

CORPORATE EXPRESS N.V.  
Form CB  
May 20, 2008

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM CB**

**TENDER OFFER/RIGHTS OFFERING NOTIFICATION FORM**

Please place an X in the box(es) to designate the appropriate rule provision(s) relied upon to file this Form:

Securities Act Rule 801 (Rights Offering)

Securities Act Rule 802 (Exchange Offer)

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(h)(8) (Issuer Tender Offer)

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(c) (Third Party Tender Offer)

Exchange Act Rule 14e-2(d) (Subject Company Response)

Filed or submitted in paper if permitted by Regulation S-T Rule 101(b)(8):

**Corporate Express N.V.**

(Name of Subject Company)

**Not Applicable**

(Translation of Subject Company's Name into English (if applicable))

**The Netherlands**

(Jurisdiction of Subject Company's Incorporation or Organization)

**Staples Acquisition B.V.**

**Staples, Inc.**

(Name of Person(s) Furnishing Form)

**Ordinary Shares**

**American Depositary Shares**

**Preference Shares A**

**2% Subordinated Convertible Bonds Due 2010 Convertible Into Ordinary Shares**

(Title of Class of Subject Securities)

**Not Applicable**

(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities (if applicable))

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**Not Applicable**

(Name, Address (including zip code) and Telephone Number (including area code)  
of Person(s) Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications  
on Behalf of Subject Company)

**May 19, 2008**

(Date Tender Offer/Rights Offering Commenced)

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**PART I. INFORMATION SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS**

**Item 1. Home Jurisdiction Documents.**

The following document is attached as an exhibit to this Form:

<b>Exhibit number</b>	<b>Description</b>
1	Offer Memorandum, dated May 19, 2008

**Item 2. Informational Legends.**

Not applicable.

**PART II. INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED TO BE SENT TO SECURITY HOLDERS**

None.

**PART III. CONSENT TO SERVICE OF PROCESS AND UNDERTAKING**

At the time of filing of this Form, Staples Acquisition B.V. has filed with the Commission a written irrevocable consent and power of attorney on Form F-X.

**PART IV. SIGNATURES**

After due inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

**STAPLES ACQUISITION B.V.**

/s/ CHRISTINE T. KOMOLA

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(Signature)

Christine T. Komola, *Director*

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(Name and Title)

May 20, 2008

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(Date)

**STAPLES, INC.**

/s/ KRISTIN A. CAMPBELL

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(Signature)

Kristin A. Campbell, *Senior Vice President, General Counsel*

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(Name and Title)

May 20, 2008

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(Date)