

VLL/HSE/ENV/2024/1667

28<sup>th</sup> September 2024

To,  
The Member Secretary,  
Paribesh Bhawan, A/118,  
Nilakanthanagar, Unit-VIII,  
Bhubaneswar –751012,  
Odisha.

**Sub: Submission of Environmental Statement for the year ending 31st March 2024 of  
Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, Kalahandi.**

Dear Sir,

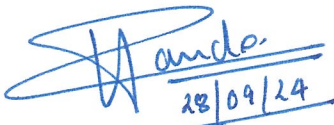
We are herewith furnishing the **Environmental Statement** as per Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 (Rule 14), for the financial year 2023-24 (ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024) in the prescribed format, **Form V**.

This is for your kind information and record.

Thanking you.

Yours faithfully,

For **Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh**

  
28/09/24

**Harshvardhan Pande**  
(Head- HSE & S)



Encl: As above (Form V)

CC: The Regional Officer, SPC Board, 1st Lane, Kasturi Nagar, Rayagada - 765001, Odisha

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**[FORM-V]****(See rule 14)****Environmental Statement for the financial year ending the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024****PART-A**

1	Name and address of the owner/occupier of the industry, operation or process	Pranab Kumar Bhattacharyya Chief Executive Officer, Alumina Business Vedanta Limited, Lanjigarh, Kalahandi, Odisha.
2	Industry Category Primary – (STC Code) Secondary – (SIC Code)	Primary
3	Production Capacity	4 MMTPA (Calcined Alumina), 155 MW CPP
4	Year of Establishment	2004
5	Date of the last environmental Statement submitted	23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2023

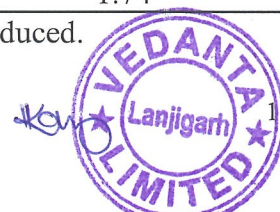
**Part-B****Water and Raw material Consumption****1. Water consumption M<sup>3</sup>/day**

Process	6494.99
Boiler feed	2015.86
Domestic	1941.05

Name of the Products	Process water consumption (Process + Industrial drinking water) per unit of product output (M <sup>3</sup> /T)	
	During the previous financial year (2022-23)	During the current financial year (2023-24)
Calcined Alumina	1.58	1.70

**2. Raw material Consumption**

Name of the raw material	Name of the Products	(Consumption of raw material per unit of output*)	
		During the current financial year (22-23)	During the current financial year (23-24)
Bauxite (T/T)	Calcined Alumina	2.98	2.67
Caustic Soda (Kg/T)		87.18	83.16
Lime (Kg/T)		30.05	35.55
Fuel Oil (Kg/T)		67.71	69.44
LDO (Kg/T)		0.072	0.079
HSD (KL/T)		0.00052	0.00099
Energy (Hydrate), (KWh/T)		193.23	196.82
Energy (Calcined) (KWh/T)		34.62	30.49
Steam (T/T)		1.68	1.74

\*Specific Consumptions are reported per MT of Hydrate as Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> produced.

## PART-C

### Pollution discharged to environment/unit of output

(Parameter as specified in the consent issued)

Pollutants	Quantity of Pollutants discharged (mass/day)	Concentration of Pollutants in discharges (Mass/volume)			Percentage of variation from prescribed standards with reasons
		Parameters	Average Results (monthly)	Max. permissible Norms of SPC Board	
<b>(A)Water:</b> Sewage Treatment Plant (STP): Installed and being operated STP of capacity 360 KLD for plant. The STP is being operated under strict supervision and the treated water is being used for horticulture, gardening & for sprinkling purposes					
<b>Domestic Effluent from Plant STP</b>	NIL	pH	7.71	6.5 – 9.0	Variation: 0
		TSS (mg/l)	19.25	100	
		BOD (mg/l)	5.07	30	
		COD (mg/l)	19.16	250	
		Oil & Grease (mg/l)	0.00	10	
		NH4-N (mg/l)	0.00	5	
		N-total (mg/l)	3.35	10	
		Fecal Coliform (MPN/100ml)	20.50	100	

Pollutants	Quantity of pollutants discharged (mass/day)	Concentrations of pollutants discharges (Mass/volume)	Standard mg/ Nm <sup>3</sup>	Percentage of variation from prescribed standards with reasons
<b>B. Air Particulate Matter (PM)</b>				
Flue gas from Calciner Stack	0.116 MTPD	Calciner: 26.34 mg/ Nm <sup>3</sup>	100	Variation: 0
Flue gas from Boiler Stack	0.109 MTPD	CPP: 20.50 mg/ Nm <sup>3</sup>	50	Variation: 0



**PART-D**  
**HAZARDOUS WASTES**  
**(As specified under Hazardous and Other Wastes [Management and Transboundary Movement] rules, 2016)**

