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Transparency law

BlackRock - Acquisition of voting securities - Downward crossing of the lowest threshold

- On 26 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 (received by Bekaert on 5 March 2010) that following the acquisition of voting securities of Bekaert the 3% threshold was crossed on 22 February 2010:

BlackRock Asset Management Australia Ltd:	10 361 shares,	i.e. 0,05%
BlackRock Asset Management Japan Co. Ltd:	33 561 shares,	i.e. 0,17%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Ltd:	183 416 shares,	i.e. 0,92%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.:	304 469 shares,	i.e. 1,54%
BlackRock Fund Advisors:	23 041 shares,	i.e. 0,12%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Ltd:	6 023 shares,	i.e. 0,03%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC:	411 shares,	i.e. 0,00%
BlackRock Luxembourg SA:	30 743 shares,	i.e. 0,15%
BlackRock (Netherlands) BV:	6 615 shares,	i.e. 0,03%
BlackRock International Ltd:	12 805 shares,	i.e. 0,06%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Ltd:	24 149 shares,	i.e. 0,12%

i.e. in the aggregate: 635 594 shares, i.e. 3,20%

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.

- On 3 March 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 26 February 2010 fallen below the lowest threshold of 3%.

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.