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Bureau of International Recycling

BIR is the international trade association of the recycling industries. More than 50 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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Stainless Steel & Special Alloys Committee:

ThyssenKrupp Nirosta gives market outlook

Mr Jan Bender, Head of Sales Coordination at ThyssenKrupp Nirosta, will be the keynote speaker of the Stainless Steel & Special Alloys Committee plenary session on Tuesday, 25th May, at 11.30 am.

He will draw a general picture of stainless steel availability and demand, give an insight into his company's activities and analyse the global need of scrap as raw material for future stainless steel production world-wide.

Mr Bender has been with ThyssenKrupp Nirosta for over four years, after having spent three years in Marketing and Mergers & Acquisitions at ThyssenKrupp Stainless.

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Together with its affiliated companies ThyssenKrupp Acciai Speciali Terni, ThyssenKrupp Mexinox and Shanghai Krupp Stainless ThyssenKrupp Nirosta is the world's leading manufacturer of stainless flat products with a wide-ranging portfolio of grades, sizes and finishes. ThyssenKrupp Nirosta is part of ThyssenKrupp Stainless GmbH, which brings together all the activities in stainless flat products and nickel-base alloys in the ThyssenKrupp Steel AG Group.

Lead company ThyssenKrupp Stainless GmbH performs management and coordination functions for all the companies assigned to it. In fiscal year 2002/2003 this business unit achieved sales of €4 billion with 12,000 employees. A 17% share of the world market makes Stainless one of the world's leading suppliers of stainless steels. ThyssenKrupp Nirosta GmbH is the biggest company in the unit.

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