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Metals industry congratulates new ECHA head Bjorn Hansen

Brussels, 9 October 2017 – The European non-ferrous metals association (Eurometaux) welcomes the election of Bjorn Hansen as new Executive Director of the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA). We are keen to work with him to further advance European chemicals management and the safe use of metals.

Guy Thiran, Eurometaux’s Director General, commented: “Bjorn Hansen has considerable experience with chemicals management, both from practical and policy-making perspectives. ECHA’s mandate will be in experienced hands during his time in office. We look forward to working with Bjorn to achieve Europe’s long-term objectives for sustainable chemicals management”

Eurometaux also congratulates outgoing Executive Director Geert Dancet for his strong leadership of the agency over the last ten years.

Guy Thiran continued: “The European metals industry has been a close partner of ECHA since its 2007 formation. We will continue work on aligning EU chemicals management and circular economy objectives, as well as on a long-term framework for controlling risks from hazardous substances. It remains vital that we support ECHA in accounting for the specific properties of our metals and alloys”.

ABOUT EUROMETAUX

Eurometaux is the decisive voice of non-ferrous metals producers and recyclers in Europe. With an annual turnover of €120bn, our members represent an essential industry for European society that businesses in almost every sector depend on. Together, we are leading Europe towards a more circular future through the endlessly recyclable potential of metals.

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