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Bekaert wins EIPM Excellence award

The European Institute of Purchasing Management (EIPM) has granted the 2013 EIPM Peter Kraljic Excellence Award for “Value Creation – Extended Enterprise” to Bekaert during the 2013 annual EIPM Purchasing Conference in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Annual EIPM Peter Kraljic Awards recognize the excellence of Purchasing Organizations that act as role models, delivering outstanding performance to their company and demonstrating high level of creativity, innovation, and respect for the environment and society.

The rigorous nomination process is founded on the fact-based criteria EFQM Excellence Model and complemented by EIPM best practices. The whole process is managed by the Awards Jury, comprised of industry leaders, academics and consultants experts in the field.

Philippe Armengaud, Chief Purchasing Officer of Bekaert: *“Bekaert continues the journey of continuous improvement towards Purchasing Excellence. Winning this award the second year in a row is a recognition for the improvements achieved since last year.”*



from left to right:

- *Thierry Dewaele – Global Operations and Purchase Manager Engineering Bekaert*
- *Philippe Armengaud – CPO Bekaert*
- *Bart Bogaert – Purchase Controller and Process Manager Bekaert*

About EIPM and the Award

EIPM (www.EIPM.org) was established in December 1990 by top leading companies - Alcatel, Aérospatiale, Amec, Bull, Cerestar (Ferruzzi), Herberts (Hoechst), Nokia, Pechiney, Philips, Renault - and sponsored by the European Commission, the Rhône Alpes Region and the Haute Savoie department to create an European Executive Education and Training Center in Purchasing Education. The purpose of the EIPM Awards is to recognize procurement organizations that could act as role models for others in delivering outstanding performance to their company; demonstrating high levels of creativity and innovation; implementing and deploying advanced and efficient processes; actively developing suppliers; environmental and social responsibility.

About Bekaert

Bekaert (www.bekaert.com) is a world market and technology leader in steel wire transformation and coatings. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with headquarters in Belgium, employing 27 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generated combined sales of € 4.4 billion in 2012.