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CAI's Kusum Kavia Appointed to Two Federal Government Advisory Councils and California Governor's Entrepreneurship Task Force

Corona, California, USA — Ms. Kusum Kavia, co-founder and president of Corona, California based Combustion Associates Inc. (CAI) has recently been appointed to two federal government advisory councils.

She will serve a two-year term on the U.S. Department of Commerce's Investment Advisory Council (IAC) and a one-year term on the U.S. EXIM Bank's Sub-Saharan Africa Advisory Committee (SAAC).

As a member of the IAC, she will advise the U.S. Secretary of Commerce on how government policies and programs affect the United States' ability to attract and facilitate business investment.

"The Investment Advisory Council will help us further develop, adapt, and expand policies to help U.S. and international firms recognize there is no better place to do business, grow, succeed, and create jobs." Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said in a formal press release announcing the names of the 25-member newly appointed council earlier this month.

Chartered in 2016, the IAC has made recommendations on issues including infrastructure investment priorities, improving U.S. workforce development initiatives, and creating/improving digital tools to support economic development. Many of these recommendations are being acted on by various arms of the Department of Commerce.

As members of the US EXIM Bank's SAAC, Ms. Kavia will engage with the rest of the committee members and make recommendations to the EXIM Board of Directors on the development and implementation of policies and programs designed to promote EXIM's engagement in Sub-Saharan Africa.

"These Advisory Committee members bring important perspectives and expertise as we focus on increasing U.S. exports to the region," said EXIM President and Chairman Kimberly A. Reed, in a formal announcement of the 11-member committee in July.

Ms. Kavia has extensive experience and insights into the Sub Saharan Africa markets as her company, CAI, has designed, manufactured and exported its modular power generation systems to this region for many years.

Recipient of multiple industry and government awards, Ms. Kavia has a long history of active involvement in regional, state and federal level industry and export-centric organizations, often assuming leadership roles. Federal government advisory bodies she has previously served on include U.S. Department of Commerce's Presidents Advisory Council of Doing Business in Africa (PAC-DBIA) and the Renewable Energy and Energy

Efficiency Advisory Committee (REEEAC), 2016-2018; and EXIM Bank's Advisory Council, 2014-2016. She will bring her valuable experience on the previous advisory councils to her current appointments.

"I am honored to have the opportunity to serve on these advisory councils that are making valuable contributions toward the advancement of trade and investment efforts in our country," Ms. Kavia said. "I look forward to working with members of both councils."

Additionally, since July 2019, Ms. Kavia also serves on the California State Entrepreneurship Task Force, an initiative of Governor Gavin Newsom's Office of Business and Economic Development. The Task Force, which serves as a bridge between the State of California and the entrepreneurial community, will launch a series of listening sessions throughout the state to better connect government and entrepreneurs.

Issues tackled by the Task Force will include: retaining and advancing California's global competitive edge and leadership, addressing barriers to accessing capital, helping open markets, providing resources and enabling strong networks, and tackling marketplace challenges such as promoting a skilled, globally competitive workforce.

ABOUT CAI:

CAI is a woman-owned small business that provides cutting-edge engineering and advanced manufacturing solutions to the power and process industries worldwide. It specializes in power generation systems that are cost-effective and energy-efficient as well as in skid-mounted automated process equipment. Its signature product is the Spirit™ line of power generation systems that come in 500kW – 12 MW packages. CAI's products are engineered, manufactured and tested at its state-of-the-art facility in Corona, California.

Over the years, CAI has significantly expanded its exports and global customer base allowing it to deliver products and engineering services anywhere in the world. The Company has provided solutions to clients in the U.S., Canada, China, Belize, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, Ghana, Togo, China, Kazakhstan and Bangladesh.

CAI's export achievements have been widely recognized with numerous awards including the President's "E" and "E" Star awards (2016 and 2011), Exporter of the Year Award for Sub-Saharan Africa by the U.S. EXIM Bank (2009), and National Minority Person of the Year Award (2008) by the U.S. Small Business Administration. President Barack Obama himself singled-out CAI's export contribution at the U.S.-Africa Business Forum in 2014. [See video.](#)

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