

Morning Note

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Bekaert

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Further optimisation

Accumulate Rating Unchanged

Engineering & Machinery Belgium

 Current price
 € 95.20

 Target price
 € 110.00

 Market cap
 € 1,892m

 Free float
 54%

Yesterday, after market, Bekaert announced further optimisation of its production sites. Bekaert, together with its partner OneSteel, has decided to close the steel cord plant based in Geelong (Australia). The plant employs 74 people and closure is foreseen to occur by the end of the year.

In addition, Bekaert announced its intentions to concentrate its European carding activities at one production plant. The production activities of the Roubaix (France) plant will therefore be integrated in Zwevegem. The plant employs 47 people.

 EPS (€)
 P/E

 FY06
 7.22
 11.4

 FY07E
 7.33
 13.0

 FY08E
 7.26
 13.1

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