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Corporate Express Launches Environmentally Friendly Programme and Catalogue

Birmingham, UK – 14 March 2006 – Corporate Express (UK) Ltd., a Buhrmann company (AEX:BUHR and NYSE: BUH), has launched an environmentally friendly programme aimed at helping Corporate Express customers make environmentally friendly choices for their office. Through the new programme, Corporate Express will carry 650 environmentally friendly products, and will implement in-house initiatives aimed at reducing environmental impact. Corporate Express produced its Business Solutions Catalogue, featuring more than 8,000 products, on 100% recycled paper.

To help customers identify and purchase environmentally friendly products, Corporate Express' 2006 Business Solutions Catalogue, which was released in January, has an entire section devoted to environmental products. In addition, the catalogue uses an environmentally friendly icon to denote those products that have a reduced impact on the environment versus similar products in the same category. The same icon is used on Corporate Express' online purchasing site, ExpressOrder.

Some of the “green” products offered in the catalogue and online include: recycled content paper products, remanufactured toner cartridges, environmentally friendly cleaning products, recycled scissors, natural rubber bands, biodegradable refuse sacks and bin liners, refillable pens and pencils, and rewritable CDs. In addition, these products help customers meet their green purchasing requirements.

“It’s important that we help our customers make environmentally friendly choices for their office,” said Brian Macaluso, Managing Director of Corporate Express UK. “We practice environmentally friendly measures and we want to pass our knowledge to our customers.”

The environmentally friendly programme extends to Corporate Express' in-house practices as well; the Business Solutions Catalogue is printed with environmentally friendly ink on 100% recycled paper – making the entire catalogue fully recyclable. Corporate Express offices emphasise environmentally sensitive specifications for lighting, heating, carpeting, air flow and other design features. The Company also encourages customers to recycle empty laser toner and inkjet cartridges, or dispose of them safely, and free of charge using the Corporate Express cartridge recycling programme.

Corporate Express boxes are made of 100% recycled materials, including biodegradable heat-shrunk plastic, and the Company recycles all of its used corrugated material. Whenever possible, factory cartons are used for full case shipments and bags and envelopes are used for smaller items. In addition, Corporate Express uses software in its distribution centres that automatically selects the optimal size box for every product shipment to eliminate waste.

About Corporate Express

Corporate Express (UK) Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Buhrmann, NV (AEX: BUHR; NYSE: BUH), an international business services and distribution group with 2005 sales of €6 billion. Corporate Express' product offering includes office products, facility supplies, personal protective equipment and workwear, business furniture, computer consumables, printed forms, IT solutions, and other similar products. Corporate Express has operations in 18 countries in Europe, North America and Australia/ New Zealand. Corporate Express' UK operations have 15 locations, including 2 distribution centres, and the Company employs approximately 550 people. The Company's Web site address is www.CorporateExpress.co.uk.