



Carborundum Universal's Consolidated Sales up by 3%, Profit after Tax Flat

Chennai, 31st July 2017: The Board of Directors met today and approved the results for the Quarter ended 30th June 2017.

Financial performance

Consolidated gross sales for the quarter, increased by 3 percent to Rs.540 crores from Rs.526 crores driven by better performance from Electro minerals and Ceramics segments. At a standalone level, gross sales de-grew by 3 percent.

Consolidated segmental profitability for the Quarter improved for Electro minerals business whereas for Abrasives and Ceramics segments, the profits were lower.

The Company, at a consolidated level, spent Rs.35 cr on capital expenditure. The debt equity ratio was 0.12. Borrowings net of cash and cash equivalents was Rs.26 cr.

On a consolidated basis, profit after tax and non-controlling interest was flat at Rs.40 cr.

Consolidated Segmental Operating Performance

Abrasives

Segment Revenue were Rs.235 cr compared to last year's revenue of Rs.247 cr resulting in drop of 5%. Standalone business, which is largely exposed to channel sales, had to deal with decline in primary off-take from channel partners owing to GST migration.

Profit before interest and tax decreased from Rs.27 cr to Rs.22 cr on the back of lower volumes.

Electro Minerals

Segment revenue were higher at Rs.207 cr versus Rs.185 cr for Quarter 1 of last year. The Russian entity had a better performance on the back of higher volumes.

Profit before interest and tax increased from Rs.25 cr to Rs.28 cr on the back of higher volumes.





Ceramics

Revenue were higher by 3 percent from Rs.111 cr to Rs.115 cr. Standalone ceramics business registered lower sales.

Profit before interest and tax at Rs.15.5 cr is marginally lower from Rs.16.1 as that of Quarter 1 of last year.

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