

Challenges and opportunities for merchant OBMs along the pathway to carbon-neutral steelmaking

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- Introduction to IIMA Whitepapers on the role of OBM's in the pathway to carbon-neutral steelmaking
- Key outcomes from IIMA's analysis of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats
- Concluding remarks

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- IIMA is the trade association for the ore-based metallics industry
- Our members account for more than 80% of production and international trade
 - Producers (Pig Iron, HBI, DRI)

What is IIMA?

- Traders
- Associates (raw materials, technology, plant & equipment, logistics)

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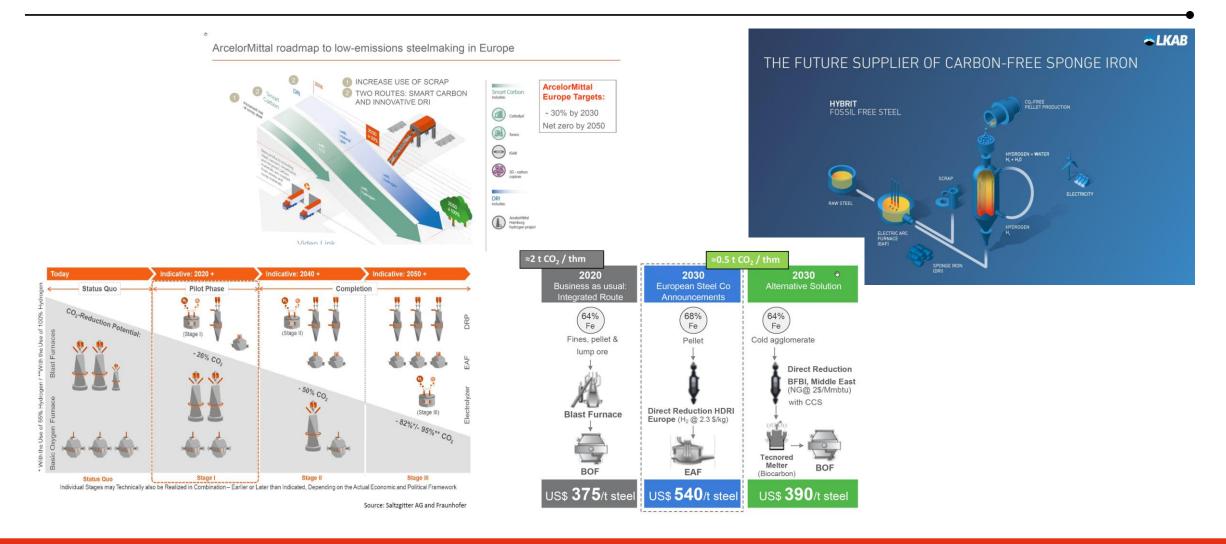
- IIMA is an associate member of **worldsteel** and **ICMM**
- We are an NGO with consultative status with IMO





Pathways to carbon neutrality









OBMs & CARBON NEUTRAL STEELMAKING Whitepaper 1: Ferrous Metallics for Steelmaking

Whitepaper 2: Future Challenge for the EAF Process



OBMs & CARBON NEUTRAL STEELMAKING Whitepaper 3: Future DRI Production & Iron Ore Supply



Whitepaper 4: Blast Furnace/Basic Oxygen Furnace Steelmaking & alternative iron smelting technologies

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Our purpose is:



to emphasize the role and benefits of OBMs in and along the pathway to carbon neutral steelmaking;



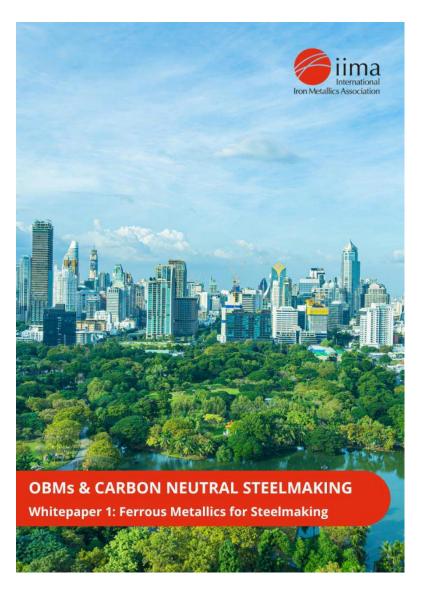
to facilitate discussion with key stakeholders on issues, weaknesses, threats, and opportunities in the new paradigm where metallics (including scrap) are concerned;



to support IIMA members understanding and response to the issues, threats and opportunities.

