

## **BIR World Recycling Convention: New Research (16.6.2008 8.37 Uhr)**

*Recycling activity saves over 500 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year, a BIR study revealed.*

Brussels/Monte Carlo – Based on 2006-07 worldwide production figures for seven metals (aluminium, copper, ferrous, lead, nickel, tin and zinc) and for paper, the global dioxide emission savings attributable to recycling in these sectors amount to 551 million tonnes – equivalent to 1.8% of worldwide fossil fuel emissions. According to the Bureau of International Recycling (BIR), this impressive statistic was derived from research conducted at in and was revealed by Roger Brewster, Managing Director of UK-based Metal Interests Ltd.

Henrik Harjula of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) is convinced that the role of recycling is becoming more and more important. "Your role will be the key in trying to provide for this increase in consumption", he said according to BIR's report.

Mr Harjula went on to praise the BIR for producing "Tools for Environmentally Sound Management", a document designed to assist recovery and recycling companies in implementing an ISO-compliant environmental management system incorporating the OECD's Core Performance Elements. There was strong evidence that companies adopting an ESM-based approach to business would derive financial benefit in the long run.

In a submission prepared for the meeting of the International Environment Council (IEC) but not delivered owing to time constraints, BIR's Environmental and Technical Director pointed out that an official European Commission document was due to appear shortly and that this would elucidate the position of recyclers in relation to the EU's Reach regulation. "According to Mr Bartley's interpretation of current European Commission advice, the recycling industry has no reason to adopt panic measures in relation to REACH but might well consider certain precautionary action," BIR says.

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