MM MURUGAPPAN

Chairman

M M Murugappan serves as the Chairman of the Carborundum Universal Ltd (CUMI), a constituent company of the Murugappa Group. He also Chairs the Boards of Cholamandalam Mitsui Sumitomo General Insurance Company Ltd., and Murugappa Organo Water Solutions.

In January 2004, Murugappan took over as Chairman of CUMI, playing a pivotal role in transforming CUMI into an international company. He has broken new grounds in positioning CUMI as a technology and innovation-driven organization. His strategic approach towards business partnerships with global leaders has been one of the key factors contributing to CUMI's consistent growth, internationally.

Murugappan is an independent director on the board of Cyient Ltd. (Hyderabad). He recently retired from the Board of Mahindra & Mahindra. He served on the Board of Governors of IIT Madras, for six years till November 2011 and has enabled many industry – academic partnerships. He now serves on the board of the IIT-Madras Research Park and is a mentor to many companies incubated there.

As Trustee of the Group's AMM Foundation, he is actively involved in the development of various citizenship initiatives, particularly in education, health care, performing arts and sport.

Murugappan holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemical Engineering from the AC College of Technology, University of Madras, India and a Master of Science Degree also in Chemical Engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA. He is a member of the American and Indian Institutes of Chemical Engineers and the Plastics & Rubber Institute. He was elected as a Fellow Member of the Indian Ceramic Society in 2006.

Murugappan's wife, Meenakshi (Pinky), shares interests with him in music, theatre, reading and cross-words. Their older son Muthu heads EID Parry's Nutraceutical business, daughter-in-law Solai has an architectural practice in Chennai. His younger son, Veeru and daughter-in-law Valli are based in Singapore. Veeru is a sports and documentary film producer and Valli is a specialist in culinary skills.

Murugappan's hobbies include golf, reading, walking, classical music and the theatre.