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Vedanta Resources plc
Production Report for the Second Quarter and
Six Months Ended 30 September 2009

Q2 Highlights

- Iron ore production of 3.3mt, up 27%
- Zinc and lead mined metal production operating at rated capacity
- Aluminium production up 13%
- Significant sale of power of 511 million units, during the quarter,
- Scheduled maintenance complete at the Nchanga copper smelter and concentrate feed commenced

Production in the second quarter ended 30 September 2009 ("Q2") was broadly in line with our expectations. Our zinc, copper and aluminium operations in India operated at their rated capacity, whilst our iron ore business performed well considering the seasonal monsoons. In addition, the progressive commissioning of the new Jharsuguda aluminium smelter in the quarter has more than offset the impact of the MALCO and BALCO Plant 1 smelter shut downs and we are benefiting from the sale of surplus power from these operations. As previously announced, production during the quarter at the copper business in Zambia was impacted by the planned maintenance shutdown of the new Nchanga smelter in September 2009.

Aluminium Business

Aluminium production in Q2 was 120,000 tonnes, 13% higher than the corresponding prior period, due to the progressive commissioning of the 500 ktpa Jharsuguda aluminium smelter. The new smelter contributed 56,000 tonnes during the quarter. The second phase of 250ktpa aluminium smelter of the 500ktpa Jharsuguda aluminium smelter is under commissioning for completion by end FY2010. Production in the half year ended 30 September 2009 ("H1") was 245,000 tonnes, significantly higher than the corresponding prior period despite the complete ramp down of the MALCO and BALCO Plant I smelters.

The Lanjigarh alumina refinery produced 190,000 tonnes of calcined alumina in Q2 and 378,000 tonnes in H1, significantly higher than 114,000 tonnes and 250,000 tonnes respectively in the corresponding prior periods. Current production levels largely meet our requirements of alumina. The Korba alumina refinery was ramped down consequent to the shut-down of the BALCO Plant 1 smelter. We will be in a position to commence the mining of Niyamgiri bauxite on receipt of final government clearances, now expected in the current financial year.

Construction of the 1.25 mtpa Jharsuguda II aluminium smelter project consisting of 4 (four) pot lines is progressing well with more than 70% of civil works completed. The project is on schedule for first metal tapping from March 2010. Progress on the 3 mtpa alumina refinery expansion project and the 0.6 mtpa de-bottlenecking project at Lanjigarh is on schedule.

Construction of the new 325 ktpa aluminium smelter project at BALCO is also progressing well and on schedule for first metal tapping from October 2010. Construction at the 1,200MW captive

power plant project site has been disrupted following a tragic collapse of a chimney under-construction, in September 2009 during heavy rains and lightning at Korba. A detailed study is underway to determine the exact cause of the accident. At this stage we do not anticipate a material delay in the progressive commissioning of the power plant.

Copper Business – India and Australia

Cathode production of 91,000 tonnes in Q2 was significantly higher compared with the corresponding prior period. The production of copper cathode in H1 was 169,000 tonnes, compared with 149,000 tonnes in the corresponding prior period which was impacted by a 26 day bi-annual maintenance shutdown in that period.

Mined metal production at our Australian mine was 5,200 tonnes in Q2 as compared to 5,600 tonnes in the corresponding prior quarter. The production during the quarter has been impacted due to a mud rush in the mine resulting from unprecedented rainfall in end August 2009. The mining is expected to commence progressively from end October 2009. Production of 12,000 tonnes in H1 was in line with the corresponding prior period.

Copper Business – Zambia

KCM produced 35,000 tonnes of copper cathode in Q2, 5% lower than the corresponding prior quarter due to a planned one month shutdown of the new Nchanga smelter for maintenance in September 2009. Work at the smelter is now complete and the concentrate feed resumed. The smelter is currently ramping up and expected to reach normal operations from end October 2009. Production of 78,000 tonnes of copper cathode in H1 was 7% higher than the corresponding period last year and included 25,000 tonnes from the tailings leach plant, 10% higher than the corresponding period last year.

The Konkola Deep Mine Project is progressing well, for commissioning of the mid shaft loading station by March 2010.

