

## Press release

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# Bekaert Specialty Films Achieves ISO 14001:2004 Certification

## *Sustainable Environmental Practices Set the Company's Energy-saving Window Films Apart from the Competition*

[Bekaert Specialty Films](#) LLC today announced it has earned ISO 14001:2004 certification, further solidifying BSF's commitment to minimizing the manufacturing impact of its leading energy saving window films, sold under the Solar Gard<sup>®</sup>, Panorama<sup>®</sup> and Quantum<sup>®</sup> brands. ISO 14001 is an international standard for environmental management systems whose goal is to reduce the ecological footprint of a business and decrease pollution and waste.

To achieve this voluntary certification, Bekaert Specialty Films established an Environmental Management System (EMS) to ensure the company's activities and products have minimal impact on the environment. Bekaert Specialty Films' EMS helps monitor and improve energy efficiency, resource conservation, waste management and chemical control. Additionally the EMS aims to:

- Reduce the environmental impact of BSF's manufacturing operations;
- Improve the work environment and create cross-functional teams that foster awareness, understanding and responsibility across the organization; and
- Enhance relations with the community, regulators and stakeholders.

"ISO 14001:2004 certification is an extension of our commitment to protecting the environment and ensuring the health and safety of employees, customers and the communities in which we operate," said Christophe Fremont, President, Bekaert Specialty Films. "More and more companies are prioritizing window film in their budgets, and our environmental standards will give them confidence that our products are the right choice to achieve their energy savings goals."

Independent analyses show that window film can help organizations reduce energy expenditures by up to 30 percent. Recognized by the Department of Energy as an energy-saving solution, window film reduces the load HVAC systems have to manage and helps save electricity. Through the [Solar](#)

[Gard Energy Toolbox](#), facility managers can receive customized energy analyses and quantify the value of professional window film installation.

In addition to its ISO14001:2004 certification, Bekaert Specialty Films has also been recognized as a Climate Action Leader by the California Climate Action Registry, and was the first specialized film manufacturer to [certify and publish its carbon footprint](#). Solar Gard window film has been endorsed by the Clinton Climate Initiative and both Solar Gard and Panorama window films are recognized for their role in reducing energy consumption in commercial properties and residential homes worldwide. Professionally-installed window film is one of the most diverse products on the market, offering important features to property owners including energy savings, UV protection and safety enhancements.

### **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 as solar control and safety window films, and for industrial applications. The company delivers solutions for safety, security, glare, energy savings and CO<sub>2</sub> emission reduction through a network of independent certified dealers and distributors in more than 60 countries under the Solar Gard<sup>®</sup>, Panorama<sup>®</sup>, Quantum<sup>®</sup> and Solar Gard<sup>®</sup> Armorcoat<sup>®</sup> brands. Bekaert Specialty Films also manufactures industrial films for the electronics, medical, graphic arts and imaging, automotive and aerospace industries. The company is the first in the industry to certify its carbon footprint, is a Climate Action Leader and is committed to environmental responsibility. Headquartered in San Diego, Calif., Bekaert Specialty Films LLC is a subsidiary of the Bekaert group (Euronext Brussels: BEKB) a global company headquartered in Belgium with annual combined sales of €4 billion, more than \$5 billion.