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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), 20 May 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 19 May 2016, Groupe Bruxelles Lambert, and its affiliated entities, notified Ontex that it had held 11,239,897 shares in Ontex and so had crossed the threshold of 15.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 15.01%.

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

Date of Notification: 19 May 2016

Date Threshold Crossed: 17 May 2016

Threshold Crossed: 15.00%

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 19 May 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		0	0	0.00%	0.00%

Trust					
Albert Frère		0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Groupe Bruxelles Lambert	7,985,501	11,239,897	0	15.01%	0.00%
Total	7,985,501	11,239,897	0	15.01%	0.00%

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/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

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, is present in 23 countries and sells in over 110 countries. Ontex is listed on Euronext Brussels and is part of the BEL20® index.