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Non Ferrous Metals Division: Spotlight on China, India and Brazil

The plenary session of the BIR Non Ferrous Metals Division in Dubai on Tuesday, 26th May, promises to provide a highly diversified overview of the world markets at a glance.

With three speakers from major business regions – China, India and Brazil – the session is set to give insights into the current situation of different continents and how they are coping with the global economic and financial crisis.

In her presentation, Ms Bianca Vicintin Abud, International Trade Manager of Brazilian Metalur Group, will be focusing on the secondary aluminium industry in Brazil. Metalur Group is one of the largest secondary aluminium alloy producers in Latin America with three smelters and one dross processing plant. In 2008, Metalur Group imported over 28,800 mt of aluminium scrap. Aluminium scrap availability has always been insufficient in Brazil, a situation which in recent months was aggravated by the overall crisis.

Regarding India, attending delegates will have great pleasure in hearing again Mr Ujjwal Munjal who gave an extremely well received presentation in Monte Carlo. Mr Munjal is CEO of Rockman Industries, a major manufacturer of high precision castings, and part of the Hero Group. His analysis of "The India Opportunity 2009" will provide a macro-perspective and a non ferrous overview of the Indian sub-continent before the backdrop of the overall crisis.

The speaker from China is freelance reporter Lili Shi, who previously worked for the China Non Ferrous Industry Association. Her briefs and articles were published by Metal Bulletin, Recycling International, Aluminium Times International, Steel Times International etc. Based on her solid relationship with Chinese scrap buyers, she also does scrap metals brokering and helps some scrap suppliers and Chinese buyers to solve trade disputes. Ms Shi will talk about the change in China's economy and its impact on the metals sector as well as on the future demand of aluminium and copper.

In addition to these specific reports, the board members of the BIR Non Ferrous Metals Division will give updates on the situation in their respective countries/regions.

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