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CORPORATE EXPRESS PUBBLICA UN COMUNICATO SULLA POSIZIONE DELL'AZIENDA NEI CONFRONTI DELL'OFFERTA DI STAPLES

Amsterdam, 12 Giugno 2008 - Corporate Express NV, uno dei principali fornitori mondiali di prodotti per l'ufficio, ha pubblicato oggi un Comunicato circa la Posizione del gruppo in merito all'offerta di Staples Inc. (fatta attraverso Staples Acquisition BV), per tutte le azioni emesse da Corporate Express NV e per le obbligazioni emesse da Corporate Express NV ("L' Offerta").

Il comunicato fornisce informazioni circa l'offerta di Staples, così come l'opinione del Board nei confronti dell'offerta, in accordo con l'art. 18, paragrafo 2 e Annex G del Decreto Olandese sulle Pubbliche Offerte ("*Besluit Openbare Biedingen Wft*").

L'Assemblea Straordinaria degli azionisti di Corporate Express si terrà il 18 Giugno 2008 alle 14.00 (ora locale) presso l'Hotel Okura, Ferdinand Bolstraat 333, ad Amsterdam.

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