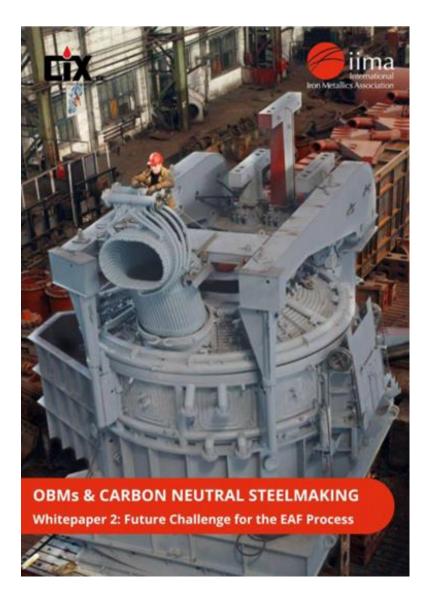
Whitepaper 1 – Ferrous Metallics for Steelmaking

- Overview of ferrous metallics for steelmaking, covering steel scrap and ore-based metallics (OBMs)
- Role of OBMs as scrap supplements rather than scrap substitutes in electric arc furnace (EAF) steelmaking is explained
- OBMs enable realisation of lower CO2 emissions from EAF steelmaking



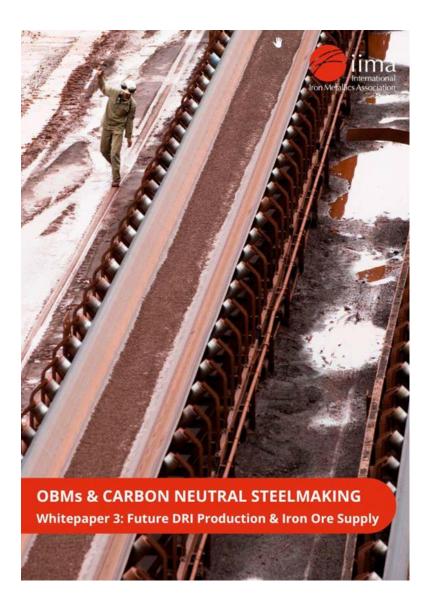
Whitepaper 2 – Future Challenge for the EAF Process

- Acknowledges the importance of the EAF towards achieving carbon-neutral steelmaking and that the future of EAF technology is closely entwined with the selection of raw materials
- Raises the specter of the emerging scrap crisis resulting from increasing amounts of impurities and suggests how this might be addressed
- Brings focus to the role of OBMs and the potential impacts on EAF productivity, yield and efficiency



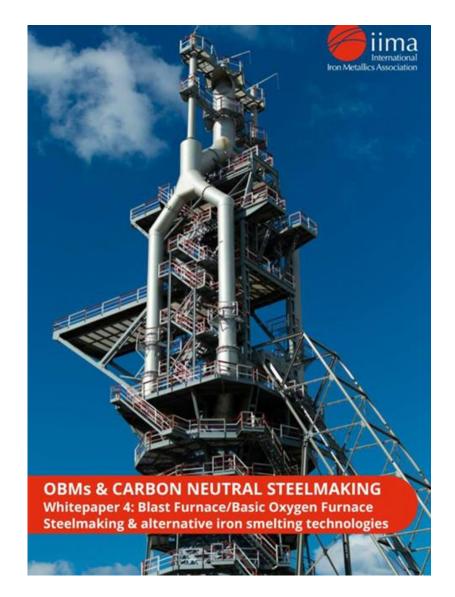
Whitepaper 3 – Future DRI Production and Iron Ore Supply

