

# Press release

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## Bekaert Solaronics installs WebMate® system at Empaques Modernos de Guadalajara, Mexico (a Grupo Gondi company).

Bekaert Solaronics received an important order from Bellmer Ibérica for the rebuilt of the drying equipment on PM2 at Empaques Modernos de Guadalajara, Mexico.

The objective of the investment is to replace the existing infrared equipment by a new Webmate® hood for coat drying and profiling after the third coating head. The existing WebMate® will be moved after the first coating head where there is no infrared system today.

Bekaert Solaronics WebMate® is an electric infrared non-contact drying solution which significantly increases the drying capacity of the existing equipment. The system is equipped with M2000 modules which ensure perfect quality, a high drying rate as well as a long lifetime.

**About Empaques Modernos de Guadalajara (a Grupo Gondi company)**

Empaques Modernos de Guadalajara is one of ten companies belonging to the Gondi Group. Founded in 1984 as response to the demand of the customers located on the Pacific coast, the production was first dedicated to liner recycled paper. Later on, EMG expanded its operations and included the manufacture of corrugated and solid fiber boxes. Today, EMG stretches over 214 644 m<sup>2</sup>, with two paper mills and a modern plant of corrugated boxes. It has the capacity to produce medium and coated papers with weight from 100 to 800 g/m<sup>2</sup>.

**About Bellmer Ibérica Machinery S.L., Tolosa & Valladolid**

The Bellmer group advises, plans and designs plants for the pulp and paper industry. Bellmer Ibérica is a subsidiary of Bellmer Group located in the Iberian Peninsula. It was opened in July 2010 and employs more than 20 specialists in Tolosa and Valladolid. Its main markets are Spain, Portugal and South America, where Bellmer Ibérica takes care of consulting, sales, engineering and service. All machines and products are manufactured at Bellmer's Group headquarters in Niefern, Germany.

**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 € 4.4 billion in 2012.

Note: Bekaert Solaronics is not to be confused with Solaronics Inc. based in Rochester Michigan USA. For the USA, the non-contact drying business of Bekaert is coordinated through Bekaert Corp, 1395 South Marietta Parkway, Building 700, Suite 708, US-Marietta, Georgia 30067-4440.