

Convocation for the Extraordinary General Meeting of Shareholders of Corporate Express N.V.

to be held at Hotel Okura, Ferdinand Bolstraat 333 te Amsterdam on Wednesday 18 June 2008 at 2 pm

The agenda comprises the following items:

1. Opening
2. Discussion of the public offer of Staples, Inc. ("Staples") for Corporate Express
3. Approval as provided in article 2:107a of the Dutch Civil Code for the acquisition of all shares in the capital of Lyreco S.A.S. and/or subsidiaries of Lyreco S.A.A. ("the Lyreco Transaction").
An integral part of this approval is decision-making to:
 - Issue shares
 - Appoint a member to the Executive Board
 - Appoint members to the Supervisory Board
4. Any other business

The agenda and explanatory notes and the Shareholders' Circular for the Lyreco Transaction are available on the website of the Company (www.cexpgroup.com) and at the Company's offices in Amsterdam, as well as at ABN AMRO Bank Servicedesk Beleggen ("ABN AMRO Servicedesk") phone +31 (0)76 579 94 55, e-mail: servicedesk.beleggen@nl.abnamro.com.

Important dates 2008:

Meeting	Extraordinary General Meeting 18 June 2008, 2 p.m.
Notice to shareholders	3 June 2008
Record Date	29 May 2008
End Registration Period Last day to register and to send in powers of attorney / voting instructions	16 June 2008 at 5 p.m. Please note: powers of attorney and/or voting instructions have to be received by the Executive Board

Record date

The Executive Board has determined that those who are registered on 29 May 2008 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.

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 Corporate Express NV.

NB: As the registration period for holders of ordinary shares and/or holders of depositary receipts of preference shares A is later than the record date, the shares do not have to be blocked. The banks and brokers affiliated with Euroclear are kindly requested to inform their clients of this non-blocking of shares.

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 16 June 2008 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. ABN AMRO will send the number of shares registered per shareholder for this Meeting to Corporate Express. 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 18 June 2008, 0.3660 vote can be exercised for

each (depository receipt of) preference share A. The total number of votes that may be exercised by a holder of depository receipts will be rounded to whole numbers in the usual way. A holder of depository 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 depository 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 / depository receipt holder (a) must have registered his shares as mentioned above and (b) must have delivered the completed and executed proxy / voting form to the Executive Board (marina.koster@cexpgroup.com / faxnumber +31 20 65 11 003) on 16 June 2008 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 ordinary shares and/or depository 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 until 16 June 2008, 5 p.m.. For further information you can contact ABN AMRO (phone +31 76 579 9600) or visit www.abnamrovoting.nl.

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

Holders of registered shares or depository 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.cexpgroup.com.

Executive Board

Amsterdam, 2 June 2008