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Barclays - Disposal of voting securities

On 5 December 2008 Barclays Global Investors UK Holdings Limited (1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, England), Barclays Global Investors Ltd (1 Churchill Place, London E14 5HP, England), Barclays Global Investors NA (45 Fremont Street, San Francisco CA 94105-2204, U.S.A.), and Barclays Global Fund Advisors (45 Fremont Street, San Francisco CA 94105-2204, U.S.A.), in their capacity as parent company or controlling person, have made a definitive notification to Bekaert that as a result of the disposal of voting securities their participation in Bekaert had on 26 September 2008 fallen below the lowest threshold of 3%.

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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 23 000 people. Bekaert, present in 120 countries, generates annual combined sales of more than €3.4 billion.