

# Metals recycling the 'hero' of greenhouse

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The metals recycling industry was praised for its contribution to the environment by Lord Nicholas Stern at the BIR conference in Monaco.

"If the airline industry is the villain, then you are comparably the heroes. The contribution you make is enormous," Stern said.

What the metals recycling industry saves in greenhouse gas emissions is about two thirds of what the airline industry contributes, Stern told delegates, as he gave an overview of the economic impact of global climate change.

Stern highlighted the importance of the industry in general in the race to reduce emissions and encouraged delegates to seize the opportunities that their contribution provides.

"If the airlines were doing anything like you are, they

would be talking about it," Stern said.

Stern, previously the head of the UK government economic service, is the professor of economics and government at the London School of Economics, and is author of the Stern Review on the Economics of Climate Change — one of the most influential studies into the effects of climate change.

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