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CAI Energy President Kusum Kavia Shares African Experience at ACCESS 2013

International Trade Forum

CORONA, Calif. May 2013 — Kusum Kavia, President of Combustion Associates, Inc. (CAI), was invited to share her experience conducting business in Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) at ACCESS 2013 in San Diego, CA.

Ms. Kavia spoke on her company's experiences in SSA, which involved years of working with local governments and industries to provide developing nations with distributed power generation and rural electrification. President Kavia's experience in Africa also includes the construction of CAI's 80 MW power plant in the Republic of Benin, West Africa.

Ms. Kavia shared the stage with several prominent speakers from the U.S. Department of Commerce, including: Frank Ansong, Commercial Specialist of the Foreign Commercial Section of the U.S. Embassy in Accra, Ghana; Camille Richardson, Senior Commercial Office for the U.S. Embassy in Kenya; Rebecca Armand, Senior Commercial Specialist for the U.S. Consulate in Nigeria; Larry Farris, Senior Commercial Specialist for the U.S. Consulate in Johannesburg, South Africa; Heather Byrnes, U.S. Commercial Service Officer in Salt Lake City, Utah; and Holly Vineyard, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa, the Middle East, and South Asia.

ACCESS 2013 is an international trade forum hosted by the U.S. Department of Commercial Service, featuring regional experts from Africa, South Asia, and the Middle East. ACCESS 2013 was a unique opportunity to hear directly from experts such as Ms. Kavia and

other regional U.S. Commercial Service Officers serving in some of the world's fastest growing economies.

During the panel, there were many ideas exchanged about market entry strategies, financing, and risk management in the African, Southern Asian, and Middle Eastern regions. Ms. Kavia shared her experiences and expertise regarding the Sub-Saharan Africa region, and was praised for her knowledge and insight by U.S. Commercial Service Officer for Utah, Heather Byrnes:

“Ms. Kusum Kavia offered invaluable private sector perspective as a panelist on the Sub-Saharan Africa Panel at the Access 2013 conference. Drawing from Combustion Associates’ extensive and successful experiences in the region, Ms. Kavia shared her insights on successful strategies for market entry as well as mistakes businesses should avoid. Sub-Saharan Africa is a new region for many U.S. companies – but one American businesses cannot afford to ignore. 6 of the top 10 fastest growing markets in the world are currently in Sub-Saharan Africa and competitor companies from Europe and Asia are already very active in this fast-growing part of the world.”

CAI is an engineering, manufacturing, procurement, and construction company that specializes in 1-25 MW continuous power generation systems for governments, industries, and commercial use in developing nations. CAI's exports provide continuous, reliable, 24/7, on or off grid power generation, and rural electrification in many rapidly developing markets.

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In order from left to right: Kusum Kavia (CAI), Frank Ansong (Ghana), Camille Richardson (Kenya), Rebecca Armand (Nigeria), Larry Farris (South Africa), Heather Byrnes (Utah), and Holly Vineyard (D.A.S. Washington D.C.).
