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Appointment of Non-Executive Director

Vedanta Resources plc ("Vedanta"), the London listed diversified metals and mining group, has today appointed M. Jean-Pierre Rodier as a Non-Executive Director.

M. Rodier, 57, was Chairman and Chief Executive of Pechiney S.A from July 1994 to December 2003, when it was acquired by Alcan. M. Rodier started his career at the French Ministry of Industry, after graduating from the Ecole Polytechnique and Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines in Paris. He became Chief Executive Officer of mining and metals firm Penarroya and a Managing Director of Imetal, its parent company. M. Rodier was then Chairman of the Executive Board of Metaleurop France from 1988 to 1991 and, prior to joining Pechiney, was head of Groupe Suez's non-ferrous metal operations (Union Minière).

The appointment of M. Rodier creates the opportunity to further strengthen the Board sub-committees. He has agreed to join the Audit and Nomination Committees and to be Chairman of the Health, Safety and Environmental ('HSE') Committee. Sir David Gore-Booth will stand down from the HSE Committee and will become Chairman of the Remuneration Committee, where he will be joined by Mr Naresh Chandra. Mr Michael Fowle is to become Senior Independent Non-Executive Director and will be joining the Nomination Committee with Mr Naresh Chandra. Brian Gilbertson will step down from the Audit Committee in accordance with the recommendations of the Revised Combined Code.

Brian Gilbertson, Chairman of Vedanta, commented

"I am delighted to welcome Jean-Pierre Rodier to the board of Vedanta. We will gain greatly from his long industry experience and his specific knowledge of the metals that we produce. At the same time we significantly strengthen our board with the appointment of another independent non-executive director. His appointment and the accompanying changes to the board committees bring us fully in line with the new combined code and reaffirms our commitment to best practice corporate governance."

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Vedanta is a diversified metals and mining group with zinc, copper and aluminium operations in India and two copper mines in Australia.

Vedanta holds its interests in these operations through two subsidiaries, Sterlite and the Madras Aluminium Company (“Malco”). Sterlite is Vedanta’s principal subsidiary company and is currently listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange. Vedanta’s copper operations are owned and operated by Sterlite and it also holds majority stakes in the group’s zinc business, Hindustan Zinc Ltd (“HZL”), and the Bharat Aluminium Company (“Balco”), the group’s principal aluminium business.