



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**Regulated information**

## **Ontex: Transparency Declaration Notification**

### **Disclosure made according to the requirements of Article 14 of the law of 2 May 2007**

Aalst-Erembodegem (Belgium), 11 May 2018 – 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 9 May 2018, UBS Group AG notified Ontex that it holds, as a result of the acquisition of voting securities or voting rights, 5,102,202 shares in Ontex and so has crossed the threshold of 5.00% of the total number of voting rights in Ontex to 6.20%.

On 9 May 2018, Sycomore Asset Management SA notified Ontex that Sycomore Asset Management SA had, as a result of sale of shares, crossed below the threshold of 3.00% 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 Notification:** 9 May 2018

**Date Threshold Crossed:** 3 and 7 May 2018

**Threshold Crossed:** 5.00% and 3.00%

**Notification by:**

UBS Group AG	Bahnhofstrasse 45, 8001 Zurich
Sycomore Asset Management SA	14 avenue Hoche 75008 Paris France
Sycomore Factory SAS	14 avenue Hoche 75008 Paris France

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

**Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:**

## Notification from UBS Group AG

(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
UBS Group AG		0	0	0.00%	0.00%
UBS AG		1,709,199	0	2.08%	0.00%
UBS Asset Management (UK) Limited		21,024	0	0.03%	0.00%
UBS Asset Management Trust Company		2,947	0	0.00%	0.00%
UBS Fund Management (Luxembourg) S.A.		85,049	0	0.10%	0.00%
UBS Fund Management (Switzerland) AG		43,702	0	0.05%	0.00%
UBS Limited		4,507	0	0.01%	0.00%
UBS Third Party Management Company S.A		19,473	0	0.02%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,885,901</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.29%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

(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
UBS AG	Right to recall lent shares		Anytime	1,575,812	1.91%	
UBS Switzerland AG	Right to recall lent shares		Anytime	126,509	0.15%	
UBS AG	Equity Swaps	01.03.2023	Anytime	1,513,980	1.84%	
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>3,216,301</b>	<b>3.91%</b>	

	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
<b>TOTAL (A + B)</b>	<b>5,102,202</b>	<b>6.20%</b>

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

The full chain of control is available at this [link](#).

### Additional information

The disclosure obligation arose due to the total indirect holdings in voting rights of UBS Group AG, held directly by controlled undertakings going above 5% on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2018. This was caused by an increase in the Trading Book holdings of the aforementioned entities going above 5% and therefore no longer being exempt from reporting.

### Notification from Sycomore Asset Management SA

(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
Sycomore Factory SAS	0	0	0	0.00%	0.00%
Sycomore Asset Management SA	2,471,793	2,423,899	0	2.94%	0.00%
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,423,899</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2.94%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

(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
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>0.00%</b>		

	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
<b>TOTAL (A + B)</b>	<b>2,423,899</b>	<b>2.94%</b>

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

This position is held by the UCITS managed by Sycomore Asset Management SA. Sycomore Asset Management SA is controlled by Sycomore Factory SAS, which does not hold voting rights for the issuer concerned and is not a controlled entity.

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>

### INVESTOR ENQUIRIES

Philip Ludwig  
+32 53 333 730  
[investorrelations@ontexglobal.com](mailto:investorrelations@ontexglobal.com)

### PRESS ENQUIRIES

Gaëlle Vilatte  
+32 53 333 708  
[gaelle.vilatte@ontexglobal.com](mailto:gaelle.vilatte@ontexglobal.com)

**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 22 countries, with its headquarters in Aalst, Belgium. Ontex is part of the Bel20 and STOXX® Europe 600.

To keep up with the latest news, visit [www.ontexglobal.com](http://www.ontexglobal.com) or follow us on LinkedIn.