

Morning Note

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Bekaert

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Current price: € 33.29

Target price: € 45.00

Market cap: € 742m

Free Float 60 %

	EPS* (€)	P/E
FY02	-1.13	-
FY03E	4.37	7.61
FY04E	4.83	6.89

* Adjusted for goodwill & exceptionals

Merger of Acotech and Furigas

Buy
(Unchanged)

This morning, Bekaert announced to have closed a three-year agreement with Bosh for metal fiber based premix gas burners used in condensing boilers. The contract would be worth about €3m.

Bekaert also announced the merger of "Acotech", the former 50/50 JV between Bekaert and Shell, and "Furigas" into Bekaert Combustion Technology (BCT) in which Bekaert and Shell each hold resp. 75% and 25%. BCT's turnover in 2002 increased by 10% to approx. €24m (about 10% of sales in BAM).

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