value Added Tax
- ✔ Service Tax

# Annexure B - List of Entities

1. Vedanta Limited
2. Hindustan Zinc Limited
3. Hindustan Zinc Fertilizers Private Limited
4. Hindustan Zinc Alloys Private Limited
5. Vedanta Zinc Football & Sports Foundation
6. HindMetal Exploration Services Private Limited
7. Zinc India Foundation
8. Ferro Alloys Corporation Limited
9. Bharat Aluminium Company Limited
10. ESL Steel Limited
11. MALCO Energy Limited
12. Sesa Mining Corporation Limited
13. Sesa Resources Limited
14. Sesa Iron and Steel Limited
15. Desai Cement Company Private Limited
16. Vedanta Iron and Steel Limited
17. Vedanta Base Metals Limited
18. Vedanta Aluminium Metal Limited
19. Meenakshi Energy Limited
20. Vedanta Limited ESOS Trust
21. Vizag Cargo Berth Limited
22. Vedanta Semiconductors Private Limited
23. Vedanta Displays Limited
24. Talwandi Sabo Power Limited
25. Cairn India Holdings Limited
26. Cairn Energy Hydrocarbons Limited
27. Cairn Lanka Private Limited
28. Avanstrate Japan Inc
29. Avanstrate Korea Inc
30. Avanstrate Taiwan Inc
31. Bloom Fountain Limited
32. Western Cluster Limited
33. THL Zinc Ventures Limited
34. THL Zinc Limited
35. Black Mountain Mining
36. THL Zinc Holding BV
37. Vedanta Lisheen Holdings Limited
38. Vedanta Lisheen Mining
39. Killoran Lisheen Mining Limited
40. Lisheen Mine Partnership
41. Lisheen Milling
42. Monte Cello BV
43. Thallanga Copper Mines
44. Fujairah Gold
45. THL Zinc Namibia Holdings Pty Limited
46. Skorpion Zinc Pty Limited
47. Amica Guesthouse Pty Limited
48. Skorpion Mining Company Pty Limited
49. Namzinc Pty Limited

# Independent Reasonable Assurance Report

To  
The Management of Vedanta Limited  
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## Introduction

We ('KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP' or 'KPMG') were engaged by the management of Vedanta Limited ('VEDL' or 'the Company') to report on 'Global Tax & Other Contributions' - Table 1 contained in VEDL's Tax Transparency Report for the financial year 2025-26 [the said Table 1 hereinafter referred to as 'Global Tax & Other Contributions'], in the form of an independent reasonable assurance conclusion about whether VEDL's statement that the Global Tax & Other Contributions is properly prepared, in all material respects, based on 'Basis of Preparation' attached to the Tax Transparency Report is fairly stated.

## VEDL's Responsibilities

The management of VEDL are responsible for preparing the Global Tax & Other Contributions that is free from material misstatement in accordance with Basis of Preparation and for the information contained therein. The management of VEDL are also responsible for preparing the Basis of Preparation.

This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of Global Tax & Other Contributions that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. It also includes developing the Basis of Preparation. The Company is also responsible for preventing and detecting fraud and for identifying and ensuring that it complies with laws and regulations applicable to its activities.

## Our Responsibilities

Our responsibility is to examine the Global Tax & Other Contributions prepared by the Company and to report thereon in the form of an independent reasonable assurance conclusion based on the evidence obtained. We conducted our engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000: Assurance Engagements Other Than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board. That standard requires that we plan and perform our procedures to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Global Tax & Other Contributions is properly prepared, in all material respects.

The firm applies International Standard on Quality Control 1 and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behavior.

The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of Global Tax & Other Contributions whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we have considered internal control relevant to the preparation and presentation of Global Tax & Other Contributions in order to design assurance procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purposes of expressing a conclusion as to the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over the preparation and presentation of Global Tax & Other Contributions. Our engagement also included assessing the appropriateness of Global Tax & Other Contributions, the suitability of the Basis of Preparation used by the Company in preparing the Global Tax & Other Contributions in the circumstances of the engagement, evaluating the appropriateness of the procedures used in the preparation of Global Tax & Other Contributions and the reasonableness of estimates made by the Company and evaluating the overall presentation of the Global Tax & Other Contributions. Reasonable assurance is less than absolute assurance.

The procedures performed by us have been included herein as Annexure: Assurance Procedures – Global Tax & Other Contributions.

### **Conclusion**

Our conclusion has been formed on the basis of, and is subject to, the matters outlined in this report. We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion. In our opinion, the Global Tax & Other Contributions is properly prepared in all material respects, based on the Basis of Preparation.

### **Restriction of Use of Our Report**

In accordance with the terms of our engagement, this independent reasonable assurance report on Global Tax & Other Contributions has been prepared for VEDL solely for inclusion in its Tax Transparency Report for the financial year 2025-26 and for no other purpose or in any other context.

Our report should not be regarded as suitable to be used or relied on by any party wishing to acquire rights against us other than VEDL for any purpose or in any context. Any party other than VEDL who obtains access to our report or a copy thereof and chooses to rely on our report (or any part thereof) will do so at its own risk. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we accept or assume no responsibility and deny any liability to any party other than VEDL for our work, for this independent reasonable assurance report, or for the conclusions we have reached.

Our report is released to VEDL on the basis that it shall not be copied, referred to or disclosed, in whole (save for inclusion in VEDL's Tax Transparency Report on the basis that it is provided without liability to the recipients on our part) or in part, without our prior written consent.

For KPMG Assurance and Consulting Services LLP

Date: 16 June 2026

Place: Gurgaon

### **Annexure: Assurance Procedures – Global Tax & Other Contributions**

1. Understand and examine the processes and controls at VEDL Group level in managing, collating and reviewing the data for the 'Global Tax & Other Contributions'
2. Review the guidance provided / instructions issued to locations/ units/ group entities by central team for collation of various Tax and other specified items
3. Review the country wise break-up of the Tax and other specified items reported in the 'Global Tax & Other Contributions'
4. Understand and examine the processes and controls at local country level for collation of Tax and other specified items included in 'Global Tax & Other Contributions'. This will include review of
  - Processes for data collation
  - Processes for ensuring that all local country taxes are included within the reporting
5. Review the basis on which the country level tax and other specified data reported has been captured, reviewed and consolidated to assess whether the data has been collected, consolidated and reported fairly
6. For the countries selected, perform trend analysis on the tax and other specified data for the reporting period to understand any material variances. Seek explanations for variances, if any
7. For the countries selected, verify the tax paid (on a sample basis) to the underlying documents
8. Compare the tax and other specified data in the report to the relevant disclosures in the consolidated financial statements for reporting period



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