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Bekaert and Bridgestone CEOs seal acquisition and supply agreement in Tokyo, Japan

In a ceremony today at Bridgestone's Headquarters in Tokyo, Bert De Graeve, CEO of Bekaert, and Shoshi Arakawa, CEO and President of Bridgestone, have confirmed the strong partnership between both companies and expressed their confidence in the success of the recently concluded long-term supply agreement between Bekaert and Bridgestone.

The meeting at the Bridgestone Headquarters was also attended by members of the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee of Bridgestone, and by Belgium's Prime Minister Yves Leterme who led the Belgian Regional Diplomatic Conference in Tokyo.

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Picture of the meeting at the Bridgestone Headquarters:

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from left to right: Mr. Johan Maricou, Belgian Ambassador to Japan, Mr. Yves Leterme, Prime Minister of Belgium, Mr. Shoshi Arakawa, CEO and President of Bridgestone, Mr. Bert De Graeve, CEO of Bekaert, Mr. Jun Yokota, Ambassador of Japan to Belgium, Mr. Masaaki Tsuya, Vice President and Senior Officer of Bridgestone

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 € 3.3 billion.