

## Financial definitions

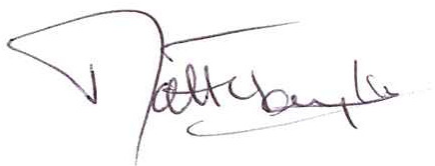
<i>Added value</i>	Operating result (EBIT) + remuneration, social security and pension charges + depreciation, amortization, impairment of assets and negative goodwill.
<i>Associates</i>	Companies in which Bekaert has a significant influence, generally reflected by an interest of at least 20%. Associates are accounted for using the equity method.
<i>Book value per share</i>	Equity attributable to the Group divided by number of shares outstanding at balance sheet date.
<i>Capital employed (CE)</i>	Working capital + net intangible assets + net goodwill + net property, plant and equipment. The average CE is weighted by the number of periods that an entity has contributed to the consolidated result.
<i>Capital ratio</i>	Equity relative to total assets.
<i>Combined figures</i>	Sum of consolidated companies + 100% of joint ventures and associated companies after elimination of intercompany transactions (if any). Examples: sales, capital expenditure, number of employees.
<i>Dividend yield</i>	Gross dividend as a percentage of the share price on 31 December.
<i>EBIT</i>	Operating result (earnings before interest and taxation).
<i>EBIT interest coverage</i>	Operating result divided by net interest expense.
<i>EBITDA</i>	Operating result (EBIT) + depreciation, amortization, impairment of assets and negative goodwill.
<i>Equity method</i>	Method of accounting whereby an investment (in a joint venture or an associate) is initially recognized at cost and subsequently adjusted for any changes in the investor's share of the joint venture's or associate's net assets (i.e. equity). The income statement reflects the investor's share in the net result of the investee.
<i>Gearing</i>	Net debt relative to equity.
<i>Joint ventures</i>	Companies under joint control in which Bekaert generally has an interest of approximately 50%. Joint ventures are accounted for using the equity method.
<i>Net capitalization</i>	Net debt + equity.
<i>Net debt</i>	Interest-bearing debt net of current loans, non-current financial receivables and cash guarantees, short-term deposits, cash and cash equivalents. For the purpose of debt calculation only, interest bearing debt is remeasured to reflect the effect of any cross-currency interest-rate swaps (or similar instruments), which convert this debt to the entity's functional currency.
<i>Non-recurring items</i>	Operating income and expenses that are related to restructuring programs, impairment losses, business combinations, business disposals, environmental provisions or other events and transactions that have a one-time effect.
<i>REBIT</i>	EBIT before non-recurring items.
<i>Return on capital employed (ROCE)</i>	Operating result (EBIT) relative to the weighted average capital employed.
<i>Return on equity (ROE)</i>	Result for the period relative to average equity.
<i>Subsidiaries</i>	Companies in which Bekaert exercises control and generally has an interest of more than 50%.
<i>Working capital (operating)</i>	Inventories + trade receivables + bills of exchange received + advanced paid - trade payables - advances received - remuneration and social security payables - employment-related taxes.

## Statement from the responsible persons

The undersigned persons state that, to the best of their knowledge:

- the consolidated financial statements of NV Bekaert SA and its subsidiaries as of 31 December 2015 have been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards, and give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities, financial position and results of the whole of the companies included in the consolidation; and
- the annual report on the consolidated financial statements gives a fair overview of the development and the results of the business and of the position of the whole of the companies included in the consolidation, as well as a description of the principal risks and uncertainties faced by them.

On behalf of the Board of Directors:



Matthew Taylor  
Chief Executive Officer



Bert De Graeve  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

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## Financial calendar

■ First quarter trading update 2016	11 May 2016
■ General meeting of shareholders	11 May 2016
■ Dividend ex-date	12 May 2016
■ Dividend payable	17 May 2016
■ 2016 half year results	29 July 2016
■ Third quarter trading update 2016	18 November 2016
■ 2016 results	24 February 2017
■ 2016 annual report available on the Net	24 March 2017
■ First quarter trading update 2017	10 May 2017
■ General meeting of shareholders	10 May 2017
■ Dividend ex-date	11 May 2017
■ Dividend payable	15 May 2017
■ 2017 half year results	28 July 2017
■ Third quarter trading update 2017	17 November 2017