

Customers in a wide range of industries and in more than 120 countries benefit from our innovative products and solutions.

Bekaert offers on a global scale a quality portfolio of high added value **drawn steel wire products and coating solutions**. We are passionate about finding the next market trend so we can help you strengthen your market position.

Our **better together** approach is underpinned by 130 years of materials expertise, a tradition of operational excellence pursued by more than 27 000 motivated employees worldwide, our openness to the wider world and market-oriented innovation – factors that have contributed to Bekaert’s global market and technological leadership.

Strength through synergy. This applies not only to our customer relationships, but also to the way we combine our core competences. Bekaert’s entire product portfolio, from advanced wires to high-tech materials and coatings, is centered around two major technology axes: metal transformation and coating technologies.

Our customers not only benefit from innovative products and materials, they can rely on Bekaert’s proprietary manufacturing processes: we make our quality products efficiently and on an industrial scale.

Imagine what we can achieve together ...

Would you like to learn more about the solutions we offer? Are you interested in any of our products or services? Please don't hesitate to get in touch. We would be delighted to talk about how we can work together.

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Supporting your business worldwide



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- Customers in over **120 countries** and in diverse markets and sectors
- Technologically strong in advanced **metal transformation** and advanced **coatings**: a unique combination of expertise

- Annual investment in research and development totals **2.4%** of consolidated sales
- An international team of **700 R&D specialists**
- More than **27 000 employees** worldwide

- Listed on Euronext® Brussels (BEKB)
- Headquarters in Belgium
- Founded in 1880
- Combined sales in 2010: € 4.5 billion
- Consolidated sales in 2010: € 3.3 billion

Your success is our success

The essence of Bekaert is in the alliances we form with our customers. We aim to help you achieve a leading position in your market. Your success is our success. That is what *better together* means for us.



Racing towards grid parity together with Photovoltaech

The subsidy programs for consumers investing in renewable energy are gradually being cut back. This makes it imperative for producers to speed up cost-efficiencies in order to reach 'grid parity': the turning point where the cost price for generating solar energy equals the cost of electricity generated through traditional means such as oil, coal, nuclear energy and gas.



Working the oil sands together with our customers

In surface mining, huge equipment components, such as mechanical shovels, are used to remove overburden and ore from the ground. Strong and long-lasting wire rope that is used to make shovel ropes is key to maximizing the efficiency of these machines. The rough circumstances in which mining operations take place cause these shovel ropes to wear out frequently, resulting in lengthy and expensive downtime for the equipment.



Building durable ports

The Port of Algeciras in the south of Spain is a leading port in the Mediterranean area. It handles an annual container cargo volume of 3.3 million tonnes of TEUs (Twenty feet Equivalent Units, or standard six-meter containers). Bekaert was selected to supply Dramix® steel fibers to reinforce the concrete pavement of a brand new terminal comprising 392 000 m². We therefore played a key role in the construction of a reliable, safe and durable port.



Flexibility and strength in power distribution

While the U.S. population has grown approximately 100 percent over the last 60 years, electricity consumption has increased more than 1 500 percent, based on data from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. This increased electricity demand has caused congestion in the U.S. transmission system, which is in vital need of upgrading.

