

# MEET THE MEMBER



**IIMA main contact:** David Aronson

**HQ location:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA

**Size:** 4,500 employees

**Type of IIMA membership:** Producer



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## Quick description of the company:

**TMS International** is one of the largest global providers of outsourced environmental and industrial services to companies. Since 1926, TMS has set high standards in the area of environmental responsibility through recycling, maintaining energy-efficient operations, processing by-products for beneficial reuse and developing innovative, 24/7 programs designed to reduce greenhouse emissions and help customers reduce their carbon footprint.

**TMS Raw Materials and Optimization Group** is a global provider of raw materials and our extensive worldwide purchasing offices enable us to buy and sell scrap and scrap substitutes at competitive prices. In addition to ferrous and nonferrous scrap, we buy and sell iron ore, coke, and such scrap-related commodities as pig iron, hot briquetted iron (HBI), direct reduced iron and other steel making by-products. Further, TMS provides logistics management expertise for all modes of transportation, including motor carriers, railroads, barges, intermodal, ocean and lake vessels along with private railcar fleets.

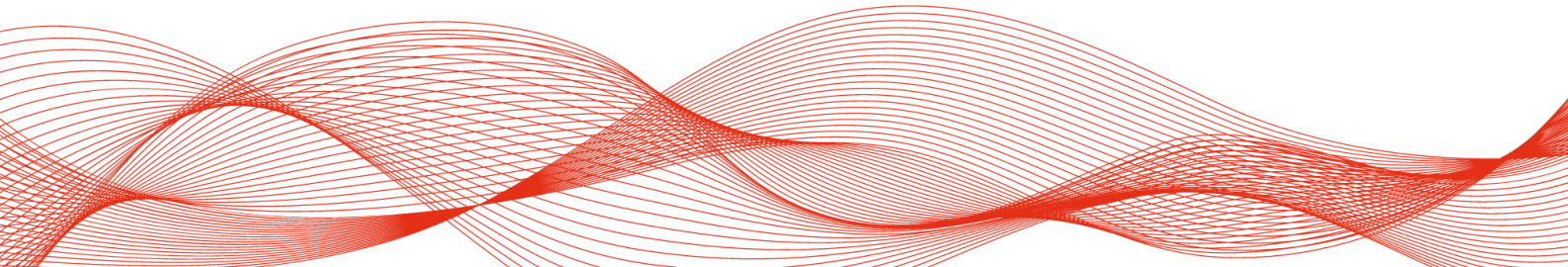
**TMS Industrial and Environmental Services Group (IESG)** is the leading provider of industrial and environmental services to steelmakers around the world. Our metal recovery services improve our customers' profitability by maximizing the reclamation of valuable metallics. Mills' raw material costs can be reduced by substituting clean, high-quality, reclaimed metal for externally purchased scrap. Other IESG services include product handling, surface conditioning; surface conditioning to titanium, specialty metal and stainless steel producers; logistics management; railcar dismantling; KWIK Cooling process; copper slag services; innovative cutting technology and other specialized services.

## Recent interesting news or developments:

Beginning in 2024, TMS International entered into an exclusive partnership with Nippon Carbon Co., Ltd. to become the exclusive North American distributor of graphite electrodes. Graphite electrodes are used primarily in electric arc furnace steel manufacturing. Graphite electrodes can provide high levels of electrical conductivity and capability of sustaining the extremely high levels of generated heat. They can melt scrap metal at a temperature of more than about 2,900 degrees Fahrenheit or 1,600 degrees Celsius. Nippon Carbon is a pioneer in the carbon industry and has been successful in industrializing graphite electrodes for electric arc furnaces for 108 years. "We are honored to be partnering with Nippon Carbon as their exclusive distributor of graphite electrodes in North America," said David Aronson, TMS President and COO, Raw Materials and Optimization Group. "Nippon Carbon is a company that shares our core values of safety, protecting and preserving the environment, and providing outstanding customer service."

## Why are you a member of the IIMA / Best thing about being a member of the IIMA:

"I am very thankful for the committed and talented IIMA staff who support our industry so well," said David Aronson, TMS President and COO, Raw Material and Optimization Group. "IIMA has been a vital part of the metals industry for many years and we are very proud to be a member of this prestigious organization."



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## Additional information:

TMS International has been a member of IIMA for a number of years and regularly attends their Members' Meetings to discuss key issues with the industry.

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