

Press release

Regulated information

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Disclosure in accordance with the Act of 2 May 2007

Transparency law

Pursuant to Articles 15 §1 and 18 §1 of the Act of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant participations in listed companies, Bekaert publishes the following information:

Status as of 31 July 2010

Basic data

Total capital:	€ 175 665 000.00
Total number of securities conferring voting rights:	19 896 408 shares
Total number of voting rights (the denominator):	19 896 408 (one voting right per share)

Supplementary data

Total number of debentures convertible into securities conferring voting rights:	none
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Total number of rights, whether or not reflected by securities, to subscribe for securities conferring voting rights yet to be issued:	251 745 subscription rights (each subscription right entitles the holder to one new share upon exercise)
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Total number of voting rights that may result from the exercise of such subscription rights:	251 745 (one voting right per new share)
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Total number of shares without voting rights:	none
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Thresholds set by the Articles of Association

According to 14bis of the Articles of Association the provisions of Articles 6 through 17 of the Act apply not only to the legal thresholds of 5% and of each multiple of 5%, but also to the thresholds of 3% and 7.50%.

Notifications

The notifications should be transmitted to both NV Bekaert SA and the CBFA. The CBFA recommends transmitting the notifications first electronically, to the e-mail address trp.fin@cbfa.be, and subsequently – for reasons of legal certainty – by fax to no +32 2 220 59 12.

It is recommended to transmit notifications to NV Bekaert SA electronically as well, to the attention of pierre.schaubroeck@bekaert.com

This information is equally available on the website of Bekaert, www.bekaert.com, under the caption 'Investors/shareholders/transparency disclosures'.

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 25 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generated combined sales of €3.3 billion in 2009.