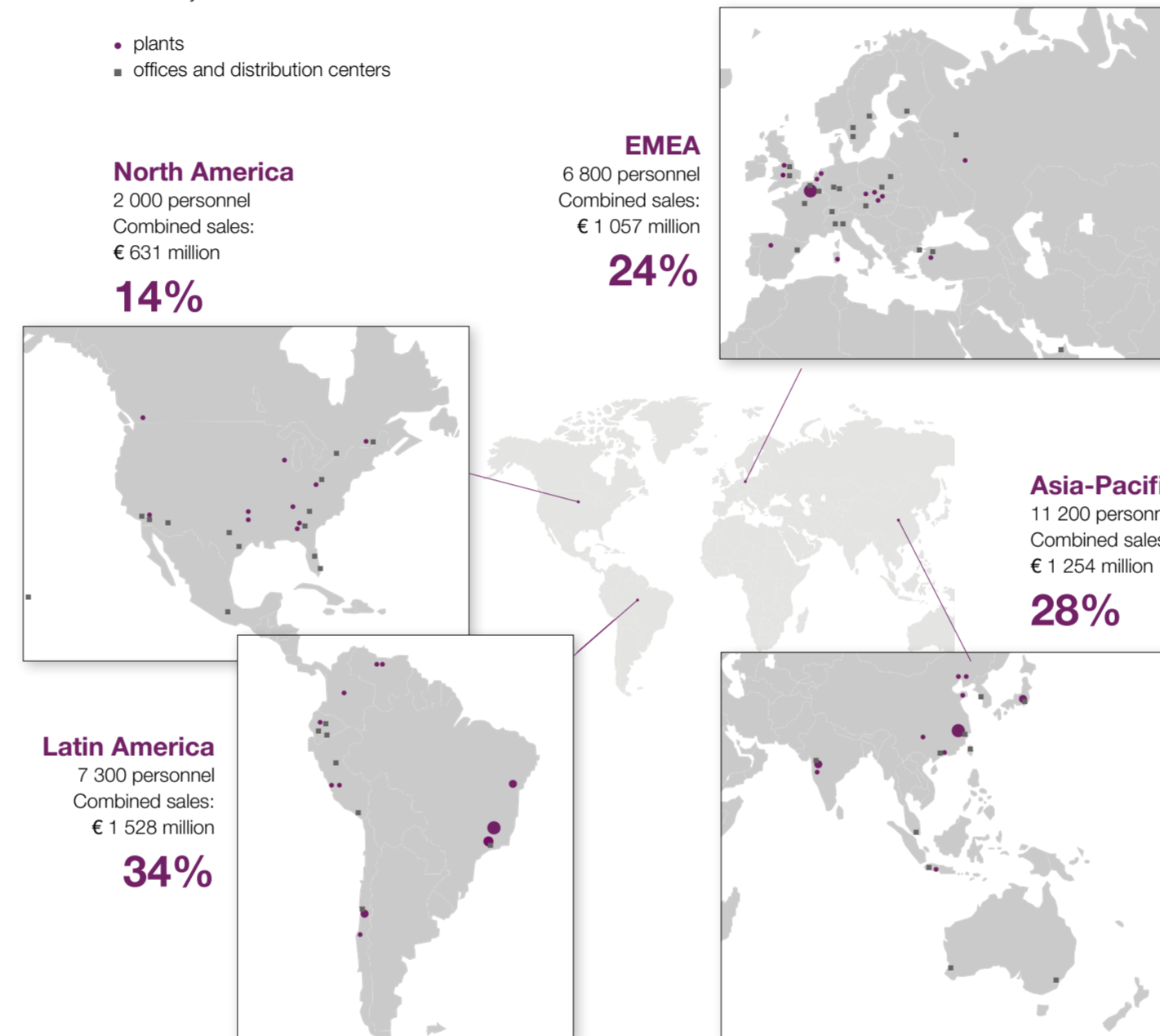
Global presence to support your business

Being part of your solution means being part of your business. Backed by our global presence and technological leadership, we can respond quickly to your needs, wherever you are located.

Where shall we meet?

When you choose Bekaert, you will benefit from our commitment to local service, supported by our global presence. We aim to excel as a dependable, ever-advancing supplier. You can rely on our worldwide production and sales network to meet your needs quickly and effectively.

- plants
- offices and distribution centers



All data as per year-end 2010

Your business, our business

Our presence in just about every sector is a unique strength, both for Bekaert and for our customers.

The automotive sector

Driving tomorrow's growth
33% of our business comes from vehicle and tire manufacturers who use our steel cord to reinforce radial tires or our wire products for springs, windscreen wipers, car seats, ... Approximately 75% is supplied to the replacement market which is less susceptible to economic fluctuations.



The energy & utilities sector

Exploring new limits
We make a particular contribution to the extraction of petroleum, the production and distribution of energy, the manufacturing processes for green energy and in telecom.



The construction sector

Building new opportunities
Our wires, mesh, innovative fiber products and window film find applications in construction, in lifts and burners, in fencing and reinforcement, in roads and bridges, in architectural solutions and in concrete reinforcement.



Consumer goods

Enhancing comfort and convenience
A lot of end consumers use our wires in a variety of coatings and colors in the form of champagne cork muselets, paper clips, fishhooks, staples, etc. but also durable and industrial applications such as heat-resistant textile, and many more.



The equipment sector

Pushing performance levels
Machine builders and operators utilize a variety of our specialized wire products for components. These include spring and shaped wire, fine cord and hose wire, and carding solutions.



The agricultural sector

Cultivating excellence
Agricultural customers buy our future-oriented innovations like biodegradable wire coating and wires and ropes for industrial fishing. We also provide our specialized fencing solutions.



The basic materials sector

Supporting your industry
A great deal of Bekaert products are used in the production or extraction of basic materials: coal, metal, glass, pulp and paper, chemicals and textiles.

