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IISRP ELECTS UNITED STATES EXECUTIVE AS PRESIDENT FOR 2008-09

Moscow, Russia 14 May 2008—Mr. John Vincent, President of Firestone Polymers, was elected President International of the International Institute of Synthetic Rubber Producers (IISRP) for the year 2008-09 at the association's 49th annual meeting here today. He succeeds Vasily Nomokonov, head of Technology and Operations management at Sibur Holding, who now becomes the Past-President International. John has been the President of Firestone Polymers, LLC since 2004, coming from Bridgestone Firestone Vehicle Systems as Managing Director. He has a bachelor's Degree from Gannon College and a master's degree in Finance from Pittsburgh University.



He has 25+ years with Bridgestone Firestone. He began his career in 1982 in financial planning and tax with the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company in Akron, followed by positions as Accounting Manager at the Firestone Wilson Plant, International auditor and a manager of North American pricing and sales analysis. John moved to the sales side when he accepted an assignment as sales manager and later director of sales and marketing for Dayton Tire & Rubber Company. He has experience in the commercial tire business, serving as president and general manager of Webco Tire and Wheel.

In addition to Mr. Vincent, who will also serve as the Americas Section President, the other twelve members elected to the Institute Executive Committee for the year 2008-2009 are:

- Far East Section: Mr. Wei-Hua Tu of TSRC, President, Toshiyuki Kawasaki of Asahi-Kasai, Vice President and Nobuyuki Takahashi of UBE Industries, Standing Member.
- European Section: Abraham Brink of Karbochem, President, Craig Arnold of Dow, Vice President and Igor Golberg of Efremov, Standing Member.
- Americas Section: Tim Gorman of ISP Elastomers, Vice President and Art Sullivan of ExxonMobil, Standing Member.
- Continuing to serve on the Executive Committee are Vasily Nomokonov of Sibur, Past-President International, Jacques Collonge of Eliokem as Treasurer, and James L. McGraw, IISRP's Managing Director & CEO, Assistant Treasurer and Secretary.

The IISRP is an international not-for-profit association with 50 corporate members domiciled in 21 countries who produce 90 percent of the world's supply of synthetic rubber. Incorporated in 1960 and headquartered in Houston, Texas, the Institute supports regional offices in Milan and Tokyo.