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Transition of Silicon Nitride Ceramic Ball Blank and Engine Component Operations of Enceratec

Continuing its leadership in advanced materials, Toshiba Materials Co., Ltd. (TMAT) is pleased to announce the transition of the Silicon Nitride Ceramic Ball Blank and Engine Component operations of Enceratec, a joint venture between Toshiba Materials Co., Ltd, and Cummins, Inc. to Toshiba America Electronics Components Inc. (TAEC)

In 1989, Cummins, Inc. and Toshiba Materials Co., Ltd. founded Enceratec as an equally owned joint venture to develop and market products made of advanced ceramic materials. In the rolling element bearing industry, Enceratec has been the leading supplier of silicon nitride ball blanks in North America and Europe, and has the capability to provide roller and bearing race blanks made of silicon nitride. Hybrid ball bearings are now being used in a growing number of applications ranging from machine tool spindles and windmills to space shuttle main engine turbopumps. Hybrid bearings enable rotating machine systems to attain significantly higher speeds and improved reliability, even in lubrication starved environments.

With this business transition from Enceratec to TAEC, TMAT will build on its streamlined and effective business channel that provides its advanced products and services to its customers. It enables TMAT to expand its business not only in the North American market but also in the European market.