

# Press release

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## Disclosure in accordance with the Act of 2 May 2007:

### Transparency law

#### Notification of participations as of 1 September 2008

Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited (1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, England), Barclays Global Investors Ltd (1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, England), Barclays Global Investors NA (45 Fremont Street, San Francisco CA 94105-2204, U.S.A.), and Barclays Global Fund Advisors (45 Fremont Street, San Francisco CA 94105-2204, U.S.A.), in their capacity as parent company or controlling person, have made a definitive notification to Bekaert of the following participations held in Bekaert as of 1 September 2008:

Barclays Global Investors Ltd:	276 320 shares, i.e. 1.40%
Barclays Global Investors NA:	406 338 shares, i.e. 2.06%
Barclays Global Fund Advisors:	9 956 shares, i.e. 0.05%
i.e. in the aggregate:	692 614 shares, i.e. 3.50%

Barclays Global Investors Ltd is a subsidiary of Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited, which itself is indirectly a subsidiary of Barclays PLC. Barclays Global Fund Advisors is a subsidiary of Barclays Global Investors NA, which itself is indirectly a subsidiary of Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited.

#### 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.