Zinc Business

Mined zinc and lead metal production was 193,000 tonnes in Q2, operating at rated capacity, and 375,000 tonnes in H1, higher by 3% and 8% respectively over the corresponding prior periods. The increase was a result of improved performance at mining operations.

Refined zinc production was 141,000 tonnes in Q2, an increase of 16% compared with the corresponding prior period due to improved smelter operational performance. Refined zinc production was 280,000 tonnes in H1, significantly higher when compared with the corresponding prior period.

Refined lead production was 14,000 tonnes in Q2, an increase of 8% compared over the corresponding prior period. Refined lead production in H1 was 31,000 tonnes in line with the corresponding prior period.

Sales in Q2 and H1 was augmented by sales of 22,000 dry metric tonnes and 96,000 dry metric tonnes of surplus zinc concentrate respectively and in Q2 21,000 dry metric tonnes of surplus lead concentrate.

Silver production was 1.30 million ounces in Q2, an increase of 58% compared with the corresponding prior period. Silver production in H1 was 2.63 million ounces, an increase of 48% over the corresponding prior period.

Rampura Agucha mine expansion from 5mtpa to 6mtpa is on schedule for commissioning by mid 2010. Construction at the 210 ktpa zinc smelter, 100 ktpa lead smelter and 160 MW CPP project at Rajpura Dariba are progressing well. The smelter and CPP projects are on schedule for completion by mid 2010. Work at the mining projects at Sindesar Khurd and Kayar are also on schedule for progressive commissioning from mid 2010.

Iron Ore Business

Production in Q2 was 3.3 million tonnes, an increase of 27% compared with the corresponding quarter of the previous year due to improved efficiencies in mining operations. Production in H1 was a record 8.2 million tonnes, highest ever for any first-half reporting period.

Dispatches in Q2 and H1 were 1.7 million tonnes and 6.4 million tonnes, an increase of 21% and 39% respectively over corresponding prior periods. Production and dispatches in this period are normally impacted by the seasonal monsoon.

The Dempo acquisition offers significant growth opportunities and is expected to contribute to the volumes in the post monsoon period.

Power Business

We sold 511 million units and 981 million units of power in Q2 and H1 respectively, significantly higher than the corresponding prior periods.

Construction work on the 2,400 MW (4x600 MW) coal based Independent thermal power plant at Jharsuguda is progressing well. The first unit of 600 MW is now expected to get commissioned in Q4 FY2010. The remaining units are expected to be progressively commissioned by the end of calendar year 2010.

Production Summary (Unaudited)

(in '000 tonnes, except as stated)

Particulars	Half year ended 30 September			Quarter ended 30 September		
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Alumina						
Lanjigarh	378	250	51.2%	190	114	66.7%
Korba/Mettur	40	143	(72.0%)	11	70	(84.3%)
Aluminium	245	206	18.9%	120	106	13.2%
Copper India / Australia						
Copper mined metal content	12	12	-	5	6	(16.7%)
Copper - Cathodes	169	149	13.4%	91	81	12.4%
Copper - Zambia						
Copper mined metal content	38	42	(9.5%)	19	21	(9.5%)
Copper - Cathodes	78	73	6.9%	35	37	(5.4%)
Zinc and Lead						
Mined metal content	375	346	8.4%	193	188	2.7%
Zinc -refined	280	249	12.5%	141	122	15.6%
Lead -refined ¹	31	32	(3.1%)	14	13	7.7%
Silver (in 000' ounces) ²	2,634	1,775	48%	1,301	823	58%
Iron Ore						
Saleable Ore ³	8,204	7,127	15.1%	3,261	2,562	27.3%
Power						
Units sold (in Million)	981	141	595.7%	511	67	662.7%

1. Including captive consumption of 4,000 tonnes vs 2,000 tonnes in H1 FY10 vs H1 FY09 and 2,000 tonnes vs 1,000 tonnes in Q2 FY10 vs Q2FY09
2. Including captive consumption of 710,000 ounces vs 323,000 ounces in H1 FY10 vs H1 FY09 and 326,000 ounces vs 129,000 ounces in Q2 FY10 vs Q2FY09
3. Iron ore is reported on wet tonnes basis

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