

Press release

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BlackRock - Acquisition of voting securities

On 7 December 2009 BlackRock Inc. (33 King William Street, London EC4R 9AS, United Kingdom), in its capacity as parent company or controlling person, has made a definitive notification to Bekaert that the following voting securities of Bekaert were acquired on 1 December 2009:

BlackRock Asset Management Japan Co. Ltd:	34 964 shares,	i.e. 0.18%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Ltd:	189 267 shares,	i.e. 0.96%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.:	381 080 shares,	i.e. 1.92%
BlackRock Fund Advisors:	16 441 shares,	i.e. 0.08%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Ltd:	6 023 shares,	i.e. 0.03%
BlackRock Luxembourg SA:	12 118 shares,	i.e. 0.06%
BlackRock International Ltd:	5 923 shares,	i.e. 0.03%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Ltd:	13 213 shares,	i.e. 0.07%
BlackRock (Channel Islands) Ltd:	1 356 shares,	i.e. 0.01%
 i.e. in the aggregate:	 660 385 shares,	 i.e. 3.33%

On 1 December 2009 the Barclays Global Investors (BGI) business was acquired by BlackRock Inc. The combined holdings of BlackRock Inc. following such acquisition triggered the disclosure requirement. BlackRock Inc. is the ultimate controller but the legal entities referred to above are the discretionary investment managers who hold the shares and exercise the voting rights.

Profile

Bekaert (www.bekaert.com) is a global technological leader in its two core competences: advanced metal transformation and advanced materials and coatings, and a market leader in drawn wire products and applications. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with headquarters in Belgium, employing 23 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generates annual combined sales of € 4 billion.