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**BIR World Recycling Convention
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Berlin, Germany
Maritim ProArte Hotel**

FERROUS DIVISION:

***President of the German Steel Federation gives in-depth analysis
of global steel market***

Prof. Dr.-Ing. Ameling, President of the German Steel Federation Wirtschaftsvereinigung Stahl will be the keynote speaker at the BIR Ferrous Division meeting scheduled for Tuesday, 25th May at 9.30 am, within the framework of the BIR World Recycling Convention held in Berlin Maritim ProArte Hotel.

Prof. Dr. Ameling stands at the head of the steel industry in Germany which is the sixth largest in the world, with an output of roundabout 45m tonnes in 2003. The German Steel Federation is the political representation body of all steel companies with production operations in Germany as well as associate members abroad. The

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association's scope is to voice the common economic interests of its member companies in matters of political debate, the business world and the general public.

Prof. Ameling has had a lengthy and varied career in the industry with Mannesmann, the Korf group, Thyssen, Saarstahl and, most recently, Krupp VDM. In addition to his position at Wirtschaftsvereinigung Stahl, he acts as Chairman of the Steel Institute VDEh.

In his speech, Prof. Ameling will be focusing on 'Steel in a Global Economy'.

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