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Bureau of International
Recycling

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. 68 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 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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Paper Division: Ranjit Baxi new Divisional President

Ranjit Baxi has become the first Asian to be elected a Divisional President of the BIR world recycling body. At the organisation's extremely well attended Autumn Convention in the Polish capital Warsaw, Mr Baxi was approved as the new President of the BIR Paper Division in succession to Dominique Maguin of France who is now the global body's World President.

Mr Baxi's family originated in India but moved to Tanzania, where he was to spend his early years. He relocated to the UK in the early 1970s from where he runs J&H Sales International, a business based near London which specialises in exporting various grades of recovered paper from the UK, Continental Europe and the USA to a host of Asian destinations, including China, India, Taiwan, Thailand, Indonesia, the Philippines, Malaysia, South Korea and

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Vietnam. His company earned a major UK accolade in securing a Queen's Award for Enterprise (International Trade) in 2001.

In his acceptance speech in Warsaw, Mr Baxi described himself as 'honoured' to have been asked to become President of the BIR Paper Division. He praised the 'dynamic' leadership of Dominique Maguin who, he said, would be 'a difficult act to follow'.

Mr Baxi said that, around the world, there was now a greater understanding of the benefits of recycling, adding that he hoped to take the BIR message to as many people as possible, particularly in Asia.

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