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### CAI’S PRESIDENT SPEAKS AT GLOBAL ACCESS FORUM

**Indio, CA** – Kusum Kavia, President of Combustion Associates Inc., spoke as a panelist at the Small Business Global Access Forum in Indio, CA. The forum, a primary focus of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, discussed opportunities for small businesses to increase exports around the world.

Ms. Kavia was honored to share her extensive experience with exporting to multiple international markets. The CAI’s Presidents decades of expertise, coupled with the talented staff at Combustion Associates, showcased the growth a company can experience should they ship outside of their borders. Ms. Kavia touched upon how vital it is for small business to take advantage of international markets - emphasizing the power of exports to create empowerment, education, and employment, in order to spur-rapid growth.

Ms. Kavia touched upon how she views the role that CAI play s in international trade as a needle. Quote “My mother told me at a young age that I was to be a needle, instead of scissors. When I asked her what she meant, she said ‘Kusum, a needle is a too l that repairs things, while scissors destroy things.’” This is how CAI views itself when it comes to investing in international markets. By bridging the gaps between countries, CAI is bringing power and opportunity to areas that would be dark.



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The Export-Import Bank has helped countless thousands of small businesses by financing their projects overseas, in turn, helping these businesses grow exponentially. Through this process, the Export-Import Bank supports over 1 million U.S. jobs, building valuable opportunities for American businesses.

CAI President, Kusum Kavia with US Export-Import Bank Chairman & President, Fred Hochberg
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CAI's international success with projects in various countries would not have been possible without the opportunities that the Export-Import Bank provides, and presenting at the Global Access Forum was a way to create valuable resources for other small business in exporting.

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