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**Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute Appointed Dr. David McDonald as Managing Director of Epoxy  
Interest Group**

SCHAUMBURG, ILLINOIS, April 7, 2009 - the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is pleased to announce the appointment of Dr. David McDonald as Managing Director of the Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI. In this position, Dr. McDonald will be responsible for technical and marketing activities of the Epoxy Coated Bar Members. The Mission of the Epoxy Interest Group is to promote the use and advance the quality of epoxy-coated reinforcing steel.

Dr. McDonald completed his Ph.D. in Civil Engineering at the University of Sydney and has an extensive background in performance and durability of construction materials. After graduation, he was employed as a consultant engineer with Wiss, Janney Elstner Associates in Northbrook Illinois, working on many different building and infrastructure deterioration problems. He led a 5-year Federal Highway

Administration research project on corrosion-resistant reinforcing bars, evaluating epoxy-coated bars alongside galvanized, copper, stainless steel and titanium products. During that period, David was a member of American Concrete Institute Committees on corrosion, durability, curing and shrinkage.

Most recently Dr. McDonald worked for USG Corp., a Fortune 500 company in their Corporate Innovation Center, evaluating and developing products for use in the building industry. He also trained in innovation, strategy, diversity and management. Dr. McDonald is a licensed engineer in Illinois and a Fellow of the American Concrete Institute. He is also a member of ASTM International and NACE International.

For additional information about Dr. McDonald or the Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI, contact David McDonald, Managing Director, Epoxy Interest Group of CRSI at 847 517 12000 or via email at [dmcdonald@epoxy.crsi.org](mailto:dmcdonald@epoxy.crsi.org)

#### About the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute

Founded in 1924, the Concrete Reinforcing Steel Institute (CRSI) is a trade association that stands as the authoritative resource for information related to steel reinforced concrete construction. Serving the needs of architects, engineers and construction professionals, CRSI offers many technical publications, design aids, software programs, educational seminars, promotional activities, membership functions and design award programs. CRSI members are manufacturers, fabricators and placers of steel reinforcing bar and related products, as well as professionals who are involved in the research, design and construction of reinforced concrete. Serving the construction market in the United States, Canada and Mexico, CRSI is headquartered in Schaumburg, Illinois with regional offices located across the United States.

In March 2008, a new group was formed within CRSI. The **Epoxy Interest Group (EIG)** of CRSI operates within the charter of CRSI, but promotes and markets epoxy-coated bars and is able to create awareness and interest in epoxy-coated reinforcing steel and its important benefits for DOT's, engineering specifiers and contractors. Additional information is at [www.epoxyinterestgroup.org](http://www.epoxyinterestgroup.org)