

PRESS RELEASE: Back British Metals welcomes The Founders' Company as first City Livery Supporter

Campaign passes 30+ supporters as momentum builds across UK metals

Thursday 30th October - Back British Metals (BBM) is delighted to welcome The Founders' Company as the first City Livery company to join the campaign's growing Supporter Network.

Founded by leading organisations across UK metals and critical materials, including the Aluminium Federation (ALFED), Cast Metals Federation, International Wrought Copper Council, the Cobalt Institute, Connecting for Net Zero (CONETZ) and Johnson Matthey, BBM now counts 30+ organisations among its supporters. Together, they are championing the strategic importance of UK metals to manufacturing, infrastructure, defence and the green economy.

Alan Hughes, Master of The Founders' Company, said: "We are delighted to become a Supporter of the BBM Initiative. Our heritage dates back over 650 years and is founded upon metals, specifically bronze and brass in those early days. We are a long-standing supporter of the metals sector in the UK, enabling connections through our wide networks and providing annual bursaries to students studying materials science and metallurgy at leading UK universities.

With our close links with the City of London, and its famous institutions such as the Stock Exchange and the LME, as well as our connections with the UK castings and foundry industry, we hope to help ensure that the sector thrives, driving inward investment, creating high-productivity jobs, and enabling cutting-edge technological advancements."

Nadine Bloxsome, CEO of the Aluminium Federation (ALFED) and BBM Director, added:

"It's great to see The Founders' join the BBM Supporter Network. What's striking is the breadth of organisations stepping forward, from producers and recyclers to downstream manufacturers and partners. Supporters give the campaign practical reach: real case studies, real data and a louder voice with policymakers.

There's no cost to join, just a commitment to stand with the sector and help us make the UK metals story impossible to ignore. We want more companies to add their voice."

Why supporters are backing BBM

BBM is calling for a long-term, cross-party approach that creates the conditions to strengthen UK growth and investment, create high-quality jobs and revitalise communities, build resilient UK supply chains for low-carbon energy, EVs, electronics and defence, and maximise the benefits of the green transition for British industry through smarter incentives, fair trade frameworks and a bigger role for circularity and high-value recycling.

Supporters help by showing visible backing, sharing evidence and case studies, joining briefings/roundtables and amplifying practical policy asks with customers, supply chains and MPs.

Join the Supporter Network

Organisations can learn more and apply to become a Supporter here: **backbritishmetals.org/become-a-supporter/**. New supporters receive a toolkit with a supporter badge, social assets and guidance on how to get involved.

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Notes to editors:

Back British Metals (BBM) is a cross-industry campaign uniting businesses, trade bodies, unions, academics and policymakers to keep metals at the heart of the UK's industrial future. The campaign focuses on competitive energy, stable policy, smarter planning, resilient supply chains, skills, and growth in recycling and circularity.