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CORPORATE EXPRESS AUSTRALIA LIMITED: APPOINTMENT OF NEW DIRECTOR

The Board of Corporate Express Australia Limited has appointed Mr Peter Ventress as a director, effective immediately.

Mr Ventress is associated with the Company's majority shareholder, Corporate Express NV ("CENV"), which is a subsidiary of Staples Inc.

Mr Ventress is currently the President of Staples International, overseeing Staples' businesses in Europe, South America, and Asia and its shareholding in Australia. He previously served as CEO of CENV, leading up to the acquisition of that company by Staples in July 2008. He also served as a member of the Executive Board of CENV. From 1999 - 2007 Peter held a number of senior management roles including: President Corporate Express Europe 2005 - 2007; President Corporate Express Canada 2002 - 2005; Regional President Corporate Express Europe 2001 - 2002; and President Buhrmann France 1999 - 2001. Prior to Corporate Express, Peter served in a number of general management positions in the UK paper industry.

The board welcomes an industry experienced director in Mr Ventress, and the contribution he will make to the future of the Company

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