

At Vedanta we recognise the social, economic, environmental, and cultural value of water and the increasing global concern of water scarcity. Water is a key resource for all our operations - required for the health and wellbeing of employees and at every stage of an operation's life cycle, including closure. The dependency and impact on a shared resource creates material risk for our business, which requires effective management that balances the needs of many different users.

Vedanta will:

- Comply with applicable national, regional and local regulations on water;
- Respect that water is a shared resource between industry, communities and ecology and ensure that our operations do not negatively impact that shared balance;
- Publicly report on the company's water performance using consistent industry metrics and recognized approaches;
- Undertake periodic water-risk management that inform the company's water management strategies;
- Avoid pollution of surface water, ground water and other water resources. We will apply a zero-discharge philosophy wherever possible and treat all wastewater to good international practice before discharging to the environment;
- Ensure that water and waste-storage facilities are engineered and maintained to good international standards;
- Understand our water footprint at all our projects and operations, and maintain a water-balance that minimises the amount of freshwater consumed;
- Identify water conservation projects through reduction, recycling and reuse and monitor progress against water consumption reduction targets across our businesses;
- Participate in local or regional water catchment planning activities to secure sustainable water resources for our operations and the activities of other users;
- Determine baselines and develop ongoing monitoring of water quality;
- Work with communities and communicate with all our stakeholders on the progress and performance of water conservation and management.

The Policy is part of the Vedanta Sustainability Framework and each Vedanta business shall implement this policy and its related technical and performance standards. This policy is oversighted by Vedanta Board of Directors. Business leaders will be held accountable for water - related performance and line managers are responsible for the full implementation of the water related standards. We will measure and report performance on a periodic basis to ensure on-going management of water resources including the sharing of good practices throughout the Vedanta organization. The content and implementation of this policy will be reviewed periodically.

Vedanta sustainability policies:

<https://www.vedantalimited.com/Pages/VSFDocuments.aspx>

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