

## Press release

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## Bekaert Solaronics installs UniDryer<sup>®</sup>V3, Energy Recovery System and Air Dryer at Hamburger-Spremborg GmbH & Co. KG, Germany

Bekaert Solaronics received an important order from Bellmer to install a UniDryer<sup>®</sup>V3, an energy recovery system (ERS) and an air dryer on PM1 at Hamburger-Spremborg GmbH & Co. KG's paper mill in Germany.

The objective of the investment is to increase the drying performance while reducing the operating costs. Energy savings are guaranteed by the UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 system that reaches a high energy efficiency level thanks to the combination of the superior performance Gem12E emitters and the improved convection without requiring a heat exchanger or an external gas burner. Efficiency is improved even further through the high efficient ERS which uses the exhaust from the infrared dryers as an energy source for the air dryers.

This installation is part of the Hamburger Rieger's project to expand the production of top-quality white recycled CCM grades. PM1 in Spremborg will be converted for the production of coated WTTliner (containerboard) towards the end of 2014 for a start-up at the beginning of 2015.

### About Gebr. Bellmer GmbH Maschinenfabrik

Located in Nierfen, Bellmer is a specialist starting from the planning up to the turnkey implementation of machines and plants for the manufacturing of paper and board. The company supplies from individual parts to complete machines for the paper industry. Bellmer has been working for the pulp and paper industry all over the world since 1842.

### About Hamburger Containerboard

Hamburger Containerboard is a division of the Austrian Prinzhorn Holding. With a total annual production capacity of 1.7 million tonnes of containerboard, Hamburger Containerboard ranks among the market leaders in this market in Europe. The division employs 1,100 staff at its four production sites of Hamburger Austria (Pitten), Hamburger Rieger (Trostberg & Spremborg in Germany) and Hamburger Hungaria (Dunaujvaros).

### 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 27 000 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.