

## Press release

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## Bekaert issues bond

### NV Bekaert SA issues 8-year bonds in euro

Bekaert has announced today that it will issue, through NV Bekaert SA, 8-year bonds for an expected minimum total amount of €100 million in the form of a public offering in Belgium and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg. BNP Paribas Fortis and KBC Bank act as joint bookrunners and lead managers for this transaction.

The net proceeds of the bond issue will be used to fund important capital investments in emerging countries and to refund certain bank indebtedness. With this bond issue, Bekaert aims to achieve an optimal balance between short-term and long-term debt, as well as between bank financing and financing through the capital markets.

Application has been made to list the notes on the regulated market of the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The key features of the bonds are listed below:

Issuer	NV Bekaert SA
Denomination	The notes are available in denominations of €1 000
Form and status	Unsubordinated dematerialized securities, subject to Belgian law
Offer period	From 3 December 2010 at 9:00 a.m. CET until 21 December 2010 at 4:00 p.m. CET (subject to early termination)
Issue date	23 December 2010
Yearly coupon	4.50% (gross) paid annually on 23 December
Issue price	101.875% (including a commission of 1.875% to be borne by retail investors <sup>2</sup> )
Gross return	4.22% on the issue price
Scheduled maturity date	23 December 2018
Repayment	100%

#### Profile

Bekaert ([www.bekaert.com](http://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 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.

<sup>1</sup> The information in this press release regards regulated information as referred to in the Royal Decree of 14 November 2007 regarding obligations of emitters of financial instruments approved to trade on a regulated market.

<sup>2</sup> A different commission is applicable for qualified investors, as set out in the Prospectus.

## Main risks and restrictions

The bonds are subject to certain risks regarding the Issuer and usual market risks, such as risks relating to volatility, interest rates, liquidity, etc. These risks are particularly relevant for bonds with a long tenor. In case of default by the Issuer, the bondholder bears the risk that the amount invested will not be repaid on the maturity date. All information, offer restrictions and risks related to the bonds are described in the Prospectus.

The issue and listing prospectus (the "**Prospectus**") in English, composed out of the securities note (the "Securities Note"), the registration document and the summary, each dated 2 December 2010 and approved by the Luxembourg Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier on 2 December 2010, as well as the summary of the Prospectus in Dutch and in French are available for the investors, free of charge, at the office of Bekaert at President Kennedypark 18, BE8500 Kortrijk in Belgium. These documents are also available, free of charge, by phone with **BNP Paribas Fortis** – tel.: +32 2 433 40 31 (Dutch) or +32 2 433 40 32 (French), and **KBC Bank** – tel: +32 78 15 21 53 (Dutch) or +32 78 15 21 54 (French), and also at the counter of each of their local branches in Belgium (**BNP Paribas Fortis, Fintro, KBC**). They are further available on the websites of BNP Paribas Fortis ([www.bnpparibasfortis.be/emissions](http://www.bnpparibasfortis.be/emissions)), KBC Bank ([www.kbc.be/obligations](http://www.kbc.be/obligations)) and Bekaert ([www.bekaert.com](http://www.bekaert.com) ; section *investors*).

The selling restrictions applicable in respect of the issue of bonds are set out in the Prospectus. We invite investors to carefully read the above-mentioned documents (and in particular the section "Risk Factors" of the Securities Note and the registration document).

Investors are urged to investigate if this investment is appropriate for them, taking into account their knowledge and experience in financial matters, their investment aims and their financial situation, before investing.