

# Press release

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## **Bekaert Solaronics to supply UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 and GemDryer<sup>®</sup> infrared systems to Reno de Medici La Rochette (ex Cascades s.a.s.), France.**

Bekaert Solaronics supplied Reno de Medici La Rochette (ex-Cascades s.a.s.) with two infrared systems GemDryer<sup>®</sup> and one UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 after each coating stations on its BM2 folding boxboard machine.

The partnership between Bekaert Solaronics and Cascades La Rochette started in 1992 with the installation of a gas infrared drying system on their machine 3 after the size press.

Today, La Rochette mill renewed its confidence in Bekaert Solaronics to optimize the drying after each coating stations on their BM2. The main objectives are to reduce drastically the energy consumption and increase the machine runnability. This project is the third order placed by La Rochette mill to Bekaert Solaronics over the last four years for the improvement of board's drying.

The GemDryer<sup>®</sup> is a relevant and compact non-contact drying system well established in the paper and board industry.

The UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 is a very compact system in which high performance gas infrared emitters are alternated with high temperature and velocity air nozzles without requiring a heat exchanger or an external gas burner. These features result in a fast heat-up, a high evaporation rate and ultimately in better product quality.

**About Reno de Medici S.p.A and La Rochette mill**

Founded in 1967 under the name Cartiera del Reno, Reno de Medici is the leading Italian and second-ranked European producer of cartonboard based on recycled material. It has a production capacity splitted among several mills in Italy, Spain, France and Germany. The board mill in La Rochette has an annual production of 165.000 tons/year of virgin-fiber cartonboard aimed at food and pharmaceutical industries.

**About Bekaert and Bekaert Solaronics**

Bekaert is a world market and technology leader in steel wire transformation and coating technologies. We pursue to be the preferred supplier for our steel wire products and solutions by continuously delivering superior value to our customers worldwide. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with almost 30 000 employees worldwide, headquarters in Belgium and € 4.4 billion in annual revenue. Founded in 1967, Bekaert Solaronics supplies customized drying and heating systems based on gas and electrical infrared technology to a wide range of industries. Today, more than 1 000 systems have been installed worldwide. The company also provides maintenance services and is available to assist on upgrades or improved energy efficiency of existing systems.