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RELEASE

Allotment of New Shares following 31 March 2005 Option Exercise

Octanex N.L. (NSX Code: OCT) is pleased to advise of the successful conclusion of allotments for a total of 14,969,238 shares pursuant to the exercise of 31 March 2005 Options at 10 cents, raising the sum of \$1,496,923.80 and representing a 93% exercise rate.

The funds will be used for working capital purposes.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E.G. Albers", is written in a cursive style.

E.G. Albers
Chairman

19 April 2005

New issue announcement, application for quotation of additional securities and agreement

Information or documents not available now must be given to NSX as soon as available. Information and documents given to NSX become NSX's property and may be made public.

Introduced 11 March 2004.

Name of entity

OCTANEX N.L.

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We (the entity) give NSX the following information.

Part 1 - All issues

You must complete the relevant sections (attach sheets if there is not enough space).

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| 1 | Class of securities issued or to be issued | Ordinary Shares Options 30/6/2008 |
| 2 | Number of securities issued or to be issued (if known) or maximum number which may be issued | 11,473,946 Ordinary Shares 11,473,946 Options 30 June 2008 |
| 3 | Principal terms of the securities (eg, if options, exercise price and expiry date; if partly paid securities, the amount outstanding and due dates for payment; if convertible securities, the conversion price and dates for conversion) | Fully paid Ordinary Shares Options 30 June 2008 at 25 cents |
| 4 | Do the securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing class of quoted securities? If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the date from which they do • the extent to which they participate for the next dividend, (in the case of a trust, distribution) or interest payment • the extent to which they do not rank equally, other than in relation to the next dividend, distribution or interest payment | Yes. |

| 5 | Issue price or consideration | 10 cents | | | | | | | |
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| 6 | Purpose of the issue (If issued as consideration for the acquisition of assets, clearly identify those assets) | Exercise of Options | | | | | | | |
| 7 | Dates of entering securities into uncertificated holdings or despatch of certificates | 18 April 2005 | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Number and class of all securities quoted on NSX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable) | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="774 806 1077 840">Number</th> <th data-bbox="1077 806 1393 840">Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 840 1077 873">49,653,967</td> <td data-bbox="1077 840 1393 873">Ordinary</td> </tr> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 873 1077 907">30,244,296</td> <td data-bbox="1077 873 1393 907">Option 30 June 2008</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Number | Class | 49,653,967 | Ordinary | 30,244,296 | Option 30 June 2008 | |
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| 49,653,967 | Ordinary | | | | | | | | |
| 30,244,296 | Option 30 June 2008 | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | Number and class of all securities not quoted on NSX (including the securities in clause 2 if applicable) | <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="774 1097 1077 1131">Number</th> <th data-bbox="1077 1097 1393 1131">Class</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="774 1131 1077 1344"></td> <td data-bbox="1077 1131 1393 1344"></td> </tr> </tbody> </table> | Number | Class | | | | | |
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| 10 | Dividend policy (in the case of a trust, distribution policy) on the increased capital (interests) | No dividends will be payable in the foreseeable future. | | | | | | | |

Part 3 - Quotation of securities

You need only complete this section if you are applying for quotation of securities

34 Type of securities
(tick one)

(a) Securities described in Part 1

(b) All other securities

Example: restricted securities at the end of the escrowed period, partly paid securities that become fully paid, employee incentive share securities when restriction ends, securities issued on expiry or conversion of convertible securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(a)

Additional securities forming a new class of securities

Tick to indicate you are providing the information or documents

35 If the securities are equity securities, the names of the 20 largest holders of the additional securities, and the number and percentage of additional securities held by those holders

36 If the securities are equity securities, a distribution schedule of the additional securities setting out the number of holders in the categories
1 - 1,000
1,001 - 5,000
5,001 - 10,000
10,001 - 100,000
100,001 and over

37 A copy of any trust deed for the additional securities

Entities that have ticked box 34(b)

38 Number of securities for which quotation is sought

39 Class of securities for which quotation is sought

40 Do the securities rank equally in all respects from the date of allotment with an existing class of quoted securities?

If the additional securities do not rank equally, please state:

- the date from which they do
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Yes.

41 Reason for request for quotation now

Example: In the case of restricted securities, end of restriction period

(if issued upon conversion of another security, clearly identify that other security)

Exercise of Options

| | Number | Class |
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| 42 Number and class of all securities quoted on NSX (<i>including</i> the securities in clause 38) | 49,653,967 | Ordinary |
| | 30,244,296 | Option 30 June 2008 |

Quotation agreement

1 Quotation of our additional securities is in NSX's absolute discretion. NSX may quote the securities on any conditions it decides.

2 We warrant the following to NSX.

- The issue of the securities to be quoted complies with the law and is not for an illegal purpose.
- There is no reason why those securities should not be granted quotation.
- An offer of the securities for sale within 12 months after their issue will not require disclosure under section 707(3) or section 1012C(6) of the Corporations Act.

Note: An entity may need to obtain appropriate warranties from subscribers for the securities in order to be able to give this warranty

- Section 724 or section 1016E of the Corporations Act does not apply to any applications received by us in relation to any securities to be quoted and that no-one has any right to return any securities to be quoted under sections 737, 738 or 1016F of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the securities be quoted.
- We warrant that if confirmation is required under section 1017F of the Corporations Act in relation to the securities to be quoted, it has been provided at the time that we request that the securities be quoted.
- If we are a trust, we warrant that no person has the right to return the securities to be quoted under section 1019B of the Corporations Act at the time that we request that the securities be quoted.

3 We will indemnify NSX to the fullest extent permitted by law in respect of any claim, action or expense arising from or connected with any breach of the warranties in this agreement.

4 We give NSX the information and documents required by this form. If any information or document not available now, will give it to NSX before quotation of the securities begins. We acknowledge that NSX is relying on the information and documents. We warrant that they are (will be) true and complete.



Sign here:
(Company secretary)

Date: 19/4/2005

Print name: DAVID B. HILL