Carborundum Universal's Full Year 2024-25

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PAT at Rs.322 Crores

Consolidated Sales at Rs.4834 Crores
PAT after exceptional impact of overseas subsidiaries at Rs.293 Crores

Chennai, 12th May 2025: The Board of Directors met today and approved the results for the quarter and the year ended March 31, 2025.

Financial performance

Standalone sales for the year were at Rs.2784 Crores marking a growth of 7.3 percent over last year. Growth was broad-based across all three segments and led by Electrominerals, which grew by 10 percent over the previous year. The Ceramics and Abrasives segments recorded 6.5 percent, and 3.9 percent growth respectively. Consolidated sales for the year were at Rs.4834 Crores marking a growth of 4.4 percent over last year. Consolidated growth was constituted by the growth in Ceramics at 7.7 percent, Abrasives at 3.3 percent, and Electrominerals at 1.9 percent.

Standalone profit after tax on a full year basis was Rs.322 Crores as against Rs.350 Crores last year. While operating margins were better at the segmental level, with Ceramics offsetting the decline in Electrominerals and Abrasives, profit after tax was lower on account of higher expenses at the standalone level.

Consolidated profit after tax and non-controlling interest for the year is Rs.293 Crores against Rs.461 Crores last year. In Q3FY25, VAW was designated under the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" list (SDN list), by the US Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). As a result, VAW may not be able to receive payment from its customers or withdraw deposits using USD and/or Euro. Hence a charge in Profit and Loss account, under the head exceptional item before tax amounting to Rs.104.13 Cr in Q3FY25 which relates to the value of receivable in US dollars and Euro including the deposits in US dollars in VAW's books outside of the CUMI group was made. This resulted in 100% provision on the carrying value of the foreign currency receivables and deposits in VAW's books outside of the CUMI group.

Without the above exceptional item relating to VAW, Consolidated profit after tax and non-controlling interest for the year would have been Rs.368 Crores. This when compared with last year's profits of Rs.461 Crores is a drop of Rs.93 Crores. This was mainly due to the reversal of deferred tax credit relating to Awuko, and lower business in VAW and consequent drop in profit in Q4 FY25 after the sanction.

The capital expenditure incurred during the year 2024-25 was Rs.282 Crores at the consolidated level. The debt equity ratio at the consolidated level was 0.03.

Final Dividend

The Board of Directors of the Company has recommended a final dividend of Rs.2.50/- per share (250% on face value of Re.1 per share) to the shareholders of the Company. The Company had earlier paid an interim dividend of Re.1.50/- per share, thus aggregating to a total dividend of Rs.4.00/- per share (400% on face value of Re.1 per share).

Abrasives

Consolidated sales for the year were Rs.2159 Crores with growth of 3.3 percent compared to last year. This growth was mainly contributed by Standalone business, Rhodius, and Awuko. Standalone sales on a full-year basis were at Rs.1195 Crores with growth of 3.9 percent compared to last year. The growth was majorly driven by the Industrial and Retail segments.

Consolidated Profits before finance costs and tax (PBIT) for the year were lower by 17 percent at Rs.151 Crores as compared to last year. This was mainly on account of the one-time gain recorded last year, and the inventory provisioning in the current year at Awuko. Standalone PBIT was marginally lower by 1.3 percent, at Rs.193 Crores, mainly on account of product mix.

Electro Minerals

Consolidated sales for the year were Rs.1574 Crores, showing a growth of 1.9 percent compared to last year. This growth was majorly contributed by Standalone business and Foskor Zirconia, South Africa. The sales performance of Volzhsky Abrasive Works (VAW), Russia was impacted in Q4FY25 after being designated to the OFAC list. Standalone sales for the year were at Rs.815 Crores with growth of 10 percent compared to last year. This is on account of higher volumes, growth in exports and price realization.

Consolidated profits before finance costs and tax (PBIT) for the year were lower by 25 percent at Rs.177 Crores as compared to last year. The decline was majorly on account of VAW, Russia. Standalone's PBIT was lower by 11 percent at Rs.63 Crores, mainly on account of higher input costs.

Ceramics

Consolidated sales for the year were Rs.1160 Crores with growth of 7.7 percent compared to last year. This growth was mainly contributed by the Standalone business. Standalone sales on a full-year basis were at Rs.939 Crores. This is higher by 6.5 percent compared to last year. Metallized ceramics, engineered ceramics and refractories contributed to this growth.

Consolidated profits before finance costs and tax (PBIT) for the year were almost flat at Rs.286 Crores compared to last year. Standalone's PBIT was higher by 5.3 percent at Rs.233 Crores, on account of better volumes, price realization and a favourable product mix.

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