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Appointment of Non-Executive Director

Vedanta Resources plc, ('Vedanta') the London listed diversified metals and mining group has today appointed Naresh Chandra to the board as a Non-Executive Director.

Mr. Chandra, 69, has had a long and successful career in India's government. He was Home Secretary in 1990 and then served as Cabinet Secretary from 1990-92. He was appointed Senior Adviser to the Prime Minister of India from 1992-95. From 1996 to 2001, Naresh served as India's Ambassador to the USA and on his return from Washington became Chairman of the Indian government's Committee on Corporate Governance. The committee played a leading role in advising the government on policy and updating legislation.

Naresh Chandra is currently Chairman of the Committee on Civil Aviation Policy. He is on the board of several Indian industrial companies, including Bajaj Auto Ltd.

Brian Gilbertson, Chairman of Vedanta, commented

"I am delighted that in welcoming Naresh Chandra to the board of Vedanta we will be gaining the benefit of his undoubted expertise on India and the international community. At the same time his appointment significantly strengthens the independent, non executive representation on our board and reaffirms our commitment to best practice corporate governance."

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Notes to Editors:

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, and the Bharat Aluminium Company ("Balco"), the group's principal aluminium business.