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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), 6 March 2017 – 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 2 March 2017, BlackRock, Inc., and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that BlackRock, Inc. had, as a result of sales of shares, crossed below the threshold of 3.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex, excluding equivalent financial instruments.

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

Date of Notification: 2 March 2017

Date Threshold Crossed: 28 February 2017

Threshold Crossed: 3.00%

Notification by:

BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
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 Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
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 Institutional Trust Company, National Association	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 (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.

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

Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:

(A) Voting rights	Previous Notification	After the transaction			
	# voting rights	# voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holder of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	9,403	8,505		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	72,339	18,779		0.03%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	173,027	166,471		0.22%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	4,168	4,168		0.01%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	124,117	124,990		0.17%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	361	0		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	2,128	2,120		0.00%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	394,230	401,485		0.54%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	367,652	113,291		0.15%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	29,948	29,948		0.04%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1,731,928	1,160,694		1.55%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	68,303	64,853		0.09%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	55	0		0.00%	
Subtotal	2,977,659	2,095,304		2.80%	
Total		2,095,304	0	2.80%	0.00%

(B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	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	Securities Lent			200,966	0.27%	physical
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Securities Lent			6,556	0.01%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			312,661	0.42%	physical
TOTAL				520,183	0.69%	

	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	2,615,487	3.49%

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

The full chain of control 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

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

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About Ontex

Ontex is a leading producer of 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 8,000 staff and has a presence in 25 countries. Ontex is listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels and is part of the Bel20 and STOXX® Europe 600.