

Press release

Regulated information

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Disclosure in accordance with the Act of 02.05.2007

Transparency law

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 October 2008:

Basic data

Total capital:	174 667 000.00 EUR
Total number of securities conferring voting rights:	19 783 565 shares
Total number of voting rights (the denominator):	19 783 565 <i>(one voting right per share)</i>

Supplementary data

Total number of debentures convertible into securities conferring voting rights:	none
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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:	277 038 subscription rights <i>(each subscription right entitles the holder to one new share upon exercise)</i>
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Total number of voting rights that may result from the exercise of such subscription rights:	277 038 <i>(one voting right per new share)</i>
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Total number of shares without voting rights:	none
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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 CBFA. The CBFA recommends transmitting the notifications first electronically, to the e-mail address trp.fin@cbfa.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

This information is equally available on the website of Bekaert, www.bekaert.com under the caption 'Investors'.

Profile

Bekaert (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.