

Press release regulated information

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Disclosure in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 2 May 2007:

Transparency law

Notification of participations as of 1 September 2008

Stichting Administratiekantoor Bekaert (Chasséveld 1, 4811 Breda, The Netherlands), Velge & Co in liquidation (Potvlietlaan 7, 2600 Berchem, Belgium), Berfin SA (Drève Louisa Chaudoir 16, 1160 Brussels, Belgium), Subeco SA (Rue Guimard 19, 1040 Brussels, Belgium), and Millenium 3 SA (Avenue Nestor Plissart 8, 1040 Brussels, Belgium), in their capacity as persons acting in concert who have concluded an agreement (a) aimed either at acquiring control, at frustrating the successful outcome of a bid or at maintaining control, and (b) to adopt, by concerted exercise of the voting rights they hold, a lasting common policy, have made a definitive notification to Bekaert of the following participations held in Bekaert as of 1 September 2008:

Velge & Co in liquidation:	19 000 shares, i.e. 0.10%
Berfin SA:	30 640 shares, i.e. 0.16%
Subeco SA:	52 600 shares, i.e. 0.27%
Millenium 3 SA	30 000 shares, i.e. 0.15%
Stichting Administratiekantoor Bekaert	7 604 621 shares, i.e. 38.48%
 i.e. in the aggregate:	 7 736 861 shares, i.e. 39.14%

Stichting Administratiekantoor Bekaert is not controlled. The other above-mentioned participants are controlled by physical persons, (i) whose (directly or indirectly held) individual participation does not reach 3% and (ii) who (on an individual basis) have an interest of less than 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.