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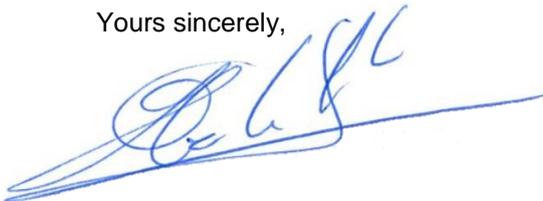
In 2016, Bekaert introduced a new masonry reinforcement product, Murfor® Compact, into the market. This product has multiple advantages for all stakeholders in the building process.

The Construction Products Regulation (CPR) No 305/2011 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 9 March 2011 (the "Regulation") lays down a set of harmonized rules for the marketing of construction products in the European Union. Moreover, the Regulation provides a common technical language to assess the performance of construction products. It ensures that reliable information is available to professionals, public authorities, and consumers concerning construction products allowing them to compare the performance of products from different manufacturers in different countries.

Under the rules of CPR, building products must carry the CE label referring to the relevant product standard. Murfor® Compact, being an innovative product, does not conform with the product types as defined in the EN 845-3. Based on information available to Bekaert when releasing Murfor® Compact into the market, it was concluded that a CE label could be put on the packaging of the product as long as it was clearly defined as "for non-structural use". However, this determination proved to be incorrect and thus Murfor® Compact products have been placed on the market with a CE label referring to EN 845-3 erroneously.

With the error now noticed and remedied, Bekaert remains committed to further develop, promote and sell this product to the benefit of the construction industry.

Yours sincerely,



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