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# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Private Issuer** 

Pursuant to Rule 13a-16 or 15d-16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**September 15, 2006** 

# **Buhrmann NV**

(Translation of Registrant s Name Into English)

Hoogoorddreef 62
1101 BE Amsterdam ZO
The Netherlands
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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#### PRESS RELEASE

#### BUHRMANN TO COMPLETE OFFER FOR ANDVORD TYBRING-GJEDDE

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 15 September 2006 Following the voluntary offer submitted by Buhrmann NV to acquire the outstanding shares in Andvord Tybring-Gjedde ASA (ATG), the preliminary count shows that Buhrmann has received and registered irrevocable acceptances for 174,849,393 shares, representing 82.4% of the shares and votes in ATG. The final count is expected to be completed on 20 September 2006.

With reference made to the offer document dated 31 August 2006, Buhrmann has on the basis of the preliminary count decided to waive the 90% minimum acceptance condition and all other conditions. The offer is therefore now unconditional.

Buhrmann will proceed to complete the voluntary offer in accordance with the offer document. This will be followed by a mandatory offer for all outstanding shares in ATG.

#### Additional information

Buhrmann is one of the world s leading suppliers of office products to businesses and institutions. In addition, Buhrmann is distributor of graphic equipment and related services in six European countries. Buhrmann s office products activities are operating worldwide mainly under the brand name Corporate Express and have a widespread global distribution network spanning North America, Europe and Australia. Headquartered in the Netherlands, Buhrmann generated 2005 annual sales of EUR 5.9 billion. With a future shaped by almost 18,000 employees, Buhrmann has operations in 18 countries. The financial results for the third quarter 2006 will be published on 1 November 2006. Buhrmann is listed on Euronext Amsterdam (Euronext: BUHR) and in New York (NYSE: BUH).

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#### **Safe Harbour Statement**

Statements included in this press release, which are not historical facts are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbour provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 and the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are made based upon management s expectations and beliefs concerning future events impacting Buhrmann and therefore involve a number of uncertainties and risks, including, but not limited to industry conditions, changes in product supply, pricing and customer demand, competition, risks in integrating new businesses, currency fluctuations, the transition from Dutch GAAP to IFRS reporting and the other risks described from time to time in the Company s filings with the US Securities and Exchange Commission, including the Company s Annual Report on Form 20-F filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 7, 2006. As a result, the actual results of operations or financial conditions of the Company could differ materially from those expressed or implied in such forward-looking statements. All IFRS information is unaudited containing details of the transitional

adjustments required to present certain historical financial results of the Company under IFRS. Future presentation of this historical financial information may represent different results than those in this report. IFRS statements are subject to change and should be carefully considered, and it should be understood that still factors could cause forecasted and actual results to differ from these statements. These factors include, but are not limited to, changes in regulations or interpretations related to the implementation and reporting under IFRS, decisions to apply a different option of presentation permitted by IFRS, and various other factors related to the implementation of IFRS. Shareholders and other readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made. The Company undertakes no obligation to update publicly or revise any forward-looking statements.

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### SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

### BUHRMANN NV

By: /s/ F.H.J. Koffrie

Member Executive Board

By: /s/ H. van der Kooij

Company Secretary

Date: September 15, 2006

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