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## **Joint Press Statement**

Brussels, 1 September 2009

### ***New Junior European Public Affairs Officer for EFR and EUROMETREC***

BIR is proud to announce that a new staff member has joined the Brussels Secretariat to assist in looking after the European issues followed by BIR's daughter associations EFR (ferrous) and EUROMETREC (non ferrous).

Eric Johnson, a Belgian and US American citizen, has previous experience in the recycling industry and a variety of other areas including finance and international trade. Aged 32, Mr Johnson holds a university degree in anthropology and social sciences. He is fluent both in English and French with a sound working knowledge of Dutch.

Commenting on Mr Johnson's appointment, Francis Veys, BIR Director General and Executive Director of EFR and Eurometrec, states: "Eric will be a great asset for our office in its efforts to monitor a growing number of EU regulations impacting the recycling sector. He will help EFR and Eurometrec to better serve their membership and to promote both organisations in those EU member states where they are not yet

represented. He will be of great assistance to Ross Bartley, Environmental and Technical Director of BIR, and to myself.”

Please note that as of 1 September 2009, Eurometrec and EFR will have new e-mail addresses which are separate from BIR: [eurometrec@eurometrec.org](mailto:eurometrec@eurometrec.org) and [efr@efr2.org](mailto:efr@efr2.org)

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**EFR** is the European Ferrous Recovery and Recycling Federation. Its members are national associations and federations in the EU Member States representing the interests of commercial firms that are primarily involved in the collection, trade, processing and recycling of ferrous scrap. In the E.U. member states, more than a thousand large companies and SMEs are represented through EFR. [www.efr2.org](http://www.efr2.org), [efr@efr2.org](mailto:efr@efr2.org)

**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)

Both of these federations are daughter federations of the Bureau of International Recycling aisbl.