

#### **UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION**

# **NV BEKAERT SA**

Limited liability company at 8550 Zwevegem (Belgium)
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# NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The shareholders, the holders of subscription rights, the holders of debentures, and the holders of convertible debentures are requested to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on **Wednesday 28 March 2018 at 11:30 a.m.** at the offices of the Company, Bekaertstraat 2, 8550 Zwevegem.

As the agenda only relates to amendments to the Company's Articles of Association, the Extraordinary General Meeting will be able to validly deliberate and decide only if the attendees represent at least one half of the registered capital. Should this condition not be fulfilled, a second Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday 9 May 2018, which meeting will validly deliberate and decide irrespective of the portion of the capital represented by the shareholders attending the meeting.

#### **AGENDA**

- Special report of the Board of Directors
  - Report of the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 604 of the Companies Code, to specify the special circumstances in which the Board of Directors may use the authorised capital and the Board's objectives in doing so.
- 2 Extension of the authority to purchase the Company's shares
  - *Proposed resolution*: the general meeting resolves to extend the authority granted to the Board of Directors to purchase shares of the Company to prevent a threatened serious harm, and therefore to replace the text of the fourth paragraph of Article 12 of the Articles of Association with the following text:
  - "The board of directors is also authorized to acquire shares of the Company for its own account when such acquisition is necessary to prevent a threatened serious harm to the Company, including a public take-over bid for the Company's securities. Such authorization is granted for a period of three years beginning from the publication in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal of the authorizing resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of 28 March 2018. Such authorization may be extended for periods of three years."



## 3. Extension of certain provisions relative to the authorized capital

*Proposed resolution*: the general meeting resolves to extend for three years the authority granted to the Board of Directors, subject to Articles 603 et seq., and in particular Article 607, of the Companies Code, to increase the registered capital of the Company in the case of a public take-over bid for the Company's securities, and accordingly to replace the text of Article 44, 4° of the Articles of Association with the following text:

"4° The board of directors is authorized, for a period of three years from the publication in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal of the authorizing resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of 28 March 2018, to increase the Company's registered capital - by making use of the authorized capital - upon receipt by the Company of a notice from the Financial Services and Markets Authority of a public take-over bid for the Company's securities, provided however:

- that the shares issued pursuant to the capital increase have to be fully paid up upon issue;
- that the issue price of such shares cannot be lower than the price of the bid; and
- that the number of shares issued pursuant to the capital increase cannot exceed ten per cent of the issued shares representing the capital prior to the capital increase."

#### 4 Interim provisions

*Proposed resolution*: the general meeting resolves to replace the interim provisions at the end of the Articles of Association with the following text:

- "(a) The authority granted to the board of directors to acquire own shares pursuant to Article 12, fourth paragraph, of the Articles of Association by the resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of 9 April 2015 will continue in effect until its expiration date or until the publication of the new authorization relative to the purchase of own shares referred to above, whichever occurs first.
- (b) The authority granted to the board of directors relative to the authorized capital pursuant to Article 44, 4° of the Articles of Association by the resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of 11 May 2016 will continue in effect until its expiration date or until the publication of the new authorization relative to the authorized capital referred to above, whichever occurs first."

# **FORMALITIES**

In order to exercise their rights at this Extraordinary General Meeting the shareholders, the holders of subscription rights, the holders of debentures, and the holders of convertible debentures must comply with the following rules:

#### 1. Record date

The right to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting will be granted only to shareholders, holders of subscription rights, holders of debentures, and holders of convertible debentures whose securities are registered in their name on the record date, i.e. at 24:00 hours Belgium time on **Wednesday 14 March 2018**, either in the Company's registers of registered securities (for registered shares or subscription rights) or in an account with a recognized account holder or a clearing agent (for non-material shares, debentures or convertible debentures).



#### 2. Notification

In addition, the shareholders, the holders of subscription rights, the holders of debentures, and the holders of convertible debentures whose securities are registered on the record date of Wednesday 14 March 2018 must notify the Company no later than **Thursday 22 March 2018** that they wish to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting, as follows:

- The owners of registered shares or subscription rights wishing to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person must complete the attendance form included as part of their individual notice and notify the form to the Company no later than Thursday 22 March 2018.
- The owners of non-material shares, debentures or convertible debentures must cause a certificate attesting the number of their non-material securities with which they wish to attend to be produced by one of the following banking institutions no later than Thursday 22 March 2018:
  - in Belgium: ING Belgium, Bank Degroof Petercam, BNP Paribas Fortis, KBC Bank, Belfius Bank;
  - > in France: Société Générale;
  - in The Netherlands: ABN AMRO Bank;
  - in Switzerland: UBS.

The holders of subscription rights, the holders of debentures, and the holders of convertible debentures can attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person only, and have no voting rights.

## 3. Powers of attorney

The owners of registered shares who are unable to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person but want to vote by proxy must complete the power of attorney form included as part of their individual notice and notify the form to the Company no later than **Thursday 22 March 2018**.

The owners of non-material shares who are unable to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person but want to vote by proxy must complete a copy of the power of attorney form available from the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below and notify the form, together with their above-mentioned certificate, to one of the above-mentioned banking institutions no later than **Thursday 22 March 2018**.

Shareholders must carefully read and comply with the instructions appearing on the power of attorney form in order to be validly represented at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

## 4. Right to add agenda items and file resolution proposals

One or more shareholders holding together at least 3% of the share capital of the Company may add items to the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting and may file resolution proposals relating to items already on or to be added to the agenda, by notifying the Company in writing no later than **Tuesday 6 March 2018**.

In any such case the Company will publish a revised agenda no later than **Tuesday 13 March 2018**.

Shareholders must carefully read and comply with the instructions appearing on the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below in this respect.



# Right to ask questions

Shareholders may ask written questions to the Board of Directors ahead of the Extraordinary General Meeting by notifying such questions to the Company no later than **Thursday 22 March 2018**.

Shareholders must carefully read and comply with the instructions appearing on the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below in this respect.

#### 6. Company addresses - Documents - Information

All notifications referred to in the present notice must be addressed to one of the following addresses:

NV Bekaert SA Company Secretary - General Meetings Bekaertstraat 2 BE-8550 Zwevegem Belgium

Telefax: + 32 56 76 61 02 - attention Company Secretary - General Meetings

Email address: <a href="mailto:generalmeetings@bekaert.com">generalmeetings@bekaert.com</a>

Each of the deadlines mentioned in the present notice means the latest date on which the pertinent notification must be received by the Company.

All documents and other information required for purposes of the Extraordinary General Meeting are available from the above-mentioned addresses or from the following website address: <a href="https://www.bekaert.com/generalmeetings">www.bekaert.com/generalmeetings</a>.

The Board of Directors