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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), 27 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 17 March 2015, BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had acquired 3,517,986 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 5% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 5.17%.

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

**Date of Notifications:** 20 March 2015

**Date Thresholds Crossed:** 17 March 2015

**Thresholds Crossed:** 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 Asset Management Schweiz AG	Bahnhofstraße 54, 8001 Zurich, Switzerland
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.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.

Management (UK) Limited	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ 08540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Marunouchi Trust Tower Main, 1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo, 100-8217 Japan

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

**Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:**

Notification of 17 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
BlackRock, Inc		0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.		2,074,385		3.05%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited		14,685		0.02%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC		125,080		0.18%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited		0		0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited		33,969		0.05%	
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG		136		0.00%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors		115,250		0.17%	
BlackRock Fund Managers Limited		818,711		1.20%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association		194,681		0.29%	
BlackRock International Limited		21,420		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited		56,852		0.08%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC		19,467		0.03%	

BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.		43,350		0.06%	
subtotal		3,517,986		5.17%	
		<b>3,517,986</b>	0	<b>5.17%</b>	0.00%

**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.

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