- Reviews evidence for the progressive shift from the integrated blast furnace / basic oxygen furnace (BF/BOF) steelmaking route to the direct reduction/electric arc furnace route (DR/EAF)
- Examines the longer-term implications for iron ore supply in terms of both quantity and quality
- Discusses implications for maritime regulations arising from the likely changes to the characteristics of hot-briquetted iron (HBI)



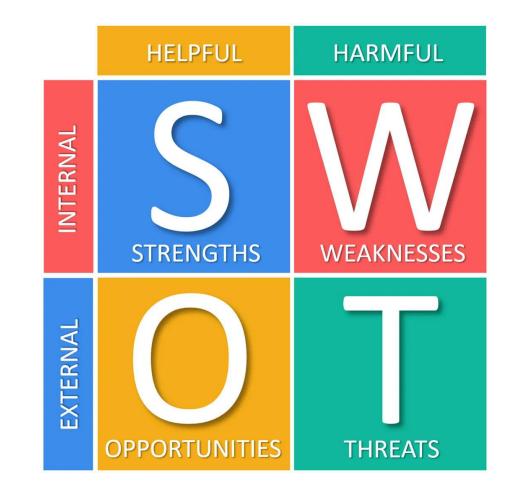
Whitepaper 4: BF/BOF Steelmaking and Alternative Iron Smelting Technologies

- Examines the scope and mechanisms for further reduction of CO2 emissions from the BF/BOF steelmaking processes
- Provides a review of alternative hot metal processes and new technologies and the grounds for their success in reducing CO2 emissions
- The extent to which regional approaches will influence the pattern and progression of change is also examined.



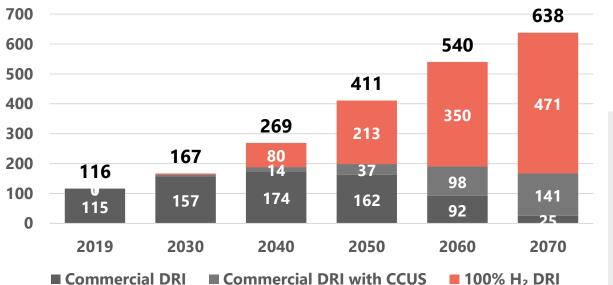
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Expanding EAF use and demand for OBMs





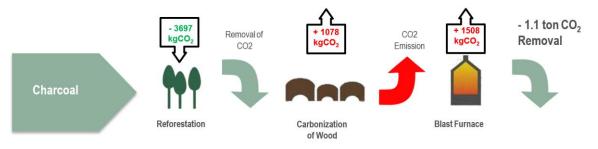
Source: International Energy Agency: Energy Technology Perspectives 2020 SDS = Sustainable Development Scenario There will be increasing demand for ore-based metallics primarily due to the expansion in electric arc furnace steelmaking.



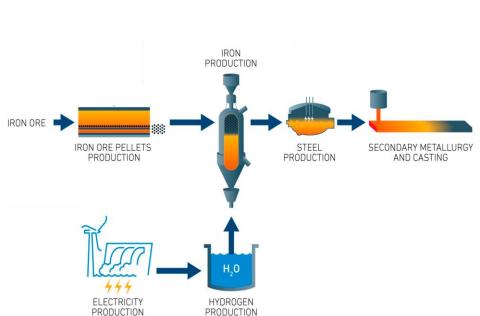
Source: Dr. Alexander Fleischanderl, Hanspeter Ofner, Johannes Rothberger, Robert Millner, Metals Magazine, 2020,

Carbon-neutral production of OBMs is realistic





Existing initiatives and technological advancements demonstrate that carbon-neutral production of ore-based metallics is realistic.

