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BlackRock - Downward crossing of the lowest threshold

On 16 March 2012 BlackRock, Inc. (40 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10022, United States), in its capacity as parent company or controlling person, has made a definitive notification to Bekaert that as a result of the disposal of voting securities their participation in Bekaert had on 9 March 2012 fallen below the lowest threshold of 3%.

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.