

## Press release

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### **Bekaert Solaronics to install three infrared drying systems GemDryer® and three Energy Recovery Systems (ERS) at Dongda Paper, China.**

Bekaert Solaronics will supply Hangzhou Dongda Paper Co. Ltd with a 3-rows infrared GemDryer® and one Energy Recovery System (ERS) for coat drying on its PM2. This order comes just after the installation in 2016 of two GemDryer® and two ERS after-press and existing coater on the PM1 of Zhejiang Dongda Paper Co., Ltd. Dongda Paper manufactures coated recycled board.

Bekaert Solaronics has a long-lasting experience in the optimization of non-contact drying systems. The combination of the GemDryer® with the ERS will help to increase the machine speed-up after press and coating stations and realize significant energy savings by using directly the exhaust from the infrared dryers as an energy source for the air dryer.

Moreover, thanks to their compactness and coupled with the high performance Gem12+ emitters, the GemDryer® systems meet the customer needs in terms of high power density, drying flexibility and efficiency and ease of maintenance.

**About Zhejiang Dongda Paper Co., Ltd**

Zhejiang Dongda Paper Co. Ltd is a major producer of coated white cartonboard and paper in Zhejiang Province. The company was founded in 1999, and its annual production capacity is 400,000 tons.

**About Hangzhou Dongda Paper Co., Ltd**

Founded in 2003, Hangzhou Dongda Paper Co., Ltd is a top-grade coating white paper board's manufacturer located at Spring River Street, Fuyang City in China. The paper mill produces duplex board with white or grey back and coated duplex board. Covering an area of more than 70,000 square meters, the annual production capacity is more than 100,000 tons.

**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.