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Vedanta Resources plc Production Results for the Fourth Quarter and Year Ended 31 March 2006

Summary

- Major phase 1 expansion projects in aluminium, copper and zinc completed
- Production volumes across all metals improved substantially

Production Summary (Unaudited)

(in 000 tonnes, except as stated)

	Q4			Q3	Year Ended 31 March		
	2006	2005	% change	2006	2006	2005*	% change
Alumina	77	70	10.0%	78	296	279	6.1%
Aluminium	68	36	88.9%	60	210	136	54.4%
Copper - India/ Australia							
Mined metal content	8	8	—	8	34	36	(5.6)%
Copper - Cathode	75	47	59.6%	75	273	172	58.7%
Copper - Rods	46	37	24.3%	41	167	125	33.6%
Copper - Zambia *							
Mined metal content	17	29	(41.4)%	28	99	45	—
Copper - Cathode	37	39	(5.1)%	46	164	68	—
Zinc - Mined Metal Content	125	99	26.3%	127	472	355	33.0%
Refined Zinc	92	54	70.4%	69	284	212	34.0%

* Prior period comparatives for Copper - Zambia not comparable as KCM was acquired on 5 November 2004.

Commentary

Aluminium Business

Aluminium production for the year at 210,000 tonnes, was 54% higher than the previous year, primarily on the back of production from BALCO Plant II (new Korba smelter) of 69,000 tonnes and improved operational efficiencies at the existing plants.

As at 31 March 2006, 216 pots of the total 288 pots were commissioned at BALCO Plant II and the production from these pots in March 2006 was 14,000 tonnes. The remaining 72 pots are expected to be commissioned within the first quarter of the current financial year. All four units of the 540 MW captive power plant are now operating at full capacity delivering power in excess of our current requirements, with the surplus being exported to the State grid.

The 1-1.4 mtpa alumina refinery project in Lanjigarh is progressing well with mechanical completion expected by second quarter of FY 2007. With regards to the mining permits, the Honourable Supreme Court of India has held a hearing and has now directed the Ministry of Environment and Forests to submit their report, which will lead to further directions in settlement of the matter.

Copper Business

Copper cathode production at 273,000 tonnes and rod production at 167,000 tonnes in the Indian operations for the year were substantially higher, - an increase of 59% and 34%, respectively compared to the previous year. The new Tuticorin smelter commissioned in April 2005 is performing well and continues to operate at full capacity. The Tuticorin smelter will be under shutdown for planned maintenance for a period of 20 days in April 2006.

Operations at Copper Mines of Tasmania's Mt. Lyell mine continue to perform well with improved operational efficiencies. However, total mine production from our Australian operations was lower due to the planned closure of Thalanga Copper Mines during the year.

Copper cathode production at Konkola Copper Mines was 164,000 tons in FY 2006. Mined metal production suffered a setback in the fourth quarter of FY 2006, with production of 17,000 tonnes compared to 29,000 tonnes in the corresponding period last year due to lower ore grade and operational matters. While improvements at KCM are taking longer than expected to yield benefits, a series of initiatives including commissioning of the new sulphuric acid plant and a major overhaul of the existing smelter should progressively result in higher production in FY 2007.

Zinc Business

Zinc - mined metal content for the year at 472,000 tonnes was 33% higher than the previous year. Refined zinc production for the year was 284,000 tonnes, 34% higher than the previous year, primarily due to additional output of 71,000 tonnes from the new 170,000 tpa hydro smelter commissioned at Chanderiya in May 2005, which has produced 14,000 tonnes in the month of March 2006. Surplus zinc concentrate of 100,000 tonnes was exported during the fourth quarter of FY 2006.

We also produced 24,000 tonnes of lead metal in FY 2006, including 4,300 tonnes from the recently commissioned 50,000 tpa Ausmelt lead plant. We expect full ramp-up of the Ausmelt lead plant to be achieved during the first quarter of FY 2007.

Pricing and Earnings

While production growth has been overall in line with our expectations, higher commodity prices and sales of zinc concentrate in the fourth quarter are likely to lead to a better than expected result.

TC/RCs have improved through the year and this impact has been mainly realized in the second half of 2006. Import tariffs on metals were reduced from 10% to 7.5% by the Government of India, effective March 2006 onwards for aluminium, copper and zinc.

Growth Projects

Work on phase II of our growth projects is progressing as scheduled and we have ordered critical equipment and commenced construction activities.

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About Vedanta Resources plc

Vedanta Resources plc is a London listed diversified metals and mining group. Its principal operations are located throughout India, with further operations in Zambia and Australia. The major metals produced are aluminium, copper, zinc and lead. For further information, please visit www.vedantaresources.com.

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