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RHODIUS-Abrasives finds a new strategic partner in the Indian family business CUMI

The owners of CUMI and RHODIUS-Abrasives have agreed to sell RHODIUS-Abrasives to CUMI. The transaction is expected to be finalized by the end of March.

CUMI strengthens the location in Burgbrohl and the current growth strategy of RHODIUS-Abrasives

The demand for quality tools made in Germany is constantly increasing in the global market for abrasive tools. With the new ownership structure of RHODIUS-Abrasives, the current growth strategy as an innovation and quality leader will be further expanded with strengthened financial power and the existing management. Both pillars, brand and private label sales, as well as the modernization strategy at the central production location in Burgbrohl, which has been underway since 2018, will be systematically maintained and the number of jobs increased.

Talking about the proposed acquisition, Mr. N. Ananthaseshan, Managing Director of CUMI said, *"Acquisition of RHODIUS Schleifwerkzeuge aligns with CUMI's strategic expansion plans in Europe. RHODIUS brings in a vast and innovative product line up with various patented benefits that create unique selling opportunities. We believe that the expertise and portfolio of CUMI and RHODIUS complement each other well and the acquisition will significantly aid CUMI in global market expansion. We are delighted to be working with the Rhodius team to fulfil our global plans."* Cumi, which is part of the Murugappa Group, has been operating in the market for over 65 years and continues to be family owned and professionally managed. As a group of companies with a deep value creation chain in the grinding tools and raw materials segment, CUMI has already successfully acquired a number of companies worldwide and is continuing this long-term strategy with the integration of RHODIUS-Abrasives.

"CUMI offers RHODIUS-Abrasives a unique platform with important strategic advantages, especially in the areas of product range depth, raw materials and global distribution. This will allow us to take our growth strategy to the next level. At the same time, it has become clear in the discussions that CUMI treats us and our region with a high level of respect and that RHODIUS-Abrasives will thus continue to have its home in Burgbrohl, Germany," Bernd Lichter, Managing Partner at RHODIUS, is convinced. RHODIUS-Abrasives, together with its Managing Directors Ernst-Henning Sager (CSO) and Klaus Rudolph (COO), is pleased to raise the potential opportunities with the help of CUMI and to build on the strong ongoing development.

A milestone in the company's history at the right time - expansion course also at RHODIUS-Beverages

Both divisions of the RHODIUS Group are currently experiencing significant growth. The rapidly growing RHODIUS-Beverages division is also working on historic large-scale projects with investments in the bottling and logistics areas. *"The move is a win-win situation. Both RHODIUS-Abrasives and RHODIUS-Beverages have*

sufficient growth capital available and can concentrate on their respective core businesses. At the Burgbrohl location, we are looking forward to welcoming CUMI and have already predefined an integration plan that is now being worked out in detail," explains Hannes Tack, Managing Partner at RHODIUS.

About CUMI

Carborundum Universal Limited (CUMI), established as a tripartite in 1954, is a leading materials sciences engineering solutions provider. CUMI's consolidated revenue is Euro 306.5 million and PAT of Euro 33.08 million for the financial year FY 21. CUMI, part of the Murugappa Group, is listed on the NSE and BSE. CUMI is a Mines to Market Company whose integrated operations include mining, power generation, fusion, manufacturing, marketing and distribution. CUMI has over 5,000 employees worldwide who collaborate, innovate and develop high-quality material solutions and world-class services in abrasives, electro minerals, refractories and ceramics, serving customers in diverse industries including engineering, fabrication, auto and auto components, infrastructure, steel, glass, power generation and distribution, mining and aerospace. CUMI has a wide geographical presence spanning five continents and exports products to over 43 countries.

For more details, visit <https://www.cumi-murugappa.com/>

About the Murugappa Group

Founded in 1900, the Euro 4.86 Billion Murugappa Group is one of India's leading business conglomerates. The Group has 29 businesses including ten listed Companies traded in NSE & BSE. Headquartered in Chennai, the major Companies of the Group include Carborundum Universal Ltd., CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd., Cholamandalam Financial Holdings 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., Shanthi Gears Ltd., Tube Investments of India Ltd. and Wendt (India) Ltd. The Group holds leadership position in several product lines including Abrasives, Technical Ceramics, Electro Minerals, Auto Components & Systems, Bicycles, Fertilisers, Sugar, Tea and Spirulina (Nutraceuticals). The Group has forged strong alliances with leading international companies such as Groupe Chimique Tunisien, Foskor, Mitsui Sumitomo, Morgan Advanced Materials, 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, 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 51,000 employees.

For more details, visit <https://www.murugappa.com/>

About RHODIUS-Abrasives

Since 1952, we have been manufacturing in the Eifel region of Germany high-performance tools for the machining of metal and stone, which are used in over 100 countries worldwide. To make the work of those using our tools a little easier each and every day - that is our guiding principle to this day. RHODIUS-Abrasives is thus one of the leading tool specialists for machine cutting and grinding of metal. In 2021, we generate revenue in the amount of EUR 62,5 million with our more than 300 employees worldwide.

For additional information: <https://www.rhodium-abrasives.com/>

About the RHODIUS Group

The RHODIUS group of companies is one of the largest mid-sized companies in the Eifel region of Germany. The owner-managed family business and the products of the RHODIUS brands have been writing a success story of tradition and innovation for more than 190 years and over several generations.

The overarching holding company, Gebrüder RHODIUS GmbH & Co.KG, professionally supports the business activities of the operating companies as a service partner and competence center.

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