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**EUROMETREC General Assembly (17 March 2011):  
Collectors and recyclers express concern  
regarding lack of demand from EU metals industry**

During the recent General Assembly of the European metal trade and recycling federation EUROMETREC in Brussels, the representatives of the national member associations expressed concern in light of the current lack of buying interest in recycled metals shown by a large number of European consumers.

The attitude of the metal consuming industry is in sharp contrast to their ongoing messages about the need to improve access to raw materials in Europe and to eventually develop new policies at EU and national levels to facilitate their supply.

Some European recycling companies report significant difficulties in selling copper to big European smelters. If sales are possible, payment conditions, delivery schedules and discounts imposed on the suppliers are considerable. Such a situation exists for copper/ precious metals mixes as well as rare earth metals.

For aluminium, the situation seems slightly less serious, albeit quite difficult for some lower grades.

In light of the recent EU Commission Communication regarding the challenges to commodity markets and on raw materials, EUROMETREC wishes to state that the European recycling industry is ready and prepared to fulfil its role as the most significant raw material supplier and calls upon the metals consuming industry to review their current procurement policy in support of its regular and ongoing suppliers.

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EUROMETREC is the European Metal Trade and Recycling Federation. Its members are national federations in the EU Member States representing the interests of commercial firms that are primarily involved in the collection, trade, processing and recycling of non-ferrous metal scrap. In the E.U. member states, more than a thousand large companies and SMEs are represented through EUROMETREC. [www.eurometrec.org](http://www.eurometrec.org), [eurometrec@eurometrec.org](mailto:eurometrec@eurometrec.org)