

Vedanta CEO talks safety at KCM

Vedanta Resources Plc Chief Executive Officer Tom Albanese has told all Konkola Copper Mines (KCM) employees to maintain a high safety standard.

Mr Albanese during meetings with employees when he recently visited KCM said higher productivity should be achieved through a safe working environment, integrity and compliance to mining best practice by following regulations and company procedures.

He assured employees that their jobs were secure and encouraged them to be committed and embrace suitable work ethics in order to turn KCM into a major global copper producer and reiterated that Vedanta was committed to KCM and Zambia. Vedanta would hence ensure productivity was raised through implementation of the KCM business plan.

“Safety is critical and all employees must be leaders in safety to ensure that everyone goes back home safely and that people can work for 30-50 years before they can retire. It is critical for all of us to be safe and to stay safe,” he said.

“It is also critical to maintain integrity and compliance and that we are an ethical company.”

Mr Albanese, who has vast experiencing in mining, said maintaining a high safety standard would ensure the business thrives and grows.

“What I have seen throughout my career is that the best led businesses and most efficient businesses are the safest, the ones that make the most money are the safest,” said Mr Albanese, who is also chairman of Vedanta Holdings, a subsidiary of Vedanta Resources Plc, which has a controlling stake in KCM.

Mr Albanese said since the largest single mining investment of \$2.8 billion has currently been made in KCM, it was important to continue to implement measures that would make the company to fulfill its production potential.

KCM has in recent years invested substantial amounts in new technology in both mining and processing plants, which include upgrades to the Nkana Refinery, several new concentrators, the state-of-the-art Nchanga smelter, the flagship Konkola Deep Mining project, which

represents the first and deepest shaft sinking project in post-independent Zambia and also mechanization of mining operations.