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PRESIDENT LUNGU WILL NOT MEET VEDANTA CHAIRMAN

New Delhi, (Tuesday, 20th August, 2019) -----State House would like to clarify that **His Excellency, Dr Edgar Chagwa Lungu, President of the Republic of Zambia** will not be meeting the Vedanta Chairman, Mr Anil Agarwal or his representatives, as he embarks on his state visit here.

There have been numerous queries and speculation that His Excellency the President will be meeting Mr Agarwal and that he is here at the invitation of the businessman.

As informed last week by State House, the nation is hereby informed once again, that His Excellency the President is in India at the invitation of India's President, His Excellency Ram Nath Kovind. President Kovind also undertook a visit to Zambia last year.

The President is expected to meet representatives from 12 Zambian based Indian companies, and Konkola Copper Mines (KCM), whose majority shareholder is Vedanta, is not one of them.

His Excellency the President has already stated that the Zambian government will follow the wish of the Zambian people over the KCM issue.

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