

## **Xycarb becomes SUMCO USA ‘Supplier of the Year’ in 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year**

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After evaluating suppliers’ performance, SUMCO USA proudly announced Xycarb as ‘Supplier of the Year’ for the second consecutive year. Xycarb again delivered on commitment with regards to costs, quality, delivery, service and technology.

"Congratulations Xycarb", commented James K. Fortman, Corporate Director of Purchasing of SUMCO USA, "Xycarb again managed to meet our requirements by understanding our business and challenges. Their expertise contributed to successful cost efficiency and innovation projects".

"This ‘Supplier of the Year’ award symbolizes a ‘Cooperation of the Year’ for Xycarb", according to Mr. Michiel Festen, Business Manager at Xycarb, "It takes two to become Supplier of the Year as our way of working is based on a continuous process of understanding each other and growing together". Mr. Peter Spit, General Sales and Marketing Manager at Xycarb Ceramics, adds "SUMCO is one of our global key customers experiencing the added value of Xycarb. As more and more customers rely on our expertise and products, we are expanding production capacity as fast as we can in order to keep up with the demand. At the end of this year, we will have doubled our Silicon Carbide (SiC) coated graphite production capacity. SUMCO’s gesture of appreciation again emphasizes we are taking decisions based on our customers’ needs.

### **About SUMCO Corporation:**

SUMCO Corporation (SUMCO) is an international leader in the production of ultra-pure, defect-free, single crystal silicon wafers for the global semiconductor industry. SUMCO provides state-of-the-art products, high-tech solutions and technologies to customers worldwide, and offers the broadest technology base in the wafering industry. SUMCO operates 12 manufacturing facilities located in Asia, Europe and the United States.

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### **About Xycarb Ceramics B.V.:**

Xycarb Ceramics is a leading company providing a complete range of Graphite, Quartz and Ceramic consumable parts and complementary products for the wafer processing industry. Xycarb solutions are used by a worldwide range of customers to produce advanced devices for electronic, opto-electronic and solar applications. Xycarb has its headquarters in Helmond, The Netherlands and is a division of the Schunk Group. Xycarb products and services are supported by a Global Sales and distribution network providing cost effective logistics. Our operations and subsidiaries are in Helmond (NL), Hapert (NL), Georgetown (TX, USA), Hsin Chu (TWN) and Singapore plus Sales offices in Japan, Korea and Germany.

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