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Ontex: Transparency Declaration Notification

Disclosure made according to the requirements of Article 14 of the law of 2 May 2007

Aalst-Erembodegem (Belgium), 13 March 2015 – Ontex Group NV (“Ontex”) discloses the notifications of significant shareholdings that it has received according to the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant shareholdings in listed companies.

On 10 March 2015, BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had acquired 3,329,154 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 3% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 4.89%.

On 12 March 2015, Allianz Global Investors GmbH notified Ontex that it had acquired 3,876,537 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 5% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 5.70%.

On 12 March 2015, Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA, and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had acquired 5,028,182 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 5% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 7.39%.

According to its obligation Ontex publishes the content of the notifications that it has received.

Date of Notifications: 10 March 2015 and 12 March 2015

Date Thresholds Crossed: 6 March 2015 and 10 March 2015

Thresholds Crossed: 3.00% and 5.00%

Notifications by:

BlackRock, Inc	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.	6D, Route de Trèves, Senningerberg, L-2633, Luxembourg
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited	International Financial Services Centre, Dublin 1, Ireland
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, U.S.A.

BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
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BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
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BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Marunouchi Trust Tower Main, 1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8217 Japan
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG	Bahnhofstraße 54, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland
Allianz Global Investors GmbH	Bockenheimer Landstraße 42-44, D-60323 Frankfurt/M., Germany
Trust familial Desmarais	c/o Power Corporation, 751 Square Victoria, Montréal, Québec, H2Y 2J3
Albert Frere	c/o Frère-Bourgeois – 12 rue de la Blanche Borne – 6280 Gerpinnes
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA	Avenue Marnix 24, 1000 Bruxelles

Denominator on the date of notifications: 68,055,555 shares

Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:

Notification of 10 March 2015:

	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
BlackRock, Inc		0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.		1,891,724		2.78%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited		14,685		0.02%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC		125,080		0.18%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited		1,200		0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited		32,697		0.05%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors		113,543		0.17%	
BlackRock Fund Managers Limited		787,725		1.16%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust		238,217		0.35%	

Company, National Association					
BlackRock International Limited		21,420		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited		53,686		0.08%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC		19,467		0.03%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.		29,574		0.04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG		136		0.00%	
subtotal		3,329,154		4.89%	
		3,329,154	0	4.89%	0.00%

Notifications of 12 March 2015:

	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# voting rights	# voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
Allianz Global Investors GmbH		3,876,537		5.70%	
Albert Frere		0		0%	
Trust Familial Desmarais		0		0%	
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA		5,028,182		7.39%	

Chain of controlled entities through which the shareholding is effectively owned:

BlackRock, Inc. is the ultimate controller but the legal entities detailed in the section above are the discretionary Investment Managers who hold the shares and exercise the voting rights.

Allianz Global Investors GmbH is a German investment management company. Its core business is the establishment and portfolio management of investment funds domiciled in Germany, Luxembourg, France, Italy, UK and Ireland. Allianz Global Investors GmbH is entitled to execute the voting rights by proxy (since the foundation of the funds). Additionally, Allianz Global Investors GmbH is mandated in several cases to manage individual asset portfolios for clients on a contractual basis (incl. fund mandates, under which Allianz Global Investors GmbH is the portfolio manager of funds established by other investment companies); under such contracts Allianz Global Investors GmbH is entitled to execute the voting rights of shares held in such asset portfolios. Allianz SE and all other holding companies between Allianz SE and Allianz Global Investors GmbH have been allowed to disaggregate their holdings of their

subsidiary, Allianz Global Investors GmbH, in accordance with art. 11, § 2 of the law of 2 May 2007 and art. 21 of the royal decree of 14 February 2008. Allianz Global Investors GmbH can exercise the voting rights at its discretion in the absence of specific instructions.

Please click here to see the chart presenting the chain of controlled entities for Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA: <http://www.ontexglobal.com/transparency-declaration-notification-8>

Other Remarks:

Groupe Bruxelles Lambert S.A. is a company which is co-controlled by Albert Frère and the Trust familial Desmarais, and which held 5,028,128 Ontex shares (7.39% of its capital) on 10 March 2015.

On 6 March 2015, Swilux (1, rue de Namur, L-2211 Luxembourg), a company controlled by Albert Frère, had acquired 5.76% of Ontex (3,921,568 shares) and 1.44% of Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA (980,392 shares).

On 10 March 2015, Groupe Bruxelles Lambert S.A. had crossed the 5% threshold in Ontex, following acquisitions in the market, and from Swilux, which consequently no longer held Ontex shares on that date.

Notifications of significant shareholdings to be made according to the Law of 2 May 2007 should be sent to: investorrelations@ontexglobal.com

This notification will be posted on: <http://www.ontexglobal.com/press-room>

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About Ontex

Ontex is a leading manufacturer of branded and retailer brand hygienic disposable products across Europe, the Middle East and Africa. The Company primarily sells its products to retailers, helping them to establish or enhance their own brands. While historically Western Europe has been the Company's largest geographic market in terms of sales (68% of sales in 2013), the Company also has a growing presence in emerging markets where it offers both retailer brands and its own brands, with the mix varying by product category and geography. The Company believes that it operates a strong and diversified business across multiple geographies and serves a blue chip customer base with high quality products in core, resilient and non-discretionary categories.