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FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

Marco Island, Florida -- Four new directors have been elected to the Forging Industry Association's (FIA) Board of Directors for three-year terms. They are:

Martin R. Essig, Executive VP Admin., Eng., & Quality, Aichi Forge USA, Inc., Georgetown, KY

Ron Hahn, VP & COO, Scot Forge Co., Spring Grove, IL

William M. Hoban, President, Cleveland Hardware & Forging Co., Green Bay, WI

Jeffrey D. Jones, President, Forging Equipment Solutions, North Royalton, OH

Arnold Visser, COO, IMT Partnership, Cambridge, ON, Canada, was elected Association Chairman.

Bruce Liimatainen, Chairman & CEO, A. Finkl & Sons Co., Chicago, IL, was elected as Vice Chairman for the coming year.

Charles Hopper, Jr., President, Composite Forgings Ltd., Detroit, MI, and **Glenn C. Fegely**, President, Ellwood National Forge, Irvine, PA were elected to the FIA Executive Committee to serve with Visser and Liimatainen.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of 109 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for approximately 89% 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, 91 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.