

# Press release

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**Disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 2 May 2007:**

## Transparency law

### Notification of participations as of 1 September 2008

AXA S.A. (25, Avenue Matignon, FR-75008 Paris, France), in its capacity as parent company or controlling person, has made a definitive notification to Bekaert of the following participations held in Bekaert as of 1 September 2008:

AXA Belgium:	555 828 shares, i.e. 2.81%
AXA France Vie:	38 352 shares, i.e. 0.19%
AXA France Iard:	4 641 shares, i.e. 0.02%

i.e. in the aggregate: 598 821 shares, i.e. 3.03%

AXA Belgium is a subsidiary of AXA Holdings Belgium, which itself is a subsidiary of AXA. AXA France Vie is a subsidiary of AXA France Assurance, which itself is a subsidiary of AXA. AXA France Iard is a subsidiary of AXA. The operational entities of the AXA Group, including the AXA subsidiary insurance companies, act and exercise their voting rights independently from any other entity of the AXA Group which conduct asset management activities, in accordance with the conditions of Article 11§2 of the Act of 2 May 2007.

### Profile

Bekaert ([www.bekaert.com](http://www.bekaert.com)) seeks sustainable profitable growth based on its two core competences: advanced metal transformation and advanced materials and coatings. Bekaert aims to consolidate its position as both market and technological leader around the world. With its broad range of high technological products, systems and services, Bekaert offers high added value for its customers. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a European based company, headquartered in Belgium, employing over 22 000 people. Bekaert, present in 120 countries, generates annual combined sales of more than €3.4 billion.