

## Press release

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### **Bekaert Solaronics to supply UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 infrared drying systems and air bar dryers to Kyiv Cardboard & Paper Mill, Ukraine**

Bekaert Solaronics received an important order from Bellmer as part of their coater machine upgrade contract with Kyiv CPM in Ukraine. The drying upgrade consists of installing three hoods UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 followed by air bars after each of the three coating stations; including a new coating unit delivered by Bellmer.

Kyiv CPM is carrying out a challenging investment program in the cardboard plant to upgrade the coater machine. The main objectives are to increase the speed of the coater up to 400m/min, install a new coating unit and modernize the coat drying equipment. The project includes reducing the steam consumption and improving the quality of the coated board. First step of the installation is scheduled to take place in April 2018.

Energy economy and quality are guaranteed by the UniDryer<sup>®</sup> V3 systems that reach a high energy efficiency level thanks to the combination of the superior performance Gem9E emitters and the improved convection. These features result in a fast heat-up, a high evaporation rate and ultimately in better product quality. The set of blowing air bars will bring additional energy and mass transfer to increase overall system efficiency and avoid sticking of coated surface at paper roll contact. They are fed directly by the exhaust air from the UniDryer<sup>®</sup> systems, optimizing the operating costs.

**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 since 1842.

**About Kyiv CPM**

PJSC Kyiv Cardboard and Paper Mill, part of the Austrian Pulp Mill Holding, is one of the biggest enterprises in Europe in cardboard and paper production. The mill accounts for about 30% of the total cardboard and paper produced in Ukraine. The main raw material used for cardboard and paper production is recycled paper. The cardboard plant produces coated and uncoated cardboard and containerboard, including fluting for corrugated products with a total output of 240 000 tons per year.

**About Bekaert and Bekaert Solaronics**

Bekaert ([www.bekaert.com](http://www.bekaert.com)) is a world market and technology leader in steel wire transformation and coating technologies.

We aim to be the preferred supplier of our steel wire products and solutions by continuously delivering superior value to our customers worldwide. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is a global company with 30 000 employees worldwide, headquarters in Belgium and more than € 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.