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GENERAL CARBIDE ACQUIRES MANUFACTURING PARTNER IN THE UK

Greensburg, PA, May 5, 2010 -- General Carbide(Greensburg, PA), a leading manufacturer of carbide preforms used in a variety of tooling applications, has acquired full ownership of the business and assets of General Carbide Europe Limited of Daventry, Northants, UK, now called General Carbide UK Limited.

“With the full backing of General Carbide, this new company is positioned better than ever to serve the industrial tooling and wear parts needs of customers in the UK and Europe,” says Mona Pappafava-Ray, president of General Carbide.

General Carbide established General Carbide Europe in 1989 as an independent sales agency to promote the company’s products in the UK. General Carbide UK has evolved into a fabrication and grinding shop serving the oil and gas production sector by manufacturing carbide and steel wear-resistant valve assembly components for North Sea drilling operations. General Carbide UK also supplies manufacturers with a variety of metal forming punches, dies, fastener tooling and wear parts

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About General Carbide

General Carbide manufactures more than 50 grades of tungsten carbide tooling for a variety of cutting and metal forming applications, including: ammunition manufacturing tooling, blanks for boring bars, can-making, electronic stamping die manufacturing, fastener and powder metal/compaction, steel and wire manufacturing, general industrial wear parts for industries such as concrete and roof tile, metalforming, oil and gas components, rotary cutting dies, and tooling for stamping. The company was established more than 40 years ago and is headquartered in the United States in western Pennsylvania, near Pittsburgh PA. General Carbide sells its products throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Europe and Asia. The company employs more than 100 highly-skilled professionals in its production operations. Those individuals produce metallurgical powders, as well as shape, sinter and finish-grind tungsten carbide. As a woman-owned business, General Carbide achieved certification in 2008 from the Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC).

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