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An Overview

In 1954, a team of visionary and dynamic businessmen decided to start the Belgo Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the BICCI.

For the founding President, Chevalier Desprechins , it was not an easy task, as India was young and struggling with many limitations. The physical and mental distance between the two countries was large, business was virtually non-existent, and communication was difficult. Gradually interest on both sides started to grow.

In 1966, one of the 13 high-powered leading businessmen and co-founder of the Belgo Indian Chamber in Brussels, Mr. Louis Mickolajczak, the then MD of

Socotroisem Brussels and President of the Belgo-Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry, set up the Bombay Office of the Chamber. Socatraisem Brussels were importing large quantities of Manganese Ore from India through Sepulchre Brothers (India) Ltd. It was Mr Etienne Sepulchre, another co-founder of the BICCI and then Assistant Managing Director of the Societe Generale de Minerai and Managing Director of Sepulchre Freres, who made office space available free of charge through Sepulchre Brothers (India) Ltd at their Head Office in Bombay.

The Belgo-Indian Chamber in Belgium has been presided successively by

1964	Mr. Louis Mickolajczak
1980	Mr. Paul Meeus