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UK Metals Consultancy admitted to Membership of IBC

London, UK: 30th **July 2009** - Metals Consulting International Limited ['MCI'], the UK-based metal sector consultancy, is pleased to announce that it has been admitted as a Member of the Institute of Business Consulting ['IBC']. The steel consulting unit of MCI is now a Recognised Practice at the IBC.

Commenting on the development Dr Andrzej M Kotas, Managing Director of MCI said "Clients increasingly seek a broad range of competences from their advisers. We are therefore delighted to become members of the IBC. We have no doubt that membership will help MCI develop within the framework of professional standards and ethics set out by the Institute."

Added Lynda Purser, Director of the IBC "We are pleased to welcome MCI as a corporate member. We very much hope to support MCI in the development of the knowledge, skills and behaviours of its consultants and so help the company better serve the needs of the international steel industry."

Elaborating on the recent move Kotas added "Professionalism and high consulting standards are absolutely paramount to our clients. We therefore very much look forward to working with the IBC in the furtherance of these aims."

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About Metals Consulting International Limited ['MCI']

Metals Consulting International Limited is a UK-based firm of management consultants who provide clients worldwide with independent consulting services relating to the international metals industries. Services include assistance with steel sector strategy formulation, due-diligence, restructuring, modernisation, business planning, performance turnaround and profit improvement.

About the Institute of Business Consulting ['IBC']

The Institute of Business Consulting is the professional body for all business consultants and advisers. Designed to raise the standards of professional practice in support of better business performance, the Institute provides a development path for the profession, supported by high quality resources and a recognised qualifications route.