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## Publication of a transparency notification

(in accordance with the Law of 2 May 2007 on disclosure of major holdings)

NV Bekaert SA (“Bekaert”) has received a transparency notification dated 13 April 2026 indicating that American Century Investment Management, Inc. has crossed the threshold of 3%, as a result of the acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights in Bekaert.

The notification dated 13 April 2026 contains the following information:

- Reason for the notification: acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notification by a parent undertaking or a controlling person
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:
  - Stowers Institute for Medical Research, 1000 E 50<sup>th</sup> Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111, USA
  - American Century Companies, 4500 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111, USA
  - American Century Investment Management, Inc., 4500 Main Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111, USA
- Date on which the threshold is crossed: 10 April 2026
- Threshold that is crossed: 3%
- Denominator: 50 659 798

- Notified Details:

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	Number of voting rights	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
Stowers Institute for Medical Research		0		0.00%	
American Century Companies		0		0.00%	
American Century Investment Management, Inc.		1 521 664		3.00%	
	TOTAL	1 521 664	0	3.00%	0.00%

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holders of equivalent financial instruments	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
	TOTAL			0	0.00%	

	TOTAL (A & B)	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights	
		1 521 664	3.00%	

- Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held: American Century Investment Management, Inc. (ACIM) is 100% owned by American Century Companies, Inc. (ACC). Stowers Institute for Medical Research (SIMR) owns shares representing 66.7% of the voting rights of ACC. SIMR is a not-for-profit and is not controlled by any company or legal entity.
- Additional information: ACC will not interfere with the exercise of the voting rights by ACIM, and ACIM is capable of exercising the voting rights independently of ACC, its parent undertaking. The total position reported in this notification is made up of 12 underlying accounts. None of those accounts, on their own, hold 3%. All 12 of those accounts are the legal owners of their respective Bekaert shares. ACIM is the investment adviser for those 12 accounts & has voting authority for each at its discretion in the absence of specific instructions.

## About Bekaert

Bekaert's ambition is to be the leading partner for shaping the way we live and move, and to always do this in a way that is safe, smart, and sustainable. As a global market and technology leader in material science of steel wire transformation and coating technologies, Bekaert ([bekaert.com](https://www.bekaert.com)) also applies its expertise beyond steel to create new solutions with innovative materials and services for markets including mobility, energy and construction. Founded in 1880, with its headquarters in Belgium, Bekaert (Euronext Brussels, BEKB) is a global technology company whose 19 000 employees worldwide together generated €3.7 billion in consolidated sales in 2025.

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