



## **Carborundum Universal's Consolidated Full Year Operating PBT upby 49%**

**Chennai, 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016:** The Board of Directors met today and approved the audited results for the Quarter and the Year ended 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

### **Consolidated Full year and Q4 Financial performance**

**Consolidated net sales for the full year increased by 2% to Rs.2056 crores from Rs.2019 crores.**

The standalone business grew at 11 % driven by Abrasives and Electro mineral business. At a full year consolidated level, Abrasives sales grew by 6%, whereas sales of Electrominerals segment remained at the same level due to rouble translation and winding down of Thukela Refractories Isithebe. Ceramic sales at a consolidated level decreased by 3%.

Full year consolidated segmental profitability improved for Abrasives and Electro minerals, however it dropped for Ceramics. In Electro minerals, profits increased due to restructuring of South African entities.

The Company, at consolidated level, spent Rs. 180crores on capital expenditure, significant portion of which are at various stages of implementation. The Company's debt equity ratio continues to be healthy and is at 0.12 on a standalone basis and 0.26 on a consolidated basis.

On a consolidated basis, profit before exceptional item and tax increased from Rs.164 crores to Rs. 244 crores. Profit after tax and minority interest was Rs.143 crores (previous year Rs. 133 crores included exceptional income before taxes (net) of Rs. 57 crores).

### **Consolidated Segmental Operating Performance**

#### **Abrasives**

For the full year, sales were Rs. 912 crores compared to last years' sales of Rs. 859 crores resulting in a growth of 6%. CUMI Abrasives including Indian subsidiaries and joint ventures had a good growth.

Profit before interest and tax on a consolidated basis increased from Rs. 62 crores to Rs. 89crores due to better performance from Indian entities.



## **Electro minerals**

For the full year, sales were Rs. 731 crores which was around similar levels compared to last years' sales of Rs. 727 crores.

While the Indian operations registered a good growth, sales were lower due to translation impact on Russian sales and relocation of South African plants to India.

With reduction in the losses from South African entities, the profit before tax and interest has increased from Rs. 79 crores to Rs. 127 crores on a consolidated basis.

## **Ceramics**

The Ceramics segment recorded a 3% decrease in sales on a full year consolidated basis (Rs. 468 crores vs. Rs.482 crores last year).

The standalone Industrial Ceramics business had a reasonable growth, however, was offset by lower sales in Indian refractories business including Joint ventures.

Profit before interest and tax decreased by 7% from Rs. 71 crores to Rs. 66 crores.

## **About the Murugappa Group**

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