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NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS

The shareholders, the holders of subscription rights and the holders of debentures are requested to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders to be held on **Wednesday 4 April 2012 at 11:30 a.m.** at the offices of the Company, Otegemstraat 83, 8550 Zwevegem.

As the agenda only relates to amendments to the Company's Articles of Association, the Extraordinary General Meeting will be able to validly deliberate and decide only if the attendees represent at least one half of the registered capital. Should this condition not be fulfilled, a second Extraordinary General Meeting will be convened at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday 9 May 2012, which meeting will validly deliberate and decide irrespective of the portion of the capital represented by the shareholders attending the meeting.

AGENDA

1 Special report of the Board of Directors

Report of the Board of Directors pursuant to Article 604 of the Companies Code, to specify the special circumstances in which the Board of Directors may use the authorised capital and the Board's objectives in doing so.

2 Extension of the authorisations to purchase the Company's shares

Proposed resolution: the general meeting resolves to extend the authorisations granted to the Board of Directors to purchase shares of the Company, and therefore to replace the text of the second, third and fourth paragraphs of Article 12 of the Articles of Association with the following text:

"Subject to compliance with the conditions prescribed by law, the board of directors is authorised to acquire a maximum number of shares that in the aggregate represent no more than 20% of the issued capital, during a period of 5 years beginning from the publication in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal of the authorising resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of 4 April 2012, at a price ranging between minimum one euro and maximum 30%

above the arithmetic average of the closing price of the Company's share during the last 30 trading days preceding the board's resolution to acquire.

In the case of an acquisition of own shares, the board of directors is authorised to cancel all or part of the purchased shares during the above-mentioned 5-year period. The resulting amendment to the Articles of Association will be recorded in a notarial deed to be passed at the request of either two directors, or of the company secretary and one company lawyer employed by the Company, or of two company lawyers employed by the Company.

The board of directors is also authorised to acquire shares of the Company for its own account when such acquisition is necessary to prevent a threatened serious harm to the Company, including a public take-over bid for the Company's securities. Such authorisation is granted for a period of 3 years beginning from the publication in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal of the authorising resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of 4 April 2012. Such authorisation may be extended for periods of 3 years."

3 Extension of the provisions relative to the authorised capital

Proposed resolution: the general meeting resolves to extend the authority granted to the Board of Directors pursuant to Articles 603 et seq., including Article 607, of the Companies Code, by a resolution to be adopted by simple majority, to increase the issued registered capital of the Company in one or more times by an amount not to exceed the amount of such registered capital, and to increase the registered capital of the Company in the case of a public take-over bid for the Company's securities, for 5, resp. 3 years. Accordingly, the general meeting resolves to replace the text of Article 44 of the Articles of Association with the following text:

"1° The board of directors is authorised to increase the registered capital by notarial deed by a maximum amount of ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-SIX MILLION EURO (€ 176,000,000.00) in one or more times.

The board of directors may use such authority for 5 years beginning from the publication in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal of the authorising resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of 4 April 2012.

Such authority may be extended in accordance with the applicable statutory provisions.

2° The capital increases that are decided on the basis of the above-mentioned authorisation can be effected in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the board of directors, e.g. by means of contribution in cash or in kind within the limitations set forth in the Companies Code, or by conversion of reserves and share premiums, with or without issuing new shares, with or without voting rights, or by means of issuing convertible debentures (whether subordinated or not) or of issuing subscription rights or debentures in combination with subscription rights or other moveable securities.

The board of directors may use the above-mentioned authorisation to increase the capital inter alia in the context of a share option plan.

3° The board of directors may, in the interest of the Company and within the limits and in accordance with the conditions prescribed by the Companies Code, limit or exclude the preference right of the shareholders when a capital increase or an issue of convertible debentures or of subscription rights is made within the limits of the authorised capital set forth in this Article. Such limitation or exclusion may also occur in favour of one or more specific persons, whether employees of the Company or of its subsidiary companies or not.

If, on the occasion of a capital increase decided by the board of directors or of a conversion of debentures or of the exercise of subscription rights or rights to other securities, a share premium is paid, such premium will by operation of law be charged to an unavailable account called "share premium", which together with the registered capital will constitute the guarantee of third parties and which will only be accessible, apart from the possibility to convert such premium to capital, in accordance with the conditions set forth by the Companies Code for a capital decrease.

The board of directors is empowered, with the power of substitution, to amend the Articles of Association to conform to the new capital and share situation following each capital increase implemented within the limits of the authorised capital.

4° The board of directors is authorised, for a period of 3 years from the publication in the Annexes to the Belgian Official Journal of the authorising resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of shareholders of 4 April 2012, to increase the Company's registered capital – by making use of the authorised capital – upon receipt by the Company of a notice from the Financial Services and Markets Authority of a public take-over bid for the Company's securities, provided however:

- that the shares issued pursuant to the capital increase have to be fully paid up upon issue;
- that the issue price of such shares cannot be lower than the price of the bid; and
- that the number of shares issued pursuant to the capital increase cannot exceed 10% of the issued shares representing the capital prior to the capital increase."

