

WATER POLICY

At Vedanta we recognize 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.

ESL Steel Limited 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.
- 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.

This policy is part of the Vedanta Sustainability Framework & shall implement this policy and its related technical and performance 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. The content and implementation of this policy will be reviewed periodically.



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