Hazardous wastes	Total quantity	
	During the current financial year (22-23)	During the current financial year (23-24)
<b>A. Generation From Process:</b> 1. Used / Spent Oil 2. Waste / Residues Containing Oil 3. Empty barrels/ Containers/ Liners/ Contaminated with hazardous chemicals/ wastes 4. Spent Ion Exchange Resin Containing Toxic Metals 5. Sludge contaminated with oil 6. Mercury/ Mercury Compounds 7. Vanadium sludge/ Compounds	1. 66.3 MT 2. 5.44 MT 3. 272 nos. 4. 0 MT 5. 0 MT 6. 0 MT 7. 0 MT	1. 76.52MT 2. 2.60 MT 3. 565 nos. 4. 9 MT 5. 0 MT 6. 0 MT 7. 0 MT
<b>B. Recycled/Sold quantity</b> 1. Used / Spent Oil 2. Waste / Residues Containing Oil 3. Empty barrels/ Containers/ Liners/ Contaminated with hazardous chemicals/ wastes 4. Spent Ion Exchange Resin Containing Toxic Metals 5. Sludge contaminated with oil 6. Mercury/ Mercury Compounds 7. Vanadium sludge/ Compounds	1. 72.88 MT 2. 4.72 MT 3. 346 nos. (7.04 MT) 4. 0 MT 5. 0MT 6. 0 MT 7. 0 MT	1. 82.44 MT 2. 1.89 MT 3. 531 nos. (11.03 MT) 4. 9 MT 5. 0MT 6. 0 MT 7. 0 MT





B. From pollution control facilities	0	0
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**PART-E**  
**Solid Wastes**

	Total quantity (MT)	
	During the current financial year 22-23	During the current financial year 23-24
A. Generation from Process		
1. Red Mud (dry)	1. 25,58,035	1. 24,20,999
2. Fly ash	2. 3,54,555	2. 3,86,802.8
3. Lime grit	3. 9,856	3. 10,767.6
B. From pollution control facilities (Effluent Sludge)	0	0
C. 1. Quantity recycled or re-utilized with the unit	1. Fly Ash: 61,838 Red Mud: 1,53,370 Lime Grit: 1,733.29	1. Fly Ash: 1,13,412.1 Red Mud: 1,06,134 Lime Grit: 2,693.15
2. Sold	2. Fly Ash: 3,59,379 Red Mud: 170 Lime Grit: 8,476.6	2. Fly Ash: 4,37,186.4 Red Mud: 2,960.2 Lime Grit: 10,564.3
3. Disposed	3. 0	3. 0

- Fly ash is being disposed off using High Concentration Slurry Disposal (HCSD) technology to Ash Pond.
- Fly Ash supplied to brick manufacturing units, NHAI projects etc. Total ash utilization recorded as 142.35 % for the year 2023-24.
- Lime grits are being used in brick manufacturing.
- Sludge generated from sewage treatment plant is being used as manure for development of landscaping area.
- Red mud is also dispatched to Cement industries for further utilization.



## PART-F

(Please specify the characterizations (in terms of composition of quantum) of hazardous as well as solid wastes and indicate disposal practice adopted for both these categories of wastes)

The table outlines the details pertaining to the characterization and disposal practices adopted at our site for hazardous waste as well as solid wastes.

Name of Wastes	Characterization	Disposal Practices
<b>a. Hazardous waste</b> Used Oil	Combustible liquid, Carcinogenic, Eco-toxic	Storage in containers on impervious floor under well ventilated covered shed followed by disposal through actual users authorized by SPCB, Odisha
Wastes / Residues Containing Oil	Combustible solid, Eco-toxic	Storage in impervious pits/containers well ventilated covered shed followed by coprocessing in the Authorized cement kiln/Disposal to authorized Hazardous waste incinerator / CHWTSDF
Empty barrels/ Containers/ Liners/ Contaminated with hazardous chemicals/ wastes	Eco-toxic	Storage on impervious floor under well ventilated covered shed followed by captive reuse / disposal through original supplier / actual users authorized by SPCB, Odisha
Spent Ion Exchange Resin Containing Toxic Metals	Flammable solid, Eco-toxic	Storage on impervious floor under well ventilated covered shed followed by co-incineration in CPP for energy recovery / Co-processing in authorized cement kilns / disposal in CHWTSDF
Sludge contaminated with oil	Flammable semi- solid, Eco-toxic	Storage in impervious pits/containers under well ventilated covered shed followed by Co processing in authorized Cement kiln/Disposal in Authorized Hazardous waste incinerator/ CHWTSDF
Mercury/ Mercury Compounds	Carcinogenic, Eco-toxic	Storage in containers on impervious floor under well ventilated covered shed followed by Disposal through actual users authorized by SPCB, Odisha / disposal in CHWTSDF
Vanadium Sludge	Carcinogenic, Eco-toxic	Storage on impervious concrete platform under well ventilated covered shed followed by inhouse recycling / Disposal through actual users having valid authorization from SPCB, Odisha / disposal in CHWTSDF
Unused Copper cable	Eco- toxic	Storage on impervious concreted



