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Disclosure in accordance with the Act of 2 May 2007:

Transparency law

- AXA S.A.**
- Downward crossing of the lowest threshold
 - Disposal of voting securities

On 8 November 2011 AXA S.A. (25, Avenue Matignon, FR-75008 Paris, France), a person notifying alone, has made a definitive notification to Bekaert that as a result of the disposal of voting securities its participation in Bekaert had on 2 November 2011 fallen below the lowest threshold of 3%.

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Profile

Bekaert (www.bekaert.com) is a global technological and market leader in advanced solutions based on metal transformation and coatings, and the world's largest independent manufacturer of drawn steel wire products. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with headquarters in Belgium, employing 28 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generated combined sales of €4.5 billion in 2010.