

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.

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Non-Ferrous Metals Division:

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LME's Martin Abbott to be honoured by BIR

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BIR's upcoming World Recycling Convention in Warsaw will be the backdrop for a special presentation that the Non-Ferrous Metals Division under the presidency of Robert Stein (Alter Trading, USA) will make to Martin Abbott, departing CEO of the London Metal Exchange.

Mr Abbott will be honoured for his long-standing support to the recycling industry at large and to BIR in particular. On many occasions,

Mr Abbott participated as keynote speaker in BIR events, and he will again share his profound knowledge of the global metals market with delegates attending the BIR Warsaw Convention.

Martin Abbott is the former chief executive officer of the London Metal Exchange. He was also co-head of global markets at Hong Kong Exchanges and Clearing Ltd after their takeover of the LME in December 2012. Mr Abbott resigned from the HKEx group in June



of 2013 while agreeing to stay in his current positions until the end of the year to insure a smooth transition.

Mr Abbott has more than 20 years of experience in the industry. He assumed the role of CEO at the LME in October 2006, when he re-joined the Exchange after an initial appointment as marketing director between 1990 and 1993. Prior to his appointment as head of the LME he was publisher and editor-in-chief of Metal Bulletin's Metals, Minerals and Mining Division. He also worked for LME Ring-dealing members Amalgamated Metals Trading Inc. (as president, 1998-2000), Sogemin Metals Inc. (as associate director, 1993-1996, and as president, 1996-1997), McGraw-Hill (as editor-in-chief, metals, Europe, 1988-1990), and Metal Bulletin plc (as joint editor, 1984-1988).

During the divisional plenary session, a second speaker will take the floor, concentrating on the Eastern European metals markets with a special focus on aluminium: **Alexey Alipchenko** is the Head of the Representation Office in CIS, Central Asia and the Baltic countries of **Trimet AG**.



Mr Alipchenko has been working in international trade for more than 20 years and is well known for his competence as metals trader at the LME. His company, Trimet AG, located in Zug (Switherland), is specialized in supplying raw materials for the aluminium industry. The company was founded in 1997 and has today offices in Beijing, Moscow and Prague covering major raw material markets. The biggest aluminium producer in Germany, Trimet Aluminium AG, holds a minority stake in Trimet AG.

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