



Bekaert... and Saint-Gobain have signed an agreement regarding the sale of Bekaert's Specialty Films activities to Saint-Gobain Performance Plastics Corporation, an Ohio, US-based corporation of the Saint-Gobain group. The transaction covers the production facilities in San Diego (US), Zulte (Belgium) and Suzhou (China), the operations under development in China, and all sales and service centres worldwide. The deal involves all employees currently working in the Specialty Films platform, which is known as Solar Gard Specialty Films. Saint-Gobain offers opportunities to help strengthen Solar Gard's leadership position in the architectural and energy market where both companies are committed to the development of energy-efficient products. Bekaert acquired the Specialty Films business in 2001 and developed it into a global market leader although technological synergies were felt to be limited over time. The transaction is subject to customary closing conditions, and is expected to be closed in the course of 2011.