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FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA -- Four new directors have been elected to Forging Industry Association's (FIA) Board of Directors for four-year terms. They are: Gregory Keeler, V.P. Manufacturing, Aluminum Precision Products, Inc., Santa Ana, CA; Timothy W. Nealt, V. P. Sales, A. Finkl & Sons Co., Chicago, IL; Stephen Rogers, Pres. & CEO, Waltec Forgings, Inc., Wallaceburg, Ontario, Canada; and Jeffrey Webb, V. P. Sales & Marketing, Ispat Inland Bar Products; East Chicago, IN.

Earlier this year, Tracy Rudolph, President and COO, Electralloy, Oil City, PA, was elected to fill a vacant position on the Board.

William E. Hoban, Chairman of the Board, Cleveland Hardware & Forging Co., Cleveland, OH, and President, Green Bay Drop Forge Division, Green Bay, WI, was elected President.

Edward F. Wozniak, President & CEO, Wozniak Industries, Inc., Oakbrook Terrace, IL and Commercial Forged Products Division, Bedford Park, IL, was elected Association Vice President for the coming year.

Richard Johnston, President, Trinity Forge, Inc., Mansfield, TX, and David J. Kostolansky, President Schaefer Equipment, Inc., Warren, OH, were elected to the FIA Executive Committee to serve with Hoban and Wozniak.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of over 140 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for about 60% of the custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metals parts are pressed, pounded or rolled into countless configurations and used for critical applications in the aerospace, automotive, construction, materials handling, ordnance, hand tool, agricultural and industrial equipment industries -- to name a few! Some 75 firms supplying equipment, materials, or technical services to the industry are also members of FIA. The Association, with its predecessor organizations, has served the metal forging industry since 1913.