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Transparency law

BlackRock - Downward crossing of the lowest threshold

On 18 February 2010 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 as a result of the disposal of voting securities their participation in Bekaert had on 17 February 2010 fallen below the lowest threshold of 3%.

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.