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Completion of Integrated Lead Expansion Project

Vedanta Resources plc ("Vedanta") is pleased to announce the commissioning of its 50,000 tpa lead expansion project at its facilities in Chanderiya, India. Ramp up to full capacity is expected to be achieved by mid 2006. Lead concentrates required for the expanded smelter will continue to be sourced from Hindustan Zinc Limited's captive mines.

With this expansion, lead capacity increases from 35,000 to 85,000 tpa. Vedanta is currently India's sole primary producer of lead. The increased capacity will cater to the increasing domestic demand in India by substituting lead imports.

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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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