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FORGING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION ELECTS DIRECTORS, OFFICERS AT ANNUAL MEETING

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

Cesar Garza, President, W. Pat Crow Forgings, Fort Worth, TX

Charles J. Crout, President, AJAX-CECO Park-Ohio Capital Equipment Group, Wickliffe, OH

Simon Ormerod, President & CEO AJAX Rolled Ring & Machine, York, SC

Matthias Praus, General Manager, Metform LLC a Maclean-Fogg Company, Savanna, IL

Michael A. Kamnikar, Senior V.P., Marketing & Business Development, Ellwood Group, Inc., Ellwood City, PA was elected President. **Dennis Potter**, COO, Impact Forge Group of Hephaestus Holdings, Inc., Columbus, IN was elected Association Vice President for the coming year.

Arnold Visser, COO, IMT, Ingersol, Ontario and **Ronald A. Wallis**, Technical Director, Wyman-Gordon Forgings, Inc., Houston, TX, were elected to the FIA Executive Committee to serve with Kamnikar and Potter.

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Forging Industry Association, Cleveland, Ohio, is comprised of 112 North American producers of forged metal components, accounting for approximately 75% 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, 82 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.