



Corporate Express Australia Limited
(ABN 94 000 728 398)

SUPPLEMENTARY TARGET'S STATEMENT NO. 1

This is a supplementary target's statement ("Supplementary Target's Statement") issued by Corporate Express Australia Limited ("Corporate Express") pursuant to section 644 of the Corporations Act 2001 (Cth). It is the first Supplementary Target's Statement issued by Corporate Express in relation to an off-market takeover bid for Corporate Express Shares by Staples Australia Pty Ltd, a wholly owned subsidiary of Staples, Inc.

This Supplementary Target's Statement supplements and is to be read together with the Target's Statement issued by Corporate Express on 19 April 2010 ("Target's Statement"). Words defined in the Target's Statement have the same meaning in this Supplementary Target's Statement unless the context requires otherwise. This Supplementary Target's Statement prevails to the extent of any inconsistency with the Target's Statement.

A copy of this Supplementary Target's Statement has been lodged with ASIC. Neither ASIC nor any of its officers takes any responsibility for the contents of this Supplementary Target's Statement.

This Supplementary Target's Statement should not be taken as personal financial advice, as it does not take into account the individual investment objectives, financial and taxation situation or particular needs of each Corporate Express Shareholder. You may wish to obtain independent financial and taxation advice before making a decision whether or not to accept the Offer.

CORPORATE EXPRESS AUSTRALIA LIMITED: THREATENED SOFTWARE CLAIM

As outlined in Section 8.5 of the Target's Statement, a third party has obtained court ordered discovery in respect of the number of users of software allegedly used by Corporate Express.

On 19 April 2010, Corporate Express made an announcement to the ASX with further details of this claim, an extract of which is set out below.

"The Company has been advised of a potential claim which may be made against it, alleging that the Company has not paid sufficient licence fees for the Masterpack system (which is in the process of being replaced by a new SAP system), seeking payment of \$3.657m in licence fees (which is not material to the Company), and threatening legal proceedings to restrain the Company from further use of the Masterpack system.

The Company considers this claim to be without merit and immaterial. These proceedings, if they are commenced, will be vigorously defended."

This matter has no impact on the recommendation of the Independent Directors.

This Supplementary Target's Statement has been approved by a resolution passed by the Directors of Corporate Express. This Supplementary Target's Statement is dated 20 April 2010, which is the date on which it was lodged with ASIC.

SIGNED for and on behalf of Corporate Express Australia Limited

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. Forbes".

Ms Kathleen Forbes
Company Secretary