FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

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

Jose Bravo, Vice President Sales, FRISA FORJADOS, S.A. de C.V., Monterrey, Nuevo Leon, Mexico
Dennis Potter, COO, Impact Forge Group of Hephaestus Holdings, Inc. Columbus, IN
Robert Smith, Vice President Sales, Danieli Corporation, Cranberry Township, PA
Arnold Visser, COO, IMT Corporation, Ingersoll, ON, Canada

Kevin Crowley, President & CEO, Forged Products Inc., Houston, TX, was elected President. Michael A. Kamnikar, Senior V.P., Marketing & Business Development, Ellwood Group, Inc., Ellwood City, PA, was elected Association Vice President for the coming year.

Ken Mathas, President, Cornell Forge Company, Chicago, IL, and Ronald A. Wallis, Technical Director, Wyman-Gordon Forgings, Inc., Houston, TX, were elected to the FIA Executive Committee to serve with Crowley and Kamnikar.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of 113 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for approximately 73% of the custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metal 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, 89 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.