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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), August 5, 2020 – 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 July 31, 2020, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that as a result of the disposal of voting rights and equivalent financial instruments, it has crossed below the threshold of 3.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex on July 28, 2020.

On August 3, 2020, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that it holds, as a result of the acquisition of voting securities and equivalent financial instruments, 8,352,436 voting rights in Ontex that may be acquired if the instruments are exercised, and so has crossed above the threshold of 10.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex on July 29, 2020 to 10.14%.

On August 4, 2020, Bank of America Corporation notified Ontex that it holds, as a result of the disposal of voting securities and the acquisition of equivalent financial instruments, 8,206,771 voting rights in Ontex that may be acquired if the instruments are exercised and so has crossed below the threshold of 10.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex on July 30, 2020 to 9.97%.

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

Reason for the notification: Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights, and acquisition or disposal of financial instruments that are treated as voting securities, and the downward crossing of the lowest threshold.

Notification by: A parent undertaking or a controlling person

Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Bank of America Corporation	Wilmington, DE (United States)
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Dates of Notifications: July 31, August 3, and August 4, 2020

Dates Thresholds Crossed: July 28, July 29, and July 30, 2020

Thresholds Crossed: 3.00%, 5.00% and 10.00%

Denominator on the date of notification: 82,347,218 shares

Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:

Notification of July 31, 2020:

(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				
Merrill Lynch International	1,341,302				
BofA Securities Europe SA	11,907				
Total	1,353,209				

(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
TOTAL						

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

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

Merrill Lynch International and BofA Securities Europe SA 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 below the 5% exemption.

Notification of August 3, 2020:

(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	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%

BofA Securities Europe SA	0	317,541	0	0.39%	0.00%
BofA Securities, Inc	0	1,385,627	0	1.68%	0.00%
Total	0	1,703,168	0	2.07%	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
BofA Securities Europe SA	Right to Recall			369,078	0.45%	physical
BofA Securities Europe SA	Rights of Use			6,833	0.01%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Right to Recall			6,003,610	7.29%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Rights of Use			230,514	0.28%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	19/10/2020		22,809	0.03%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	29/01/2021		14,652	0.02%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	30/10/2020		1,771	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	15/02/2023		1	0.00%	cash
TOTAL				6,649,268	8.07%	

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	8,352,436	10.14%

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

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Additional information

Trading book holding has gone above the 5% exemption.

Notification of August 4, 2020:

(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
Bank of America Corporation	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Merrill Lynch International	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
BofA Securities Europe SA	317,541	289,094	0	0.35%	0.00%
BofA Securities, Inc	1,385,627	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Total	1,703,168	289,094	0	0.35%	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
BofA Securities Europe SA	Right to Recall				90,518	0.11%	physical
BofA Securities Europe SA	Rights of Use				11,884	0.01%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Right to Recall				7,541,829	9.16%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	Rights of Use				229,079	0.28%	physical
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	30/09/2020			1,367	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	19/10/2020			30,238	0.04%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	30/10/2020			1,771	0.00%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	29/01/2021			10,990	0.01%	cash
Merrill Lynch International	OTC Swaps over Basket	15/02/2023			1	0.00%	cash
TOTAL					7,917,677	9.61%	

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	8,206,771	9.97%

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Notifications of significant shareholdings to be made according to the Law of 2 May 2007 should be sent to: investorrelations@ontexglobal.com

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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, Bigfral, 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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