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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **FIA Presents Safety Awards to 17 Forgers** *Facilities across North America evaluated on injury and illness data*

**Hilton Head Island, South Carolina (May 2, 2016)** – At its Annual Meeting of Members on May 2 at Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, the [Forging Industry Association \(FIA\)](#) presented Safety Awards to 17 forging producers. The award winners represent the top-performing facilities in FIA's 2015 Occupational Injury & Illness Survey, which collected data for several safety categories.

To determine Safety Award winners, FIA placed all facilities that participated in the survey into one of four groups based on number of employees. This ensured each location would be judged fairly against similarly sized competitors. The facilities in each group with the lowest recordable incident rates were eligible for awards, provided their DART (days away from work, work restrictions and job transfer cases) rates were less than the group average. These rates were calculated using data from OSHA Form No. 300 or Canadian Workers' Compensation Reports.

The 17 FIA Safety Award winners for 2015 were:

#### **Group IV (more than 325 employees)**

- First Place: FRISA Industries (Santa Catarina Plant, Santa Catarina, Mexico)
- Second Place: Forja De Monterrey, S.A. de C.V. (Escobedo, Mexico)
- Third Place: Scot Forge Co. (Spring Grove Division, Spring Grove, Illinois)

#### **Group III (176–325 employees)**

- First Place: BAE Systems, Land & Armaments (Anniston, Alabama)
- Second Place: Sypris Technologies (Toluca Plant, Toluca, Mexico)
- Third Place: FRISA Industries (Superalloys Plant, Santa Catarina, Mexico)

#### **Group II (81–175 employees)**

- First Place: Eaton Corporation (South Bend Forge Plant, South Bend, Indiana)
- Second Place: Cornell Forge Company (Chicago, Illinois)
- Third Place: McInnes Rolled Rings (Erie, Pennsylvania)

#### **Group I (less than 81 employees)**

- First Place: Finkl Steel – Composite (Detroit, Michigan)  
Forge Products Corporation (Cleveland, Ohio)  
Forge Resources Group (Cardinal Forge and Michigan Forge, DeKalb, Illinois)

Forged Products Inc. (Houston, Texas)  
King Forge and Machine Company (Twinsburg, Ohio)  
Schaefer Equipment, A Wabtec Company (Warren, Ohio)  
Second Place: Asahi Forge Group (Asahi Bluegrass Forge, Richmond, Kentucky)  
Third Place: Carbo Forge (Fremont, Ohio)

One facility in each group was also recognized with a “most improved” award. The most-improved facilities, which showed the greatest improvement in their DART rates as compared to their previous three-year averages, were FRISA Industries (Group IV); BAE Systems, Land & Armaments (Group III); Eaton Corporation (Group II); and Finkl Steel – Composite (Group I).

The Occupational Injury & Illness Survey is part of FIA’s dynamic benchmarking platform. The platform enables participants to log in at any time and customize reports to show only the information they need, which helps streamline the benchmarking process.

Additional information about the FIA dynamic benchmarking platform is available at [forging.org/benchmarking](http://forging.org/benchmarking). To learn more about FIA, visit [forging.org](http://forging.org) or call 216-781-6260.

## **About FIA**

The Forging Industry Association (FIA) comprises nearly 200 North American metal forging producers, suppliers and service providers. Its members account for more than 75 percent of custom forging volume produced annually in North America. Forged metals are pressed, pounded or rolled in countless configurations, and used for critical applications in the aerospace, automotive, construction, materials handling, ordnance, hand tool, agricultural and industrial industries. FIA, along with its predecessor organizations, has served the forging industry since 1913. The Association's administrative headquarters is located in Cleveland.

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**Editor’s Note:** A spreadsheet with contact information for all 2015 FIA Safety Award winners is available from FIA.

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