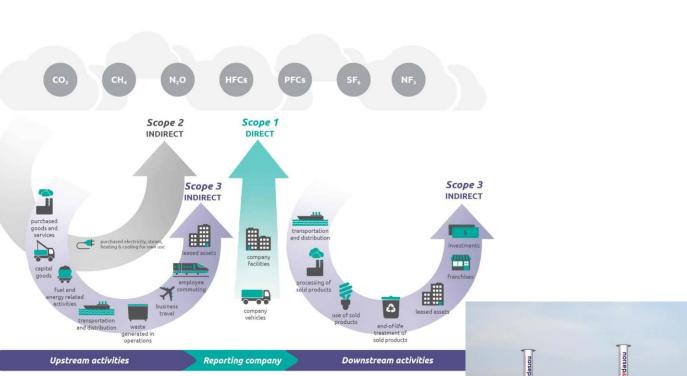


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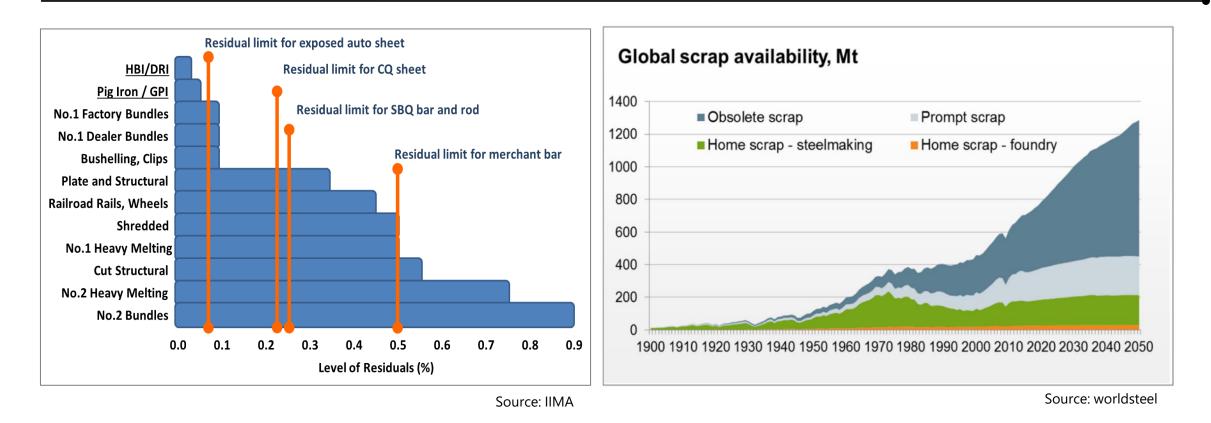
Sustaining the merchant OBMs market will depend on reductions in Scope 3 emissions as much as Scope 1 and 2





OBMs enabling scrap recycling





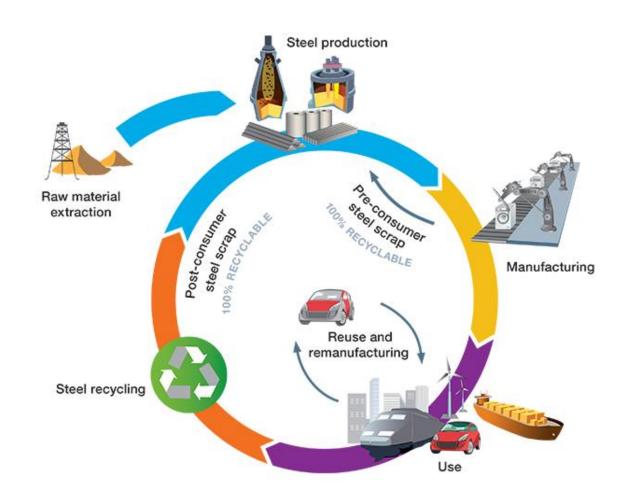
OBM's are enablers of scrap recycling and decarbonisation of steelmaking and in so doing contribute to the circular economy

Collaboration is essential





Creating a carbon-neutral OBM sector requires collaboration throughout the steelmaking supply chain



Next steps



- How can we build on and exploit our strengths to create and capitalise on opportunities and mitigate threats?
- How can we addresses our weaknesses to enhance our ability to capitalise on opportunities and mitigate threats?
- We aim to develop a strategy and action plan to focus on where we can have further impact!

and so.....





The iron & steel value chain is like a super-tanker -it takes a long time to change course....



The roadmap to "carbon-neutral" steelmaking has a timeline of 30-50 years and there are several pathways under active consideration.



To ensure success we see the need

for:

collaboration

common terminology and standards

avoidance of polarisation, embracing diversity in solutions to enable efficient use of available resources

Investment from both public and private institutions



Thank you for your attention

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