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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), 25 October 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.

Between 17 October 2016 and 21 October 2016, Ontex received the following Transparency Declaration Notifications:

1. On 17 October 2016, BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex (1) that it had, as a result of sales of shares, crossed below the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex, (2) that Blackrock Investment Management (UK) Limited had acquired 2,511,638 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 3.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 3.36% and (3) that Blackrock (Luxembourg) SA had crossed below the threshold of 3.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex. To access the full notification, please click [here](#).
2. On 18 October 2016, BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had acquired 3,743,771 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 5.00%. To access the full notification, please click [here](#).
3. On 19 October 2016, Blackrock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had, as a result of sales of shares, crossed below the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 4.997%. To access the full notification, please click [here](#).
4. On 20 October 2016, BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had acquired 3,743,649 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 5.00%. To access the full notification, please click [here](#).
5. On 21 October 2016, Blackrock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had, as a result of sales of shares, crossed below the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 4.94%.

According to its obligation Ontex has published the content of the notifications that it has received. The tables below present the number of voting rights held by BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, as disclosed in the last notification dated 7 March 2016 (published on Ontex's website on 10 March 2016) and as disclosed in the latest notification received on 21 October 2016. The intermediary notifications and their full content can be accessed via the aforementioned links.

**Date of Notifications:** 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 October 2016

**Dates Thresholds Crossed:** 11, 12, 13, 17 and 19 October 2016

**Thresholds Crossed:** 3.00% and 5.00%

**Notifications by:**

BlackRock, Inc	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Sempole Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock (Luxembourg) SA	6D, Route de Trèves, Senningerberg, L-2633, Luxembourg

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

**Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:**

(A) Voting rights	Previous Notification (7 March 2016)	After the notification received on 21 October 2016			
	# 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	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	0	197	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	102,393	2,507,962	0	3.35%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	0	2	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	327,300	354,776	0	0.47%	

BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	25,620	23,618	0	0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	14,237	53,842	0	0.07%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	43,377	26	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	0	121,975	0	0.16%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	438,865	357,915	0	0.48%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	129,480	142,817	0	0.19%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	0	124,449	0	0.17%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	11,831	9,403	0	0.01%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	3,513	4,317	0	0.01%	
BlackRock International Limited	42,516	0	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited	102,430	0	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG	7,608	0	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	813,382	0	0	0.00%	
BlackRock Life Limited	26,848	0	0	0.00%	
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.	3,366,676	0	0	0.00%	
Subtotal	5,456,076	3,701,299	0	4.94%	
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,701,299</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.94%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

(B) Equivalent financial instruments	Previous Notification (7 March 2016)	After the notification received on 21 October 2016					
		Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	0	Securities Lent			127,386	0.17%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	0	Securities Lent			33,847	0.05%	physical

BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	0	Securities Lent			352,205	0.47%	physical
BlackRock International Limited	0	Contract for Difference			6,438	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	0	Contract for Difference			80,939	0.11%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0</b>				<b>600,815</b>	<b>0.80%</b>	

Notification on 21 October 2016	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
<b>TOTAL (A + B)</b>	<b>4,302,114</b>	<b>5.75%</b>

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

The full chain of controlled entities through which the shareholding is effectively owned is available at this [link](#).

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 110 countries through Ontex brands as well as leading retailer brands. The group employs over 7,000 staff and has a presence in 23 countries. Ontex is listed on Euronext Brussels and is part of the BEL20® index.