

**Bekaert**

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Engineering & Machinery  
Belgium

Current price € 95.19  
Target price € 100.00  
Market cap € 1,994m  
Free float 57%

|       | EPS (€) | P/E  |
|-------|---------|------|
| FY06  | 7.22    | 11.4 |
| FY07E | 7.40    | 12.9 |
| FY08E | 7.66    | 12.4 |

**New EPS estimates**

Following a revision of our scenario, we have increased our EPS estimates for 2007 from € 7.21 to € 7.40 while our 2008 EPS estimate remained almost unchanged at € 7.66. While we expect the REBIT to firm from € 162.7m to € 175.1m our estimate for the net result amounts to € 141.2m, in-line with the level realised in 2006. This is based on more normal taxes (€ 18.1m taxes in 2006 were exceptionally low) and a smaller contribution from the Latin American associates (€ 48.7m). EPS growth is supported by Bekaert's recent share buyback programme, reducing the number of outstanding shares to 20.4m.

**Accumulate**  
Rating Unchanged