



Press Release

European Copper Alloy Ingot Makers 2014 on a constant niveau

The situation of the European Copper Alloy Ingot Makers is stably. This was pointed out by the President of OECAM, Anton Bauer, G. Alt & Co. GesmbH, Austria, during the last General Assembly on 27 September 2015 in Dusseldorf.

Because of the economic crisis in Greece and the conflict around the Ukraine the atmosphere is a little bit negative. During the running year the problems of the flow of refugees from Arabic states is added to the situation. Nevertheless the production amount of the European producers has increased to about 3% in the year 2014 compared to the previous year. During this year a similar niveau is expected like the prior year. The discussion about the classification of lead is perceived as threat for the future. The EU-commission wants to categorize lead metal and lead containing alloys as reprotoxic, if the content of lead is more than 0,03%. That would have had immediate consequences for all companies, which work with recycling products, especially the European copper alloy ingot makers.

Another important issue is the realization of the drinking water regulation. A list of alloys, which are suitable for drinking water applications, was published in April 2015 from the Federal Environmental Agency. After an interim period of two years only listed alloys are allowed to be used for drinking water applications.

At this year’s General Assembly the whole Board was reelected again. Besides the president, Mr. Anton Bauer, Mr. Peter Schneider, Heinrich Schneider NE-Metallurgie GmbH, Mrs. Rebecca Hillebrand-Busch, Franz Hillebrand KG and Mr José Maria Iglesias de Blas, LATONES DEL CARRION, S.A belong to the Board. The association has 16 member companies from 8 countries.

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