

## PRESS RELEASE

### CORPORATE EXPRESS NV TO SELL VEENMAN NEDERLAND

**Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 16 April 2008 - Corporate Express NV and Xerox Corporation have reached an agreement on the takeover of Veenman Nederland by Xerox.**

The activities of Veenman Nederland comprise of selling and servicing non-impact printing equipment of hard copy and electronic documents. The company employs over 300 employees. The cash proceeds amounted to EUR 43 million and will be used for debt reduction.

Peter Ventress, CEO Corporate Express: "This divestment represents a further step in our drive to become a more focused Global Office Supplies company. We continue to pursue our clear growth strategy as outlined in October 2007."

The activities of Veenman Germany were sold in 2007.

The transaction is expected to close later in the year and is amongst others subject to approval by the Dutch anti-trust authority.

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#### Note to the editor

Corporate Express is one of the world's leading suppliers of office products to businesses and institutions. The Company has a widespread global proprietary distribution network spanning North America, Europe and Australia, with approximately 18,000 employees working from more than 350 locations in 21 countries. In 2007 the Company generated sales of EUR 5.6 billion. On October 1, 2007, the new management of Corporate Express announced the outcome of a strategic review designed to fully unlock the potential of the Group and its valuable international market positions, create growth and improve shareholder value. While the Company is aware of current economic conditions, it is confident that it is on track towards achieving its targets of an average annual organic sales growth of at least 6% for its Global Office Products business for the period 2008-2010. The Company expects to generate EBITDA margins of at least 7% from Global Office Products, including overhead costs.

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