

## Press release

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## Bekaert Specialty Films Unveils Class 10,000 Clean Room

### *\$1.5 Million Upgrade to Manufacturing Capacity Offers Customers Purity and Perfection*

Bekaert Specialty Films, LLC announced today the opening of its new class 10,000 clean room for the manufacturing of a variety of films for automotive and architectural glass and a wide breadth of industrial applications.

With a \$1.5 million investment in the new San Diego clean room, where contaminants such as dust and other particles will be completely contained and/or eliminated, Bekaert Specialty Films reinforces their continued dedication to meeting the most demanding quality and cleanliness standards. The clean room facility is the latest Bekaert construction using energy efficient practices and products which are in line with Bekaert's dedication to environmental stewardship.

"The San Diego clean room is essential to Bekaert's ongoing commitment to providing superior industrial and window film solutions," said Christophe Fremont, President, Bekaert Specialty Films.

"This investment is yet another example of our organizational pledge to current and future customers, and it enables Bekaert Specialty Films to be the lead supplier of specialised films for the most demanding market segments."

### **Bekaert Specialty Films San Diego clean room features:**

- Low wall air returns for improved air flow
- HEPA filter system with sufficient air changes to ensure Class 10,000 performance or better
- Insulated ducting and ceiling panels for improved energy efficiency
- 3-way interlock for material flow
- Sealed floors and air showers
- State-of-the-art HVAC system, which helps prevent the electrostatic discharge common in film and laminate manufacturing

## **About Bekaert Specialty Films**

Bekaert Specialty Films LLC., [www.bekaertfilms.com](http://www.bekaertfilms.com) is a global leader in the development, manufacture and distribution of specialty films for use in solar control and safety window films, and industrial applications.

Used for vehicles and buildings to keep out the sun's heat, filter out ultraviolet radiation and hold glass together in the event of breakage, Bekaert Specialty Films delivers solutions for safety, security, glare, energy use and CO2 emission reduction. Distributed through a network of independent certified dealers and distributors in more than 60 countries via 18 company-owned offices, Bekaert's window film is sold under the Solar Gard®, Panorama®, Quantum® and Armorcoat® brands.

For the industrial market Bekaert Specialty Films provides highly sophisticated vacuum sputtered, wet coated and laminated flexible film products to major OEM manufacturers worldwide. These are used in a vast range of industrial applications including electronics, medical, graphic arts and imaging, automotive and aerospace.

Bekaert Specialty Films LLC., is headquartered in San Diego, CA and is a subsidiary of the Bekaert group, an innovation and technology driven company, founded in Belgium in 1880 that develops, produces and distributes a wide range of metal transformation and coating products worldwide. Bekaert (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) is still headquartered in Belgium today, employing 20,000 people worldwide. Bekaert is present in 120 countries and generates annual sales of \$5 billion.

For more information about Bekaert Specialty Films window film and industrial film solutions or for photographs of BSF's San Diego clean room, please contact [bsf@matternow.com](mailto:bsf@matternow.com).