

# Press release

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## **Bekaert Solaronics installstwo Edge Dryersat NorPaperAvotVallée, Blendecques, France.**

Bekaert Solaronics has recently installed two Edge Dryers on PM4 at NorPaperAvotVallée to improve the moisture profile on the paper edges. The Bekaert Edge Dryer is a compact, easy-to install and efficient solution for edge drying.

The systems are equipped with M2000 modules, high density electric infrared emitters especially developed for the paper and board industry. Thanks to the patented design of these modules, the lamps last over twice as long as conventional emitters.

**About NorPaper**

NorPaperAvotValléeBlendecques is located in the North of France and is specialized in the production of white testliner 100% recycled container board product. NorPaper is today the N°1 white testliner producer in France.

Created in 1865, the company has many years of paper making expertise and the geographical location is a major asset for sales development. Since 2011, the company is a subsidiary of Open Gate Capital.

**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.