



Carborundum Universal's Consolidated Full Year Net Sales down by 1%

Consolidated Operating PBT drop by 53%

Chennai, 29th April 2013: The Board of Directors met today and approved the results for the Quarter and Year ended 31st March 2013.

Consolidated Full year and Q4 Financial performance

Consolidated net sales for the full year, dropped by 1% to Rs.1942 crores from Rs.1969 crores. For the Quarter, sales dropped by 4% on a quarter on quarter basis. However, on a sequential basis, sales grew by 8%.

The drop in sales on quarter on quarter basis and Full year basis were largely due to lower performance by Electro minerals division. The division witnessed drop in volumes in silicon carbide business in Russia and India. South African subsidiary also reported lower sales. Sales also de grew for Abrasives both on quarter on quarter basis and Full year basis. Ceramics business, however, registered growth above 9% for both the periods.

On a sequential basis, all the segments registered topline growth.

Profitability of all businesses was under pressure. However, company managed its working capital well and repaid loans to improve standalone debt equity, which is at its lowest. The company, at consolidated level, spent Rs. 220 cr on capital expenditure in the year 2012-13.

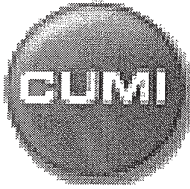
PBIT (excluding exceptional income) dropped by 48.0% from Rs.345 crores to Rs.179 crores. Earnings before interest, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) recorded a drop of 38% (i.e. from Rs.402 crores to Rs.250 crores) without considering exceptional income of last year.

Profit before tax and exceptional income was Rs.152 crores - a drop of 53% over the previous year amount of Rs.320 crores. The profit after tax dropped by 59% (i.e. Rs.90 crores compared to Rs.219 crores last year).

Consolidated Operating Performance

Abrasives

Sales of the abrasives business on a consolidated basis registered a drop of 3% on a full year basis. Sales for the year was Rs.809 crores (Rs.830 crores for the corresponding period of last year). Off-take from user industries in India and Russia continued to be muted.



Profit before interest and tax on a consolidated basis recorded a drop of 34% i.e. from Rs.124.8 crores to Rs.82.9 crores.

On a sequential basis, Profit before interest and tax on a consolidated basis were up by 4.5% from Rs.18.8 crores to Rs.19.6 crores.

Electro Minerals

The second largest business segment viz. Electro Minerals recorded a drop of 8% in sales (Rs.669 crores vs. Rs.727 crores). This was largely due to drop in volumes in silicon carbide business in Russia and India. South Africa business also witnessed volume drop.

Profit before interest and tax on a consolidated basis recorded a drop from a profit of Rs.139.9 crores to a profit of Rs. 23.7 crores, on a full year basis.

Ceramics

The ceramics segment recorded a 9% increase in sales on a consolidated basis (Rs.499 Crores vs. Rs.457 Crores).

Both the high alumina ceramics business and the super refractories businesses performed well during the year. The operations in Australia registered higher growth.

Profit before interest and tax of the ceramics business segment on a consolidated basis dropped by 12% i.e. from Rs.90 crores to Rs.79 crores.

On a sequential basis, Profits were up by 17.8% from Rs.13.4 crores to Rs.15.8 crores.

Corporate Events

The Board of Directors of the Company at its meeting held on April 29, 2013 has recommended final dividend of Re. 0.75/- per share to the shareholders of the Company. The Company has earlier paid an interim dividend of Re. 0.5 per share on February 5, 2013.

The consolidated unaudited financial results are enclosed.



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