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United Nations Conference on Climate Change in Copenhagen: BIR is present to advocate **important contribution of recycling to CO2 emission savings**

***BIR participates in 'Bright Green' Exhibition in Copenhagen
(www.brightgreen.dk) in parallel to the United Nations Conference on
Climate Change - 12 - 13 December 2009, Forum Copenhagen - **Stand 9*****

BIR will be participating, on behalf of its members, in the Bright Green Exhibition in Copenhagen on 12 and 13 December, which runs in parallel to the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (7 to 18 December).

The Exhibition was set up to give organisations, municipalities, companies etc the opportunity to showcase their very specific approaches and solutions for resolving the problem of climate change.

BIR's recent **study on the environmental benefits of recycling** has shed light on the important contribution that the recycling industries make in terms

of energy, water and CO2 savings: **through recycling, global CO2 emissions are reduced by 500 million tonnes, which is more than all the CO2 emitted by aviation worldwide.**

In parallel to BIR's initiative at the Bright Green exhibition, BIR Director General Francis Veys will be part of the official delegation of the International Chamber of Commerce and will attend the ICC business day at the Climate Change Conference.

At the stand, BIR will be supported by the Danish recycling federation GI (<http://www.genvindingsindustrien.dk>) to convince visitors of the paramount environmental contribution the recycling industries and their importance as the leading future raw materials suppliers at a global scale.

Governmental representatives from 170 countries are expected to be in Copenhagen in the days of the conference accompanied by other governmental representatives, NGO's, journalists and others. In total 8000 people are expected to Copenhagen in the days of the climate meeting.

In 2012 the Kyoto Protocol to prevent climate changes and global warming runs out. To keep the process on the line there is an urgent need for a new climate protocol. At the conference in Copenhagen 2009 the parties of the UNFCCC meet for the last time on government level before the climate agreement needs to be renewed.

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