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Press release
Regulated information

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Disclosure in accordance with the Act of 2 May 2007

Transparency law

Pursuant to Articles 15 §1 and 18 §1 of the Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant participations in listed companies, Bekaert publishes the following information:

Status as of 31 December 2010

Basic data

Total capital:	€ 176 242 000,00
Total number of securities conferring voting rights:	59 884 973 shares
Total number of voting rights (the **denominator**):	59 884 973 (one voting right per share)

Supplementary data

Total number of debentures convertible into securities conferring voting rights:	none
Total number of rights, whether or not reflected by securities, to subscribe for securities conferring voting rights yet to be issued:	784 336 subscription rights (each subscription right entitles the holder to one new share upon exercise)
Total number of voting rights that may result from the exercise of such subscription rights:	784 336 (one voting right per new share)
Total number of shares without voting rights:	none

Reason for the changes

Capital increase as a result of the exercise of subscription rights on 20 December 2010

Thresholds set by the Articles of Association

According to 14bis of the Articles of Association the provisions of Articles 6 through 17 of the Act apply not only to the legal thresholds of 5 % and of each multiple of 5%, but also to the thresholds of 3% and 7.50%.

Notifications

The notifications should be transmitted to both NV Bekaert SA and the CBFA. The CBFA recommends transmitting the notifications first electronically, to the e-mail address trp.fin@cbfa.be, and subsequently – for reasons of legal certainty – by fax to no + 32 2 220 59 12.

It is recommended to transmit notifications to NV Bekaert SA electronically as well, to the attention of pierre.schaubroeck@bekaert.com

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.