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***Corporate Express Achieves ISO 14001:2004 Certification***

**Birmingham, England – 16 May 2006** – Corporate Express Ltd., a Buhrmann company (AEX:BUHR and NYSE: BUH), one of the world’s largest business-to-business suppliers of essential office, facilities and computer products and services, today announced that its two Birmingham facilities have recently become ISO 14001:2004 certified.

The principles of ISO 14001:2004 emphasise the importance of environmental regulations, customer focus, a process approach, continuous improvement and improved supply chain management from an environmental perspective.

Achievement of this certification enables Corporate Express to be recognised in the UK and internationally for the quality of its environmental management systems, and participate in regularly reviews by independent auditors. The Company’s environmental management systems will allow it to monitor and control its operations, reassuring customers that the products they purchase come from a company with environmental practices that are checked and inspected on a regular basis.

“Achieving this accreditation demonstrates Corporate Express’ commitment to both protecting the environment and to the establishment of quality management systems within our organisation,” said Brian Macaluso, Managing Director, of Corporate Express UK. “Our customers and suppliers can be assured that our business is operating responsibly and with regard to the environment.”

Some of the highlights of Corporate Express’ environmental programme include:

- Offering more than 650 environmentally-friendly products, including 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, available in a recyclable catalogue printed on 100% recycled paper.
- Working with customers on environmental practices: online ordering to reduce paper usage; ordering less often to lessen vehicle emissions, traffic on the road, packaging; and utilising laser toner and inkjet cartridge recycling programmes.

- In-house initiatives aimed at reducing environmental impact, from environmentally sensitive specifications for lighting, heating, carpeting, air flow and other design features, to warehouse practices – boxes made of 100% recycled materials, including biodegradable heat-shrunk plastic. The Company recycles all of its used corrugated material and uses software in its distribution centres to automatically select the optimal size box for every product shipment to eliminate waste.

In addition to this certification, Corporate Express is ISO 9001:2000 certified for its Quality Management System.

### **About Corporate Express**

Corporate Express Ltd. is a wholly owned subsidiary of Buhrmann, NV (AEX: BUHR; NYSE: BUH), an international business services and distribution group. Corporate Express' product offering includes office products, facility supplies, business furniture, printed forms, IT products, 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 two distribution centres, and the company employs approximately 550 people. The Company's website address is [www.CorporateExpress.co.uk](http://www.CorporateExpress.co.uk).

### **About ISO**

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