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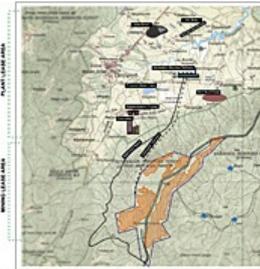
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Lanjigarh is a village situated in the hilly landscape of Kalahandi District in Orissa. Today Lanjigarh is synonymous with Vedanta Aluminium Ltd's project that consists of a state-of-the-art Alumina Refinery and proposed Niyamgiri bauxite mine that was identified for mining by the Government of Orissa all the way back in the late 1970's, well before the formation of Vedanta Resources. In the late 1990's Vedanta Group signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Govt. of Odisha for setting up of an Alumina Refinery at Lanjigarh. Only after extensive studies of the impact the project would have on the environment, wildlife, and most importantly the people living in the area, did Vedanta move ahead with actual construction of the refinery in 2004. Consultation was conducted with the local inhabitants in line with the rules and regulations of the country.



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The Vedanta Alumina Refinery is a greenfield refinery with an existing capacity of 1 mtpa, which will be expanded to 5mtpa. It is the first Alumina Refinery in India to adopt the Zero Discharge System, i.e. no water or effluent is discharged externally from the refinery. The plant is located at a distance of approximately 3 km from the main streets of the Lanjigarh village. Large industrial projects require land leading to some amount of displacement. Vedanta designed this project to minimize displacement of the people who lived in the area. In the alumina refinery project, about 121 families were displaced after extensive consultation with them, and only after they gave consent to be displaced and rehabilitated. There are stringent rules and regulations in India around displacing people, and Vedanta followed these

