

Buhrmann NV

Convocation for the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

**to be held at Hotel Okura, Ferdinand Bolstraat 333 te Amsterdam on Thursday
12 April 2007 at 2 pm**

The agenda comprises among others the following items:

- Adoption of the 2006 financial statements and adoption of the proposed 2006 dividend, discharge of the members of the Executive Board and discharge of the members of the Supervisory Board
- Composition of the Executive Board: appointment of Mr. P.J. Ventress
- Amendment of the articles of association
- Authority of the Executive Board to acquire shares or depositary receipts in the Company
- Extension of the period during which the Executive Board is authorized to issue ordinary shares, to limit or exclude the preferential right when issuing ordinary shares and to issue preference shares B

The agenda and explanation, the 2006 Annual Report as well as the proposed amendments to the articles of association and explanation thereto are available on the website of the Company (www.buhrmann.com) and at the Company's offices in Amsterdam, as well as at ABN AMRO Bank – client services / wholesale desk in Breda (“ABN AMRO”), Kemelstede 2, 4817 ST Breda phone +31 (0)76 579 94 55, fax +31 (0)76 579 96 20 or via e-mail: SO.Servicedesk.C&CC@nl.abnamro.com

Record date

The Executive Board has determined that those who are registered on **13 March 2007**, after processing of settlements on that date (“the Record Date”) in one of the (sub)registers and have given notice in accordance with the following, will have the right to attend and to vote at this meeting.

The sub-registers designated for holders of ordinary shares and of depositary receipts of preference shares A in bearer form are administered by the banks and brokers which are affiliated (“aangesloten instellingen”) with Euroclear Nederland (“Euroclear”), and indicate who is entitled to such shares at the Record Date.

NB: As the registration period for shareholders to attend the meeting or to give proxy will be after the record date, the shares do not have to be blocked. Your bank can give you further information. The institutions affiliated with Euroclear are requested to communicate the non-blocking of shares to their clients.

The sub-registers designated for holders of registered shares and depositary receipts of preference shares A in registered form, is the share register respectively register of depositary receipts of preference shares A of Buhrmann NV.

Notification

Holders of bearer shares who wish to attend the Meeting in person or appoint a representative, must notify ABN AMRO via the affiliated institution (“aangesloten instelling”) in whose administration their shares are registered.

Affiliated institutions must submit to ABN AMRO by **5 April 2007 at 5 p.m.** at the latest, for each shareholder concerned a written statement including the number of shares notified for registration and held by that shareholder at the Record Date.

At the request of the shareholder, the affiliated institution will send a confirmation to the shareholder of the number of shares registered for the Meeting. The number of shares registered per shareholder for this meeting, will be sent by ABN AMRO to Buhrmann . The shareholder will not receive a registration certificate. Instead, he (or his proxy holder) will be requested at the registration desk of the meeting to show a valid identification document. After checking this with the registration list, the shareholder (or his proxy holder) will be admitted to the Meeting.

For **holders of depositary receipts in bearer form** the aforementioned is applicable. However, they will receive a power of attorney from the board of the “Stichting Administratiekantoor van Preferente aandelen A” (“the Trust Office”) to vote at the meeting. The number of votes that can be exercised by a holder of depositary receipts is determined before each meeting by the economic interest of the depositary receipts relative to the ordinary shares (by comparing the share prices). Based on the calculation pursuant to article 20 of the Administration Conditions, in the Meeting on 12 April 2007, 0.3166 vote can be exercised for each (depositary receipt of) preference share A. The total number of votes that may be exercised by a holder of depositary receipts will be rounded to whole numbers in the usual way. A holder of depositary receipts who, taking into account the above, has given timely notification for the Meeting, will be deemed to have requested a power of attorney. The power of attorney will be issued to him (or his representative) before the start of the Meeting by his (or his representative’s) co-signing the power of attorney for acceptance.

Power of attorney and voting instructions

Holders of ordinary shares or depositary receipts in bearer form who will not be attending the Meeting in person may give a proxy to a third party, to the Company Secretary or to the Trust Office to vote on their behalf. In order to give proxy and voting instructions, the shareholder / depositary receipt holder (a) must have registered his shares as mentioned above and (b) must have delivered the completed and executed proxy / voting form to ABN AMRO on **9 April 2007 at 5 p.m.** at the latest.

A power of attorney and voting instructions form is available on the website of the Company or via ABN AMRO.

Holders of depositary receipts who will not be attending the Meeting in person may also give proxy to ABN AMRO and cast their votes on-line before the meeting. For further information you can contact ABN AMRO (phone +31 76 579 9600) or visit www.abnamrovoting.nl.

Shareholders' Communication Channel

Holders of bearer shares and/or holders of depositary receipts who have received a voting instruction form via the Shareholders' Communication Channel may participate in the General Meeting or vote by proxy by completing, signing and returning the form. It is also possible for these shareholders to vote electronically as per the instructions of the Communication Channel. The notification will be regarded as valid if the voting instruction has been received no later than **5 April 2007 at 5.00 pm** by Proxy Services, by mail or electronically. More information may be found on the website of the Communication Channel (www.communicatiekanaal.nl).

Holders of ordinary shares or depositary receipts of preference share A in registered form.

Holders of registered shares or depositary receipts in registered form are required to give notification for the Meeting and if desired give proxy to another person in the way explained in the convocation letter sent to them by the Company.

Webcast

The meeting may be followed through a live audio webcast on the website of the Company website: www.buhrmann.com.

Executive Board
Amsterdam, 8 March 2007