		platform under well ventilated covered shed followed by In house Recycling/disposal through Actual users authorized by SPCB , Odisha.
Name of Wastes	Characterization	Disposal Practices
<b>b. Solid Waste</b> Red Mud	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> - 18.97 % Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> - 51.68 % SiO <sub>2</sub> - 7.41 % TiO <sub>2</sub> - 4.2 % CaO- 2.23 % Na <sub>2</sub> O- 4.38 % L.O.I (Loss On Ignition)- 10.26 % *Test Report No- JNARDDC/BXT/18-19/24	After filtration through Red mud filtration unit, dry red mud cake is stacked in Bauxite residue disposal area (BRDA)
Fly ash	SiO <sub>2</sub> - 54 % Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> - 35 % Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> - 6 % Traces of other compounds such as CaO, TiO <sub>2</sub> , MgO, P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub> , Na <sub>2</sub> O, K <sub>2</sub> O etc.	High Concentration slurry disposal and stored in ash pond. Dry ash is collected by brick manufacturers from Ash silos inside the plant and ash pond. The Ash is being supplied to NHAH for further utilization.
Lime grit	CaO < 14 %	Sold to brick manufacturers.

### Part-G

(Impact of pollution abatement measures taken for conservation of Natural resources and on the cost of production)

- Zero Discharge concept being implemented for reduction of water consumption to achieve world benchmark figures and also to reduce cost of production.
- The Red Mud Filtration unit is under operation eliminating the wet disposal of red mud & generating dry red mud cake. This cake is being utilized in dyke height raising, strengthening of Bauxite Residue Disposal Area -BRDA (RMP) & in cement industries. Caustic present in the red mud slurry is being recovered in this unit leading to overall caustic consumption reduction, ultimately resulting in low cost of production.
- Environment risk mitigation by dyke strengthening of West cell of Bauxite Residue Disposal Area -BRDA (RMP) & Fly Ash Pond is done.
- Rainwater harvesting project has been implemented in the township near executive hostel for the purpose of recharging the ground water.
- Two more rainwater harvesting structures of ground water recharging capacity one lakh m<sup>3</sup>/annum are installed in the township.
- To utilize the full volume of Process Water Lake & Storm Water Pond desilting was carried-out as a part of monsoon management.





- Cross functional water management team has been formed to look after the water management inside the refinery, focusing on reduction in water consumption, to explore water conservation projects and to minimize the water losses regarding process.
- Energy committee is formed in the Refinery by involvement of different senior & junior officials from departments to identify & lead Energy Saving projects.
- Water committee is formed in the Refinery by involvement of different senior & junior officials from departments to identify & lead Water Saving projects.
- World Environment Day 2024 on 5th June was celebrated with great enthusiasm and pertinent participation from Vedanta employee, associate partner employee, family members in Vedanta Township, and by involving community planting a total of 350 nos. of saplings at process water lake area. Different competitions e.g Quiz, poster competition, slogan competitions were organized for Vedanta employees and associate partners. Drawing and Quiz competition for school kids was also conducted. World Environment Day was celebrated with week-long activities.
- Celebration of Van Mahotsav Week on 7th July by planting 250 Saplings in PWL Area.
- International Forest Day and World Water Day observed on 21st March 2024 and 22nd March 2024. Awareness sessions conducted followed by 200 saplings distribution amongst the local of Sindhabali village and water body cleaning in Balbhadrapur. Poster making, Coloring and Quiz competition also organized amongst the kids in Township.
- The site had conferred with prestigious awards like:
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> Greentech Environment Excellence Award.
  - Energy Efficient unit under Metals category in CII 24th National Awards.
  - Odisha State Energy Conservation Award 2023.
  - Golden Bird National Award 2023-24 in the Category of "Environment Excellence".
  - Fame National Award 2023-24 in the Category of "Waste Management".
  - CEE 2nd National Power Gen Water award in the category of "Best National water efficient unit in Co-generation power plant."
  - Best energy efficient designated consumers(Under BEE PAT Scheme) .
  - Best Energy Efficient organization (Large Category).

