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FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

PHOENIX, ARIZONA -- Four directors have been elected as Forging Industry Association (FIA) officers/executive committee members for a one-year term.

John Cain, President & CEO, Scot Forge Co., Spring Grove, IL, was elected President. Scot Forge is a 100% employee-owned manufacturer of custom open die and rolled ring forgings. Started as a small hammer shop in Chicago, IL in 1893, Scot Forge now operates with over 900,000 square feet of manufacturing space in five plants.

Jim Link, V.P. Operations, MFC Group, Meadville, PA, was elected Association Vice President for the coming year. The three businesses of the MFC Group--Meadville Forging, Virginia Forge and Carolina Forge -- supply the automotive industry with wheel hubs and transmission gears, forgings for trucks, trailers, and rail and mining equipment. MFC Group products also include a range of commercial bearing components and specialty forgings.

Gregory Keeler, V.P. Manufacturing, Aluminum Precision Products, Inc., Santa Ana, CA, was elected to the FIA Executive Committee for the coming year. Aluminum Precision Products is a privately held firm founded in 1965. A producer of closed and open die forgings of aluminum and titanium, it is currently composed of 2 major divisions – APP Forge and Catalina Cylinders -- in 7 locations employing over 1000 people.

Randy Schoenfeldt, CEO, Patriot Forge Co., Brantford, Ontario, Canada was also elected to serve on the Executive Committee. Patriot Forge is a producer of custom open die and rolled ring forgings used in the power generation, valve, nuclear, military and aerospace industries. It operates four facilities in the U.S. and Canada, employing over 150 people.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of 108 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for about 53% 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! In addition, more than 80 firms supplying equipment, materials, services or supplies to the industry are also members of FIA. The Association, with its predecessor organizations, has served the metal forging industry since 1913.