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Rocky Mountain Steel granted Bekaert Rod Supplier Award

Bekaert granted the 'Bekaert Rod Supplier Award' to its wire rod supplier Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel (Colorado, USA). Every two years, this award is presented to the supplier who has shown the greatest improvement in the quality of its wire rod supply – Bekaert's most important raw material.

Candidates for the award are evaluated against the following criteria:

- quality of the wire rod (internal and external characteristics, chemical composition and mechanical properties);
- wire rod research and development program;
- delivery conditions and general logistic support;
- processability of the product in Bekaert plants worldwide;
- supplier's responsiveness in terms of quality improvement and claim handling.

Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel belongs to the Evraz Inc. NA platform of the Russian Evraz Group. The Colorado based mill produces a wide range of steel products including rail, seamless pipe, rod and coiled reinforcing bar and has been supplying Bekaert subsidiaries since the mid 90's.

During the official ceremony, Mr. Philippe Armengaud, Chief Purchasing Officer of Bekaert, stated: "Wire rod supply is seen as one of the most critical business processes in our company. Not only because rod is the main raw material that impacts our product quality, productivity and process stability, but also because of the necessity of a reliable supply process and a partnership relation aiming at continuous improvement and innovation. Rocky Mountain Steel's efforts and commitment in developing and improving products and services have supported Bekaert over the years, and made them an approved supplier in all Bekaert North American plants. We highly appreciate their customer focused approach in all aspects of our partnership."

Profile

Bekaert (www.bekaert.com) is a global technological leader in its two core competences: advanced metal transformation and advanced materials and coatings, and a market leader in drawn wire products and applications. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with headquarters in Belgium, employing 23 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generates annual combined sales of € 4 billion.