

Press release

Regulated information

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Transparency Law

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Pursuant to Articles 15 §1 and 18 §1 of the Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant participations in listed companies, Bekaert publishes the following information:

Status as of 31 July 2014

Basic data

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| Total capital: | € 176 851 000,00 |
| Total number of securities conferring voting rights: | 60 090 125 shares |
| Total number of voting rights (the denominator): | 60 090 125 (one voting right per share) |

Supplementary data

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| Total number of debentures convertible into securities conferring voting rights: | 3 000 (cf. the additional information provided below) |
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| Total number of rights, whether or not reflected by securities, to subscribe for securities conferring voting rights yet to be issued: | 511 401 subscription rights (each subscription right entitles the holder to one new share upon exercise) |
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| Total number of voting rights that may result from the exercise of such subscription rights: | 511 401 (one voting right per new share) |
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| Total number of shares without voting rights: | none |
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Reason for the changes

Capital increase on 3 July 2014 as a result of the exercise of 26 254 subscription rights.

Additional information

On 18 June 2014 Bekaert issued senior unsecured convertible bonds due 18 June 2018 in a principal amount of € 300 million. Those bonds will from 29 July 2014 till 9 June 2018 be convertible into Bekaert shares at a conversion price of € 37.06.

Upon receipt of a request for conversion Bekaert will be able to elect to convert the bonds into new and/or existing Bekaert shares or to redeem them in cash. With a view to mitigate dilution for existing shareholders Bekaert expects to make use of such possibilities to the extent possible.

If all of the bonds were to be converted into new Bekaert shares at a conversion price of € 37.06, Bekaert would have to issue 8 094 981 new shares, each of which entitling the holder to one vote. The conversion price might have to be revised in accordance with the conditions of the bonds.

Thresholds set by the Articles of Association

According to 14bis of the Articles of Association the provisions of Articles 6 through 17 of the Act apply not only to the legal thresholds of 5 % and of each multiple of 5%, but also to the thresholds of 3% and 7.50%.

Notifications

The notifications should be transmitted to both NV Bekaert SA and the FSMA. The FSMA recommends transmitting the notifications first electronically, to the e-mail address trp.fin@fsma.be, and subsequently – for reasons of legal certainty – by fax to no + 32 2 220 59 12.

It is recommended to transmit notifications to NV Bekaert SA electronically as well, to the attention of pierre.schaubroeck@bekaert.com

Profile

Bekaert (www.bekaert.com) is a global technological and market leader in advanced solutions based on metal transformation and coatings, and the world's largest independent manufacturer of drawn steel wire products. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with headquarters in Belgium, employing 28 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generated combined sales of € 4.6 billion in 2011.