

Press release

Regulated information

7 October 2010

Press

Katelijin Bohez
T +32 56 23 05 71

Investor Relations

Jacques Anckaert
T +32 56 23 05 72

www.bekaert.com
www.bekaert.mobi

Bekaert distributes intermediate dividend and implements three-for-one share split

Two General Meetings of Shareholders took place today with Baron Buysse, Chairman of the Board of Directors, in the chair.

A Special General Meeting approved the distribution of a gross intermediate **dividend** of €2.000 per share, as proposed by the Board of Directors. This corresponds to a net dividend per share of €1.500. The net dividend on shares with VVPR strip, giving entitlement to a reduced withholding tax of 15%, thus amounts to €1.700 per share. The dividend will be payable as from 15 October 2010 onwards upon presentation of dividend coupon n° 12 at the following banks: ING Belgium, Bank Degroof, BNP Paribas Fortis, KBC Bank and Dexia Bank in Belgium, Société Générale in France, ABN-AMRO Bank in the Netherlands and UBS in Switzerland. The dividend ex-date is 12 October 2010.

An Extraordinary General Meeting approved a **three-for-one share split** as proposed by the Board of Directors. The split will come into effect on 10 November 2010. Shareholders will receive three shares for every outstanding share held on 9 November as per the Euronext Brussels stock market closing. Trading will begin on a split-adjusted basis on 10 November 2010. The split also applies to the VVPR strips, stock options and subscription rights. All details regarding the share split will be published in due course on www.bekaert.com in the section *investors/share information*.

Financial calendar

Intermediate dividend ex-date	12	October	2010
Intermediate dividend payable (coupon n° 12)	15	October	2010
Share split	10	November	2010
Third quarter trading update 2010	10	November	2010
2010 results	25	February	2011
2010 annual report available on the internet	31	March	2011

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 over 25 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generated €3.3 billion combined sales in 2009.