Rajahmundry Graphite Crucible Cluster

1	Name of the Cluster	Rajahmundry Graphite Crucible
2	Place	Rajahmundry
3	District	East Godavari
4	State	Andhra Pradesh
5	No of firms (by type)	40 Micro and 15 Small Firms = 55
6	No. of workers	800
7	Turnover	Rs. 85 Million
8	Associations in cluster	1. All India Graphite Crucibles Manufacturing Association
9	Major products	1. clay bounded Graphite Crucibles in different sizes (i.e. ranging from 1 to 500)
10	Specific and relevant technical institutions (R&D, Testing Lab accredited)	1. National Metallurgical Laboratory, Jamshedpur 2. JNTU, Hyderabad 3. International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials
11	Major markets	Within country – AP, Maharshtra, Gujarat, West Bengal
		Export – to Bangladesh
12	Major problems/prospects	**Problems:** **Lack of Common Design Development Centre** • No collective procurement of raw material • Relocation of units to overcome pollution problems • Poor efforts on size standardization • Poor emphasis on Quality Control and environment protection norms • Lack of efforts on modernization of Kilns **Prospects**: • The Cluster is at verge of closure due to better alternatives (Tungsten Carbide Crucibles)
13	Data source and updated on	Based on End of the Project Report by APITCO submitted to DC-MSME in 2009