Brush Wellman Inc. Provides European Environmental Update

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- April 8, 2003 -- In keeping with its commitment to provide timely information on issues affecting its materials and their availability on a global basis, Brush Wellman Inc. reported today that copper beryllium alloys and beryllium oxide ceramics are not among those materials listed for restriction under recently adopted European Commission environmental regulations.

The company noted that:

- There are no current or proposed regulations within the European Community that ban or restrict the use of copper beryllium alloys or beryllium oxide ceramics.
- Copper beryllium alloys and beryllium oxide ceramics have not been included in any of the special end-of-life requirements or restrictions in the final European Directives on End-of-Life Vehicles (ELV) (2000/53/EC and 2002/525/EC), on the restriction of the use of certain hazardous substances in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS) (2002/95/EC), or on waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) (2002/96/EC).
- Major European equipment manufacturers, and their trade associations, such as VDA (German automobile manufacturers) and C4E (electrical, telecommunications and computer manufacturers), have approved the continued use of copper beryllium and beryllium oxide ceramics in their published materials guidance documents.
- Copper beryllium and beryllium oxide ceramics do not impact end-of-life disposal issues since they do not threaten the environment and are recyclable.

Richard J. Hipple, President, Alloy Products, Brush Wellman Inc., commented, “The absence of restrictions on the use of beryllium-containing materials within the European environmental regulations provides present and future customers with the assurance that Brush Wellman alloys - and their performance-enhancing benefits – remain available.”

Additional information on the environmental aspects or technical data on copper beryllium, along with Internet hyperlinks to the full text of the above-mentioned European Commission environmental directives, can be found at www.brushwellman.com.

Brush Wellman Inc., headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Brush Engineered Materials Inc. (NYSE: BW). The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, supplies worldwide markets with beryllium products, alloy products, electronic products, precious metal products, and engineered material systems.