4 Interim provisions

Proposed resolution: the general meeting resolves to include the following interim provisions at the end of the Articles of Association:

- "(a) The authority granted to the board of directors to acquire own shares pursuant to Article 12, second paragraph, of the Articles of Association by the resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of 13 May 2009, and the authority granted to the board of directors to acquire own shares pursuant to Article 12, fourth paragraph, of the Articles of Association by the resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of 12 May 2010, will continue in effect until the publication of the new authorisations relative to the purchase of own shares referred to above.
- (b) The authority granted to the board of directors relative to the authorised capital pursuant to Article 44, 1° through 3°, of the Articles of Association by the resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of 14 May 2008, and pursuant to Article 44, 4° of the Articles of Association by the resolution of the extraordinary general meeting of 12 May 2010, will continue in effect until the publication of the new authorisations relative to the authorised capital referred to above."

FORMALITIES

In order to exercise their rights at this Extraordinary General Meeting the shareholders, the holders of subscription rights and the holders of debentures must comply with the following rules:

1. Record date

The right to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting will be granted only to shareholders, holders of subscription rights and holders of debentures whose securities are registered in their name on the record date, i.e. at 24:00 hours Belgium time on **Wednesday 21 March 2012**, either in the Company's registers of registered securities (for registered shares or subscription rights) or in an account with a recognized account holder or a clearing agent (for non-material shares or debentures).

2. Notification

In addition, the shareholders, the holders of subscription rights and the holders of debentures whose securities are registered on the record date of Wednesday 21 March 2012 must notify the Company no later than **Thursday 29 March 2012** that they wish to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting, as follows:

- The owners of registered shares or subscription rights wishing to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person must complete the attendance form included as part of their individual notice and notify the form to the Company no later than Thursday 29 March 2012.
- The owners of non-material shares or debentures must cause a certificate attesting the number of their non-material securities with which they wish to attend to be produced by one of the following banking institutions no later than Thursday 29 March 2012:
 - in Belgium: ING Belgium, Bank Degroof, BNP Paribas Fortis, KBC Bank, Dexia Bank;
 - in France: Société Générale;
 - in The Netherlands: ABN AMRO Bank;
 - in Switzerland: UBS.

The holders of subscription rights and the holders of debentures can attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person only, and have no voting rights.

3. Powers of attorney

The owners of registered shares who are unable to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person but want to vote by proxy must complete the power of attorney form included as part of their individual notice and notify the form to the Company no later than **Thursday 29 March 2012**.

The owners of non-material shares who are unable to attend the Extraordinary General Meeting in person but want to vote by proxy must complete a copy of the power of attorney form available from the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below and notify the form, together with their certificate, to one of the above-mentioned banking institutions no later than **Thursday 29 March 2012**.

Shareholders must carefully read and comply with the instructions appearing on the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below and on the power of attorney form in order to be validly represented at the Extraordinary General Meeting.

4. Right to add agenda items and file resolution proposals

One or more shareholders holding together at least 3% of the share capital of the Company may add items to the agenda of the Extraordinary General Meeting and may file resolution proposals relating to items already on or to be added to the agenda, by notifying the Company in writing no later than **Tuesday 13 March 2012**.

In any such case the Company will publish a revised agenda no later than **Tuesday 20 March 2012**.

Shareholders must carefully read and comply with the instructions appearing on the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below in this respect.

5. Right to ask questions

Shareholders may ask written questions to the Board of Directors ahead of the Extraordinary General Meeting by notifying such questions to the Company no later than **Thursday 29 March 2012**.

Shareholders must carefully read and comply with the instructions appearing on the website address mentioned in paragraph 6 below in this respect.

6. Company addresses - Documents - Information

All notifications referred to in the present notice must be addressed to one of the following addresses:

NV Bekaert SA
Company Secretary - General Meetings
President Kennedypark 18
BE-8500 Kortrijk
Belgium

Telefax: + 32 56 23 05 46 - attention Company Secretary - General Meetings

E-mail address: generalmeetings@bekaert.com

Each of the deadlines mentioned in the present notice means the latest date on which the pertinent notification must be received by the Company.

All documents and other information required for purposes of the Extraordinary General Meeting are available from the above-mentioned addresses or from the following website address:

- [www.bekaert.com/investors/general meetings/legal publications 2012/EGM1](http://www.bekaert.com/investors/general%20meetings/legal%20publications%202012/EGM1)
- [www.bekaert.com/investors/general meetings/wettelijke publicaties 2012/BAV1](http://www.bekaert.com/investors/general%20meetings/wettelijke%20publicaties%202012/BAV1)
- [www.bekaert.com/investors/general meetings/publications legales 2012/AGE1](http://www.bekaert.com/investors/general%20meetings/publications%20legales%202012/AGE1)

The Board of Directors