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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), December 30, 2019 – Ontex Group NV (“Ontex”) discloses the notification 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 December 24, 2019, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that it holds, as a result of the acquisition of voting securities or voting rights, 6,139,439 shares in Ontex and so has crossed the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 7.46%.

On December 27, 2019, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that it had, as a result of the disposal of voting securities or voting rights, crossed below the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex.

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

Date of Notifications: December 24, 2019, and December 27, 2019

Date Threshold Crossed: December 19, 2019, and December 20, 2019

Threshold Crossed: 5.00%

Notification by:

Bank of America Corporation	Wilmington, DE (United States)
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Denominator on the date of notification: 82,347,218 shares

Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:

Notification of December 24, 2019:

(A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# voting rights	# voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked	Linked to securities	Not linked

			to securities		to securities
Bank of America Corporation	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Merrill Lynch International	0	2,403,265	0	2.92%	0.00%
BofA Securities Europe SA	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
BofA Securities, Inc	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	0	2,403,265	0	2.92%	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
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	30/10/2020		6,850	0.01%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	30/04/2021		7,186	0.01%	dash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	19/10/2020		1,428	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	31/01/2020		20,514	0.02%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	15/02/2023		1	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	19/10/2020		51,045	0.06%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	31/01/2020		6,103	0.01%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	17/03/2021		20,300	0.02%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	Right to Recall			14,319	0.02%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Rights of Use			3,557,385	4.32%	physical
BofA Securities Europe SA	Right to Recall			16,343	0.02%	physical
BofA Securities Europe SA	Rights of Use			9,016	0.01%	physical
Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation	Rights of Use			24,496	0.03%	physical
BofA Securities, Inc.	Right to Recall			1,188	0.00%	physical
TOTAL				3,736,174	4.54%	

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	6,139,439	7.46%

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held

Merrill Lynch International, BofA Securities Europe SA, BofA Securities, Inc and Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation are controlled by "Bank of America Corporation" (see enclosure). Bank of America Corporation is not a controlled entity.

Additional information

The trigger for the notification is due to the trading book holding going above the 5% exemption.

Notification of December 27, 2019:

(A) Voting rights	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
Bank of America Corporation	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Merrill Lynch International	2,403,265	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
BofA Securities Europe SA	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
BofA Securities, Inc.	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Merrill Lynch Professional Clearing Corporation	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	2,403,265	0	0	0.00%	0.00%

(B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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
Bank of America Corporation						
TOTAL						

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	0	0.00%

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Additional information

The trigger for the notification is due to the trading book holding going below the 5% exemption.

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 international provider of personal hygiene solutions, with expertise in baby care, feminine care and adult care. Ontex's innovative products are distributed in more than 110 countries through Ontex brands such as BBTips, BioBaby, Pompom, Bigfrol, Canbebe, Canped, ID and Serenity, as well as leading retailer brands.

Employing 11,000 passionate people all over the world, Ontex has a presence in 21 countries, with its headquarters in Aalst, Belgium. Ontex is part of the Bel20 and STOXX® Europe 600.

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