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### CAI Receives Presidential Award for the Second Time

*The 2016 "E" Star Award for excellence in exporting follows the "E" Award received in 2011*

WASHINGTON D.C. : Corona, California based Combustion Associates Inc. (CAI), a provider of engineering and manufacturing solutions to the Energy, Process and Environmental industries worldwide, received the President's "E" Star Award at a special ceremony on May 16, 2016 at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington D.C.



U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker, left, presenting the "E" Star Award to Combustion Associates Inc. President Kusum Kavia at a special ceremony May 16, 2016 in Washington D.C.

The President's "E" Award is the highest recognition a U.S. entity can receive for making a significant contribution to the expansion of U.S. exports.

CAI President Ms. Kusum Kavia accepted the award from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker at the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual "E" Awards ceremony in the presence of elected state and federal officials, representatives of various government agencies and other dignitaries.

"These companies demonstrate the opportunity inherent in selling Made-in-America products to the broad customer base that exists outside our borders. Their success contributes to growth, job creation, competitiveness, and the success of the American economy," said Secretary Pritzker in a press release.

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CAI scored an encore with the “E” Star Award because the Company has previously received the E-Award in 2011 for sustained increase in export sales over a four-year period. The “E” Star award recognizes previous “E” awardees who have reported four years of additional export growth.

“We are honored and humbled that the Department of Commerce has once again recognized our consistent export efforts. The support and guidance of the U.S. Commercial Service has been very critical to our success in overseas markets,” said CAI President Kusum Kavia.

“Our Company has experienced firsthand that exports can be a source of growth and job creation,” added CAI Chairman and CEO Mukund Kavia.

This year’s 123 honorees — the largest group to ever receive the “E” awards — helped the United States export \$2.23 trillion worth of goods and services in 2015, and supported an estimated 11.5 million export-related American jobs.

CAI has demonstrated consistent growth in exporting its innovative, in-house developed modular power plants, auxiliary systems and services to emerging markets around the world and, as a result, created jobs in California as well as in the countries where its projects are located. The Company’s exports now account for more than 70 percent of its total sales.

The “E” Star is the second award CAI has received this month. On May 3, it was presented with a 2016 Export Achievement Award by the Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce during World Trade Week.

#### **ABOUT E-AWARD:**

In 1961, President Kennedy signed an executive order reviving the World War II “E” symbol of excellence to honor and provide recognition to America’s exporters. A second level of the Award is the “E Star” Award, which was authorized by the Secretary of Commerce in 1969 to recognize previous “E” Award winners for continued significant contributions to U.S. export expansion.

U.S. companies are nominated for the “E” Awards through the Department of Commerce’s U.S. Commercial Service office network, located within the Department’s International Trade Administration. Record years of successive export growth and an applicant’s demonstration of an innovative international marketing plan that led to the increase in exports is a significant factor in selecting the winners.

#### **ABOUT CAI:**

CAI is a minority, woman-owned small business that provides cutting-edge engineering and advanced manufacturing solutions to the energy, process and environmental industries worldwide. It specializes in power generation systems that are cost-effective and energy-efficient as well as in skid-mounted automated process equipment. 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, Belize, Benin, Nigeria, Cameroon, China, Kazakhstan and Bangladesh.

CAI's export achievements have been widely recognized with numerous awards including the President's "E" and "E" Star awards, 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 contribution at the U.S. -Africa Business Forum in 2014. See video:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2MQ\\_3JAi\\_g&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2MQ_3JAi_g&feature=youtu.be)

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