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Bekaert granted Preferred Supplier award by Schneider Electric

On 5 July 2012, Schneider Electric brought together more than 300 international suppliers in Paris for a one-day event to celebrate partnership and innovation. This annual event focuses on sharing growth opportunities and sharing best practices with particular focus on supplier innovation proposals, as well as on ways of implementing these innovations in a spirit of true partnership.

The day drew to a close with the awarding of eleven prizes to the top-performing suppliers in each market, as well as in the following performance categories: quality of supplies, service level, productivity, competitiveness, innovation, sustainable development and responsiveness. Selected to encourage best practices, these criteria also aim to develop a coherent relationship between Schneider Electric and its suppliers.

Bekaert was granted the Preferred Supplier award for its consistent high performance in the above listed categories. Bekaert has been a long-time business partner of Schneider Electric in developing and supplying Dramix® Green steel fibers for precast electrical cabins, one of the many concrete reinforcement applications of Dramix®.

Mr Jean-Pascal Tricoire, President and CEO of Schneider Electric, congratulated Bekaert as Preferred Supplier 2012. Bekaert was represented by Stéphane Charignon, Precast Segment Manager.



About Schneider Electric

As a global specialist in energy management with operations in more than 100 countries, Schneider Electric offers integrated solutions across multiple market segments, including leadership positions in Utilities and Infrastructures, Industries and Machine manufacturers, Non-residential buildings, Data centers & Networks, and in Residential. Focused on making energy safe, reliable, efficient, productive and green, the Group's 130 000 plus employees achieved sales of € 22.4 billion in 2011, through an active commitment to help individuals and organizations make the most of their energy.

About Bekaert

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 € 4.6 billion in 2011.

About Bekaert Building Products

The construction sector accounts for almost 20% of Bekaert's sales. The list of applications for which our wire, mesh and innovative fiber products are used is as long as it is diverse: in roads and bridges, tunnels and mines, in architectural and landscaping solutions, in precast applications and in industrial floors, etc. Dramix® steel fibers are a proven concept in concrete reinforcement. Every year, 5 million m³ of concrete is being reinforced with Dramix® steel fibers invented by Bekaert. More information on Dramix® and Dramix® steel fibers for precast elements can be found on www.bekaert.com.