#### **Part-H**

(Additional measures/investment proposal for environmental protection including abatement of Pollution)

- All the Electrostatic Precipitators (ESP) attached to all the Coal fired boilers are being operated continuously for emission reduction. Fabric filters installed in ESPs of three boilers to achieve the PM emission limit below 50mg/Nm<sup>3</sup>.
- Mobile water tankers have been provisioned & being operated to minimize dust generation because of vehicular movement.





- 6 numbers of Continuous Ambient Air Quality monitoring Station (CAAQMS) have been installed for ambient air quality monitoring and is connected to OSPCB server through RTDAS.
- Installation of online pH meter at CWP Spillway and hook up with OSPCB server for real time data transmission.
- Truck mounted Vacuum cleaning system has been provided at Bauxite handling area for reduction in dust emission.
- For this year 2023-24, 15550 nos. of saplings have been planted as a part of gap filling activity for density make-up. The total area covered under green belt development is 278.216 Ha with plantation of 542922 no's of saplings and replacement with 348731 no's of saplings as gap filling till date under green belt development as per MoEF guidelines.
- Total lime grit which is being generated inside the refinery is being supplied to brick manufacturing units.
- For the year 2023-24, 142.35 % of ash has been utilized in various avenues like brick manufacturing, dam strengthening, NHAI road construction etc.
- Agreement signed with Bhawanipatna Municipality for disposal of Non-hazardous Solid Wastes
- Bag filters installed in Bauxite crusher house for arresting dust emissions.
- Dust suppression by sprinkling water by tanker is being carried out in and around the ash pond.
- Stability study of all the tailing dams is being carried out through IIT Bhubaneswar.
- Installation of piezometer, survey monument and inclinometers at Bauxite Residue Disposal Area -BRDA (RMP) and Ash Pond dykes to observe the dyke stability.
- Dust suppression through sprinkling is being operated regularly at Red mud pond.
- Audit of all the tailing dams had carried out for its stability and sustainable operation by M/s ATC Williams from Australia, which is internationally renowned in tailings dam management.
- Dam break analysis has been carried out for both Red Mud Pond & Process Water Lake by IIT, Bhubaneswar
- Two nos. of truck mounted mist cannons are being used apart from 3 nos. of water tanker sprinklers for dust suppression.
- Wick drain technology which is one of the first of its kind in India designed by M/s Golder Associates for evacuation of water present in the existing slurry area of Red Mud Pond. This improved the consolidation of wet slurry present from earlier years & benefited in storage of dry red mud in that area. An area of 93000 sqm in existing BRDA East cell was taken up under the wick drain project.
- Gabion wall was installed at the East Cell to utilize the space effectively without compromising the structural stability of the Red mud Pond.
- Monsoon Risk assessment done, preparedness plan prepared & actions are tracked.



### **Part-I**

(Any other particulars for improving the quality of the environment)

The following measures were taken for environmental protection and abatement of pollution.

- Dry Fog system is being operated continuously to control dust emissions at the crushers & at different transfer points at Bauxite Handling area. Water spraying arrangement at stockpiles has been provided and being operated. All conveyer belts have been provided with Hood covering. Two no's of fixed mist cannons have been installed in bauxite stockpile areas for dust suppression.
- At Coal Handling plant, Dry Fog system on the conveyer system and sprinkling system are being operated continuously for dust suppression.
- Wet scrubber system is being operated to control lime dust in lime handling area.
- Dust extraction systems with bag filters are being operated to control fugitive emissions from transfer points, conveyers and silo of alumina handling area
- Several initiatives have been taken for energy and water conservation as mentioned previously resulting in the recertification of ISO - 14001 (Environmental Management System) & ISO - 50001 (Energy Management System).
- Regular ground water quality monitoring is being done from 10 no's of observation wells including 3 around ash pond, 4 at red mud pond, 2 at process water Lake and 1 at dirty water pond.
- 134 no's numbers of fly ash units in the nearby villages of our refinery are developed to supply fly ash for free of cost.
- Drinking water monitoring of nearby areas is being carried out on quarterly basis.
- As a part of disclosure of environmental parameters to all the stakeholders and to keep up the transparency, the emissions from stacks of Power plant & Calciner are hooked to SPCB & CPCB server through Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS).
- To manage & improve the biodiversity of Lanjigarh, a baseline study regarding the diversity of habitat, flora & fauna had conducted by engaging a third party. A complete biodiversity management plan has been prepared keeping in view of the ecological sustenance of the area. 44 bird boxes were installed under Avian Arena project in Township and NVN colony.
- 150000 m2 with wind defender installed in Bauxite Residue Disposal Area (BRDA) to prevent dust emission.
- 60000 m2 area Grass planting completed at BRDA.
- Auto Wheel washing system installed at the RMP entrance.
- Solar plant of 480 KW is installed in the site & Township.

