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170,000 tpa zinc expansion commissioned in record 20 months

Vedanta Resources today announces that its Hindustan Zinc Limited ("HZL") subsidiary has completed commissioning of its 170,000 tpa Hydro Phase-II zinc smelter at Chanderiya, Rajasthan in only 20 months, setting a new world record. The roll-out of this new smelter will increase the total metal production capacity of HZL to 670,000 tpa as well as bring the company closer to its mission to produce one million tones of finished metal by 2010.

HZL has rapidly increased its total finished metal capacity from 176,000 tpa in 2002 at the time of its disinvestment by the Government of India to nearly 670,000 tpa in December 2007, a nearly fourfold increase. To support the increased production capacity, HZL's world-class Rampura Agucha mine is also being expanded to increase the ore production capacity from 3.75 mtpa to 5.0 mtpa, taking HZL's total ore production capacity to 7.10 mtpa.

HZL is currently engaged in a de-bottlenecking exercise expected to be completed by mid-2008, which will further increase finished zinc metal production capacity by an additional 88,000 tpa, taking its total metal production capacity to 758,000 tpa.

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About Vedanta Resources plc

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