

## Press release

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### **Bekaert Solaronics installs WebMate<sup>®</sup> systems in a paper mill manufacturing coated specialties located in Japan**

Bekaert Solaronics received an order from Matsubo Corporation to install two infrared WebMate<sup>®</sup> hoods in a paper mill that manufactures coated specialties in Japan.

The objective of these two systems, installed after two new coating stations, is to correct the cross direction moisture profile before coating station and before reel for an optimal paper quality at the lower operating costs.

Two WebMate<sup>®</sup> systems are already installed after other coating stations on the machine. Both systems providing fully satisfaction in terms on quality and efficiency, the customer renewed its confidence to Bekaert Solaronics.

The new electrical non-contact infrared drying systems WebMate<sup>®</sup> are equipped with 1 row of 20 M2000 modules which guarantee perfect quality, a high drying rate as well as a long lifetime. Furthermore, moisture profile correction is optimized thanks to the gold-coated parabolic reflector technology that ensures a focused energy radiation only where it is needed.

**About Matsubo Corporation**

Matsubo Corporation, established in 1949, introduces Japanese and overseas equipment, machinery, and technology for food, chemicals, pharmaceuticals, steel, non-ferrous metals, paper and electronics.

The Industrial Machinery Division provides plants and stand-alone machines necessary in all phases of production. Matsubo Corporation is also involved in the development of the electronic device industry and in equipment for powder processing.

**About Bekaert Solaronics**

Bekaert Solaronics supplies customized drying and heating systems based on gas and electrical infrared technology to a wide range of industries including paper and board, converting and metal processing applications. Today, more than 1 000 systems have been installed worldwide, of which 60% come from repeat orders with existing customers. The company provides service and maintenance options worldwide for the upgrade optimization and improves energy efficiency of existing systems.

**About Bekaert**

Bekaert ([www.bekaert.com](http://www.bekaert.com)) is a world market and technology leader in steel wire transformation and coatings. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with headquarters in Belgium, employing more than 25 000 people worldwide. Serving customers in 120 countries, Bekaert pursues sustainable profitable growth in all its activities and generated combined sales of € 4.1 billion in 2013.