Brush Wellman Inc. Secures Long-Term Copper Beryllium Master Alloy Supply From Kazakhstan Producer

CLEVELAND - Sept. 19, 2000 - Brush Wellman Inc., Nukem Inc., Kazatomprom National Atomic Company and Ulba Metallurgical Plant Open Stock Company announced today that they have entered into several long-term agreements for the supply of copper beryllium master alloy and other certain beryllium-containing materials for use in the manufacture of Brush Wellman's high-performance alloy products. Brush Wellman will purchase the material from Nukem Inc., who has entered into a supply agreement with the Ulba Metallurgical Plant Open Stock Company. The materials will be produced by the Ulba Metallurgical Plant Open Stock Company, Kazakhstan, which is a unit of Kazatomprom National Atomic Company, Kazakhstan. Nukem Inc. is a wholly-owned U.S. subsidiary of Tessag AG, a RWE company, of Germany.

William R. Seelbach, President of Brush Wellman Inc., commented, "This agreement provides an ongoing cost-effective flow of beryllium-containing materials to augment our U.S. beryllium sources. We look forward to our continued relationship with Nukem Inc., Kazatomprom National Atomic Company and the Ulba manufacturing facility."

Brush Wellman Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Brush Engineered Materials Inc. (NYSE:BW) headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio. Brush Engineered Materials and its subsidiaries supply worldwide markets with Beryllium Products, Alloy Products, Electronic Products, Precious Metal Products and Engineered Material Systems. -0- *T For further information, please contact:

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