



## Press Release

### Corona Business Leader Selected For U.S. Commerce Trade Mission

**Corona, Calif., USA (December 5-9, 2011)** – Earlier this month, the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service organized the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Trade Mission to Turkey.

Combustion Associates, Inc. (CAI - [www.cai3.com](http://www.cai3.com)) was one of 15 companies nationwide invited to participate and Executive Vice President Kusum Kavia made the journey. Kavia accompanied Michael C. Camuñez, U.S. Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Merryl Burpoe, Deputy Director for Eurasia, U.S. Department of Energy, to Ankara, Istanbul and Izmir.

“It was an honor to attend this important renewables mission in Turkey, and a great opportunity for CAI to expand into this vibrant new market,” Kavia said. “We learned a great deal during the trip, which included tours of local businesses and factories.”

The goal of the mission was to assist U.S. companies in the renewable energy and energy efficiency industries with their efforts to identify profitable opportunities and new markets, and to increase their export potential in joint cooperation with Turkish companies. The mission’s leaders were able to establish high level contacts in this key industry for the accompanying U.S. companies.

Mission participants were introduced to the Turkish Ministry of Energy, regulatory agencies, international agents and distributors. The visitors also spent time at the Izmir Ataturk Organized Industrial Zone, which was targeted by the U.S. Department of Energy for a Near-Zero Zone Project (NZZ) to promote industrial energy efficiency and potential export opportunities.

For Kavia and CAI, the mission represents an opportunity to expand the company’s three core initiatives of power generation, process solutions and environmental solutions. The company specializes in 1 to 10 MW power generators, which can power thousands of homes and businesses. The generators are unique in that they can operate on multiple fuel sources and are equipped to harness and reuse exhaust waste heat for process heating and cooling, thus increasing overall energy efficiency.

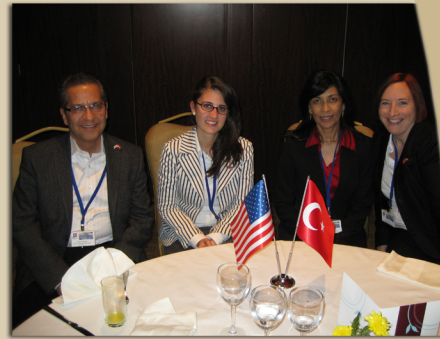
“I hope to forge many new business relationships through this experience and have already been in touch with select contacts made during the trip,” Kavia said.

#### **Combustion Associates, Inc. (CAI)**

CAI is entering its 23rd year as a California corporation providing solutions in the energy, process and environmental industries. Today, CAI offers a wide array of packaged combustion and gas turbine-power generation systems, both skid-mounted and stationary, with simple, combined and co-generation cycles for added efficiency.

CAI’s background and expertise in process and power generation systems, coupled with emerging technologies in renewable energy sources and environmental ecology, enables CAI to provide one-step “turn-key” solutions in design, fabrications, installation and after-services, all under one roof.

In 2011, CAI was awarded the Presidential “E” Award for Excellence in Exporting by the U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. This is the highest honor a company receives from the U.S. Department of Commerce. Over the years, CAI has been the recipient of numerous other awards including 2009 Exporter of the Year award for Sub-Saharan Africa by the U.S. Export-Import Bank and the 2008 National Minority Person of the Year Award by the U.S. Small Business Administration.



*(Left to Right) Serdar Cetinkaya, Yaprak Cakilcioglu, Kusum Kavia and Jessica Arnold at the Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Trade Mission to Turkey.*

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