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## **Industry Veteran David Gast Joins Wise Metals Group**

BALTIMORE, Md. -- Wise Metals Group has announced that David Gast has joined the company as vice president – metal purchasing and logistics.

Gast most recently worked for Hydro, where he served as vice president - sourcing & trading for aluminum North America. He began his career in aluminum at Wells Aluminum in 1992 and joined Hydro when it merged with Wells Aluminum in 2000. When Wells merged with Hydro Aluminum in 2000, Gast assumed his current position and his responsibilities included logistics management, energy procurement, hedging and overall metal management.

“We continually want to expand our metal purchasing group with qualified and experienced individuals,” said Wise Metals Group–Vice President of National Accounts Robert David. “We demonstrated that with Judy Porta a few years ago, and David certainly continues this pattern. Not only does David bring to Wise Metals Group expertise in his knowledge of the scrap and prime markets, but his expertise in logistics is a bonus. I look forward to working with him.”

Gast holds a B.S. in Transportation Management from the University of Baltimore and an M.B.A. in Marketing Management from Loyola College in Baltimore. He and his family presently live in Baltimore, where he will be located at Wise Metals Group corporate headquarters.

“I am very excited about joining Wise Metals Group,” said Gast. “We all know they are a key player in the can sheet niche of our business, but they impressed me with the knowledge of the overall industry from the buying of scrap to the end use of aluminum. I feel I can help them continue to reach their business objectives.”

“We are pleased that David accepted our offer to join Wise” said Wise Metals Group Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President David D’Addario. “I recognize that we must continue to build our overall management team and David’s experience is invaluable. Our purchasing group is a major contributor to the company and with the ever increasing price of transportation, superior management of logistics and transportation is a must.”

### **About Wise Metals Group**

Wise Metals Group LLC is the parent company of Wise Alloys, Wise Recycling and Listerhill Total Maintenance Center. Based in Muscle Shoals, Ala., Wise Alloys is the third leading producer of aluminum can stock for the beverage and food industries. Wise Alloys is a “high-purpose” company that relies heavily on recycled aluminum in the production of its can stock. Wise Recycling is one of the largest, direct-from-the-public collectors of aluminum beverage containers in the United States, operating shipping and processing locations east of the Mississippi River that support a network of neighborhood collection centers. Listerhill Total Maintenance Center specializes in providing maintenance, repairs and fabrication to manufacturing and industrial plants worldwide ranging from small on-site repairs to complete turn-key maintenance.

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