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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), 19 December 2018 – 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 17 December 2018, Harris Associates L.P. notified Ontex that it had, as a result of sales 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: 17 December 2018

Date Threshold Crossed: 11 December 2018

Threshold Crossed: 3.00%

Notification by:

Harris Associates L.P.	1209 N Orange St, Wilmington, DE 19801, USA
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Denominator on the date of notification: 82,347,218 shares

Voting rights and assimilated financial instruments:

(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
Harris Associates L.P.	4,116,500	2,456,560		2.98%	
Total		2,456,560	0	2.98%	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
Holdings of equivalent financial instruments						
-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL				0	0.00%	

	# voting rights	% of voting rights
TOTAL (A + B)	2,456,560	2.98%

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

Harris Associates L.P. ("Harris") is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Natixis Investment Managers, L.P., which is an indirect subsidiary of Natixis Investment Managers, an international asset management group based in Paris, France. Natixis Investment Managers is owned by Natixis, a French investment banking and financial services firm. Natixis is principally owned by BPCE, France's second largest banking group. BPCE is owned by banks comprising two autonomous and complementary retail banking networks consisting of the Caisse d'Épargne regional savings banks and the Banque Populaire regional cooperative banks.

Harris is an SEC registered investment adviser organized in the United States, which makes investments, including the Belgian holding at issue, on behalf of clients. Harris does not make investments in Belgian securities for its own account. Harris exercises voting rights for clients independently from its direct and indirect parent companies, including Natixis Investment Managers and its other subsidiaries.

Additional information

Harris Associates L.P. is the appointed investment manager to several accounts, which in aggregate hold the voting rights disclosed above. Harris Associates L.P. can exercise the voting rights at its discretion in the absence of specific instructions from the relevant undertaking of collective investments.

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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