

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. Around 70 countries are represented through their national trade associations and individual companies which are involved in recycling. BIR comprises four commodity divisions: iron and steel, non ferrous metals, paper and textiles, and has three commodity committees dealing with stainless steel and special alloys, plastics and rubber. BIR's primary goals are to promote recycling and recyclability, thereby conserving natural resources, protecting the environment and facilitating free trade of secondary raw materials.

PRESS RELEASE

Appointment of new BIR Plastics Committee Chairman

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BIR President Ranjit Baxi has appointed **Mr Henk Alssema**, Chairman of **Vita Plastics in the Netherlands**, as new Chairman of the BIR Plastics Committee.

Mr Alssema has been active in plastics recycling since 1994, successfully starting up a number of plastics recycling companies and restructuring a public listed company as their CEO. He is currently Chairman of Vita Plastics where he is focused on developing a

completely new vision in the area of the circular economy that is centered on multiple value creation.

Vita Plastics is a supplier of regrinds, regranulate and compounds, and contributes to a sustainable society by focusing on the ecological and economic motives. An extensive network of suppliers provides VITA Plastics with post-consumer and post-industrial plastic waste, which is recycled into standard or customer-specific materials under their own management.



Mr Alssema is looking forward to making a passionate, enthusiastic and positive contribution to BIR.

Mr Baxi commented: "I am pleased to welcome Henk as Chairman of the BIR Plastics Committee and strongly believe that both BIR and the plastics recycling industry will greatly benefit from his vision, leadership and industry experience of nearly 25 years that he brings with him."

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