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### **BIR Autumn Round-Table Sessions**

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#### ***Plastics Committee:*** ***Dutch recycling experts analyse various aspects of the industry***

The BIR Plastics Committee has invited two Dutch industry experts to give their view on various aspects of the recycling markets. On Monday, 26 October 2009 at 14.30, attendees of the round-table will be listening to Pieter Kuiper M.Sc., Project Manager Post-Shredder Materials for Auto Recycling Nederland (ARN). Mr Kuiper has 10 years of recycling experience. Initially trained in mining, mineral processing, metallurgy and recycling at Delft University of Technology, Mr Kuiper gained practical training at the world's largest bauxite mine, in Guinea, Western-Africa. He embarked upon a career in recycling in the world's largest open-pit mine: the port of Rotterdam, identifying cooperation possibilities for companies with waste streams that could be jointly processed. An example of this 'waste to waste processing' was the refining of off-spec ores with waste sulphuric acid.

From Rotterdam, Pieter Kuiper went to Amsterdam, a city operating one of the largest and most modern Municipal Solid Waste Incinerators (MSWI's) in the world. Here, a 50 tph pilot plant was realized, which was able to refine MSWI-bottom ash to clean sand and gravel, while recovering all residual ferrous- and non-ferrous metals.

As Project Manager Post-Shredder Materials for ARN, Pieter Kuiper is involved in the realization of ARN's 100 kiloton/annum post-shredder processing line. With a fellow processing engineer, he is jointly responsible for securing markets for the products yielded by this post-shredder process. These products include mixtures of mineral materials and mixtures of plastics. Pieter Kuiper specializes in finding markets and finding processing routes for 'difficult' streams of material.

Mr Kuiper will be speaking about "Auto Recycling Nederland: a plastics recycler".

Second guest speaker is Ed Flohr, an independent industry expert and investor in high-tech firms.

Until mid 2009, Mr Flohr was Vice President of the Management Board of Royal Lankhorst Euronete Group bv (Sneek – NL), a company active in the production and sales of ropes, technical yarns, fish netting, yachting products and recycled plastic products worldwide. As such he was also Managing Director of Lankhorst Recycling bv which he led to a 10-fold increase in sales between 1997 and 2009.

Ed Flohr studied Aerospace Engineering at Delft University of Technology and Business Administration at Erasmus University, Rotterdam, The Netherlands. He started his business career in consulting and moved on to the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs and several aerospace companies in Europe and the United States.

Mr Flohr will be speaking about "Flexibility – the core competence of a recycler".

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