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Dear Sirs,

**Sub: Disclosure under Regulation 30 and Para C of Part A of Schedule III of SEBI
(Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements) Regulations, 2016**

We wish to inform you that the Company has today inaugurated its state of the art Research and Development (R&D) Centre for Technical Ceramics at its Industrial Ceramics facility of the Company located at Hosur, Tamil Nadu. This centre has been accredited by the Department of Science and Technology (DSIR), Government of India.

Innovation lies at the core of CUMI's way of doing business and the Company believes that its R&D centres are key drivers of future growth. The existing in-house R&D facilities at Thirvottiyur, Hosur, Cochin and Ranipet have been continuously engaged in various far out projects aiding the technological edge in the market.

A copy of the press release being made in this regard is enclosed herewith.

We request you to kindly take the same on record.

Thanking you

Yours faithfully
For Carborundum Universal Limited

Rekha Surendhiran
Company Secretary

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CUMI inaugurates new R&D centre at Industrial Ceramics unit in Hosur

- *It will be a Centre of Excellence for research in Technical Ceramics for Industrial & Advanced applications*
- *This facility has advanced equipment (for material characterization, microstructural analysis, finished component analysis)*
- *It is certified by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Govt. of India.*

Hosur, 27 August 2016: Carborundum Universal (CUMI), one of the leading players in the world in the area of Material Sciences and a part of the Murugappa Group, today inaugurated its state-of-the-art Research and Development centre in its Industrial Ceramics Division facility in Hosur, Tamil Nadu. This was inaugurated by Shri MM Murugappan, Chairman of CUMI and Vice Chairman of Murugappa Group, along with Shri K Srinivasan, Managing Director of CUMI, and Shri Rajesh Khanna, President, Industrial Ceramics division of CUMI. Shri Jitendra J Jadhav, Director, CSIR & NAL, Bangalore and Shri D K Das, Associate Director & Outstanding Scientist, SAC – ISRO were the Guests of Honour in the ceremony.

This facility boasts of advanced equipment for material characterization, microstructural analysis, finished component analysis and other critical areas, supplementing the existing R&D activity of the unit. It is certified by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR), Govt. of India. It will be a Centre of Excellence for research in Technical Ceramics for Industrial & Advanced applications, and will serve to address CUMI's aspirations to grow in Wear Resistant & Technical Ceramics including Metallized Ceramic range of products. This new R&D Centre would further strengthen the platform of competency for sustainable growth & Market Leadership of Wear Resistance & Technical Ceramic products in selected segments.

Speaking on the occasion, CUMI Chairman and Murugappa Group Vice Chairman Mr MM Murugappan said, "We are very happy to be a part of the advancing technology and research in the area of material sciences. We look forward to more activity in the areas of Mining, Cement, Steel, Colliery, Paper, Agro, dredging for Wear Ceramic Vertical & Space, Defence, Automobile, Defence, Power distribution segment for Technical Ceramic verticals, and are well-poised to bring technologically advanced materials to address global market requirements, in addition to supporting the domestic industry

Mr K Srinivasan, Managing Director – CUMI said, "At CUMI, we endeavour to bring the best of innovation and technology to our consumers. We look forward to using our capabilities and understanding of the customer requirements, to deliver better quality, cost-competitive products to our customers. It has been CUMI's endeavour to develop new and advanced materials for a wide range of cutting-edge applications. Our vision is to be a leading global player in the field of advanced ceramics by 2020. We believe that this new R & D centre is a very important step towards that"

Some recent advancements in the research areas of CUMI's Industrial Ceramics division are as follows:

- Development of novel Composites for structural applications, to open up new application areas and new business avenues
- CUMI – IC has partnered with IIT – Madras for the development of Technology for making Nano-Ceramic products for structural & functional applications under NATAG – DST, scheme. It is a joint development & established the facility for Nano-ceramic characterization at the newly created NFMTTC Facility in IIT – Madras.
- CUMI – IC R&D has also taken up joint collaborative Project with CSIR – NAL for the Technology of Nano-Ceramic thin tape development, which when stabilised and commercialised can help target new application segments in clean energy segments.
- As part of indigenization of technology, CUMI – IC has also entered into Transfer of Technology Agreement with SAC – ISRO for the development of Thin Film Coating Technology for Dielectric Ceramic applications

About CUMI:

CUMI was founded in 1954 as a tripartite collaboration between the Murugappa Group, The Carborundum Co., USA and the Universal Grinding Wheel Co. Ltd., U.K. The company pioneered the manufacture of Coated Abrasives and Bonded Abrasives in India in addition to the manufacture of Super Refractories, Electro Minerals, Industrial Ceramics and Ceramic Fibres. Today the company's range of over 20,000 different varieties of abrasives, refractory products and electro-minerals are manufactured in ten locations across various parts of the country.

With state-of-the art facilities and strategic alliances with global partners, CUMI has achieved a reputation for quality and innovation. CUMI is one of the five manufacturers in the world with fully integrated operations that include mining, fusioning, wind and hydro power stations, manufacturing, marketing and distribution.

Almost all of CUMI's ten manufacturing facilities have received the ISO 9001:2008 accreditation for quality standards. A well connected marketing and distribution network of offices and warehouses in India and abroad, ensure that service to customers is given prime importance.

CUMI's constant innovation and product upgradation, through in-house R&D and strategic alliances with global leaders in grinding technology, have not only ensured it market leadership in India and abroad, but also international recognition as a manufacturer of quality abrasives and a provider of total grinding solutions.

CUMI's products are being exported to 43 countries spread across North America, Europe, Australia, South Africa and Asia.

About Murugappa Group:

Founded in 1900 the INR 295 Billion Murugappa Group is one of India's leading business conglomerates. The Group has 28 businesses including nine listed Companies traded in NSE & BSE. Headquartered in Chennai, the major Companies of the Group include Carborundum Universal Ltd., Cholamandalam Investment and Finance Company Ltd., Cholamandalam MS General Insurance Company Ltd., Coromandel International Ltd., Coromandel Engineering Company Ltd., E.I.D. Parry (India) Ltd., Parry Agro Industries Ltd., Parry Sugar industries Ltd., Shanthi Gears Ltd., Tube Investments of India Ltd., and Wendt (India) Ltd.

Market leaders in served segments including Abrasives, Auto Components, Transmission systems, Cycles, Sugar, Farm Inputs, Fertilisers, Plantations, Bio-products and Nutraceuticals the Group has forged strong alliances with leading international companies such as Groupe Chimique Tunisien, Foskor, Mitsui Sumitomo, Morgan Advanced Materials, Sociedad Química y Minera de Chile (SQM), Yanmar & Co. and Compagnie Des Phosphat De Gafsa (CPG). The Group has a wide geographical presence all over India and spanning 6 continents.

Renowned brands like BSA, Hercules, Montra, Ladybird, Mach City, Ballmaster, Ajax, Parry's, Chola, Gromor, Shanthi Gears and Paramfos are from the Murugappa stable. The Group fosters an environment of professionalism and has a workforce of over 32,000 employees. For more details visit www.murugappa.com

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