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19 March 2010

By fax: 1300 135 638

Company Announcements Office
Australian Securities Exchange Limited

Dear Sir/Madam

# Notice of change of interests of substantial holder - Corporate Express Australia Limited

We act for Staples Australia Pty Limited ACN 142 352 501, a wholly-owned indirect subsidiary of Staples, Inc (Staples).

We attach, pursuant to section 671B(1)(c) of the *Corporations Act 2001* (Cth), a Form 604 "Notice of change of interests of substantial holder" issued by Staples in relation to shares in Corporate Express Australia Limited ACN 000 728 398.

Yours faithfully

Braddon Jolley∕

Partner

Jaclyn Riley-Smith

Senior Associate

# **Form 604**

### Corporations Act 2001 Section 671B

# Notice of change of interests of substantial holder

To: Company Name/Scheme

Corporate Express Australia Limited (the "Company")

ACN/ARSN

ACN 000 728 398

1. Details of substantial holder (1)

Name

Staples Inc. and its associates ("Associates") (as set out in Annexure A)

ACN/ARSN (if applicable)

\*Note: This notice is given under section 671B(1)(c) of the Corporations Act 2001 as a result of the off-market takeover bid by Staples Australia Pty Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of Staples inc. for all the ordinary shares in the Company.

There was a change in the interests of the

substantial holder on

N/A

The previous notice was given to the company on

20/08/2008

The previous notice was dated

14/08/2008

#### 2. Previous and present voting power

The total number of votes attached to all the voting shares in the company or voting interests in the scheme that the substantial holder or an associate (2) had a relevant interest (3) in when last required, and when now required, to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Class of securities (4)	Previous notice		Present notice		
 	Person's votes	Voting power (5)	Person's votes	Voting power (5)	
Fully paid ordinary securities	98,600,656	58.79%	98,600,656	58.64%	ļ

#### 3. Changes in relevant Interests

Particulars of each change in, or change in the nature of, a relevant interest of the substantial holder or an associate in voting securities of the company or scheme, since the substantial holder was last required to give a substantial holding notice to the company or scheme, are as follows:

Date of change	Person whose relevant	Nature of change (6)	Consideration given in	Class and	Person's votes affected	
	interest changed		relation to change (7)	number of		ŀ
		<u> </u>		securities		l
				affected		l
	Staples Australia Pty	Staples Australia lodged	Nit	No.	Nil	l
	Limited (Staples	a bidder's statement in				١
	Australia)	relation to an off-market				l
		bid for shares in the		1		I
		Company		4		J

#### 4. Present relevant interests

Particulars of each relevant interest of the substantial holder in voting securities after the change are as follows:

Holder of relevant interest	Registered holder of securities	Person entitled to be registered as holder	Nature of relevant interest (6)	Class and number of securities	Person's votes	
Staples inc.	Staples International BV (formerly Corporate Express International BV)	Staples International BV (formerly Corporate Express International BV)	Beneficial owner	98,600,656 Ord	98,600,656	
Each of the Associates including Staples Australia	Staples International BV (formerly Corporate Express International BV)	Staples International BV (formerly Corporate Express International BV)	Each of the Associates of Staples Inc. is an associate within the meaning of section 12(2)(a) of the Corporations Act and has a relevant interest in the shares in which Staples Inc. has a relevant interest pursuant to section 608(3) of the Corporations Act.	98,600,656 Ord	98,600,656	winds of the second sec

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#### 5, Changes in association

The persons who have become associates (2) of, ceased to be associates of, or have changed the nature of their association (9) with, the substantial holder in relation to voting interests in the company or scheme are as follows:

Name and ACN/ARSN (if applicable)	Nature of association
Staples Australia Pty Limited ACN 142 352 501	is an Associate of Staples inc. within the meaning of section 12(2)(a) of the Corporations Act and
	has a relevant interest in the shares in which Staples Inc. has a relevant interest pursuant to section
	608(3) of the Corporations Act.
Staples Australia Holdings Pty Limited	Is an Associate of Staples Inc. within the meaning of section 12(2)(a) of the Corporations Act and
ACN 142 352 234	has a relevant interest in the shares in which Staples Inc. has a relevant interest pursuant to section
	608(3) of the Corporations Act.

#### 6. Addresses

The addresses of the persons named in this form are as follows:

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## Signature

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Braddon Jolley

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capacity Attorney for Staples Australia Pty Limited under a Power of Attorney dated 18 March 2010

sign here

date 19/03/2010

#### **DIRECTIONS**

- If there are a number of substantial holders with similar or related relevant interests (eg. a corporation and its related corporations, or the manager and trustee of an equity trust), the names could be included in an annexure to the form. If the relevant interests of a group of persons are essentially similar, they may be referred to throughout the form as a specifically named group if the membership of each group, with the names and addresses of members is clearly set out in paragraph 7 of the form.
- (2) See the definition of "associate" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (3) See the definition of "relevant interest" in sections 608 and 671B(7) of the Corporations Act 2001.
- (4) The voting shares of a company constitute one class unless divided into separate classes.
- (5) The person's votes divided by the total votes in the body corporate or scheme multiplied by 100.
- (6) include details of:
  - (a) any relevant agreement or other circumstances because of which the change in relevant interest occurred. If subsection 671B(4) applies, a copy of any document setting out the terms of any relevant agreement, and a statement by the person giving full and accurate details of any contract, scheme or arrangement, must accompany this form, together with a written statement certifying this contract, scheme or arrangement; and
  - (b) any qualification of the power of a person to exercise, control the exercise of, or influence the exercise of, the voting powers or disposal of the securities to which the relevant interest relates (indicating clearly the particular securities to which the qualification applies).

See the definition of "relevant agreement" in section 9 of the Corporations Act 2001.

- Details of the consideration must include any and all benefits, money and other, that any person from whom a relevant interest was acquired has, or may, become entitled to receive in relation to that acquisition. Details must be included even if the benefit is conditional on the happening or not of a contingency. Details must be included of any benefit paid on behalf of the substantial holder or its associate in relation to the acquisitions, even if they are not paid directly to the person from whom the relevant interest was acquired.
- (B) If the substantial holder is unable to determine the identity of the person (eg if the relevant interest arises because of an option) write "unknown".
- (9) Give details, if appropriate, of the present association and any change in that association since the last substantial holding notice.

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#### ANNEXURE A

This is Annexure A of 1 page referred to in Form 604 (Notice of change of interests of substantial holder) signed by me and dated

Signature:

Name: Brandon Jolley

Date: 19 March 2010

# Associates of Staples Inc.

	500 Staples Drive	
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	United States of America	
	C/- Corrs Chambers Westgarth	
Staples Australia Pty Limited	Governor Phillip Tower	
	1 Farrer Place	
	Sydney NSW 2000	
	Australia	
	C/- Corrs Chambers Westgarth	
Staples Australia Holdings Pty Limited	Governor Phillip Tower	
	1 Farrer Place	
	Sydney NSW 2000	
	Australia	
	500 Staples Drive	
ach related body corporate of Staples Inc.	Framingham MA 01702	
	United States of America	
G. 1 T	Rondebeltweg 102	
Staples International BV(formerly Corporate Express	1329 BH Almere	
International BV)	The Netherlands	