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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), 16 March 2016 – 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 16 March 2016, Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had acquired 7,985,501 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 10.0% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 10.67%.

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

**Date of Notification:** 16 March 2016

**Date Threshold Crossed:** 15 March 2016

**Threshold Crossed:** 10.0%

### **Notification by:**

The Desmarais Family Residuary Trust	c/o Power Corporation, Square Victoria 751, Montréal, Québec, H2Y 2J3
Albert Frère	c/o Frère Bourgeois – rue de la Blanche Borne 12 – 6280 Gerpinnes
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert	Avenue Marnix 24, 1000 Bruxelles

**Denominator on the date of notification:** 74,861,108 shares

### **Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:**

Notification of 16 March 2016:

	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
The Desmarais Family Residuary Trust		0	0	0.00%	0.00%

Albert Frère		0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert	5,513,182	7,985,501	0	10.67%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,513,182</b>	<b>7,985,501</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>10.67%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

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

Please click here to see the chart presenting the chain of controlled entities for Groupe Bruxelles Lambert:

[http://www.ontexglobal.com/sites/default/files/160316\\_organigramme\\_de\\_controle\\_gbl.pdf](http://www.ontexglobal.com/sites/default/files/160316_organigramme_de_controle_gbl.pdf)

**Other remarks:**

Groupe Bruxelles Lambert is a company which is co-controlled by Albert Frère and The Desmarais Family Residuary Trust (previously named Trust familial Desmarais).

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 producer of disposable personal hygiene products, ranging from baby diapers to products for feminine hygiene and adult incontinence. Ontex's products are distributed in more than 100 countries through Ontex brands as well as leading retailer brands.

The group employs over 5,500 staff and has a presence in 23 countries. Ontex is listed on Euronext Brussels.