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**The Hot Briquetted Iron Association
Announces the Retirement of its Current Executive Director, Ralph Smailer
and the Induction of its New Executive Director, Frank Griscom**

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HBI Association Ltd.
Pittsburgh, PA USA

The HBI Association Ltd. announces the retirement on 30 June 2007, of Ralph Smailer, its Executive Director since October 2001. During Ralph Smailer's tenure, the association has grown from the founding 14 companies to a current membership of 35 companies comprising Hot Briquetted Iron Producers, Traders, and Associates (technology, transport, and supplier companies), which now requires a full time Executive Director. Ralph Smailer will continue with his own company, Metserv, a metallurgical consulting service, with contact information at www.metservconsulting.com, for the foreseeable future.

Frank N. Griscom III will take over as the Executive Director of the HBI Association Ltd. Effective 01 July 2007, from his office in Matthews (near Charlotte) North Carolina, USA. Frank Griscom is well qualified for this position based on 24 years of service with Midrex Technologies Inc., having attained the position of Sr. VP Sales & Marketing during his tenure there.

The HBI Association website at www.hbia.org contains details of Members, News/Events, HBI Product, Transportation, a Technical Library, many Presentations, and a Contact space.

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