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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**

January 10, 2006

Buhrmann NV

(Translation of Registrant's Name Into English)

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The Netherlands

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

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BUHRMANN TO ACQUIRE OFFICE PRODUCTS COMPANY IN SPAIN

Amsterdam, the Netherlands, 10 January 2006 Buhrmann NV, one of the world's leading suppliers of office products, has signed an agreement to acquire Ofiexpress SA, a Madrid-based group of office products distributors. The company, which employs 90 people, had profitable sales of about EUR 13 million in 2005, a 20% increase over 2004.

This acquisition will give us full access to the Spanish office products market and presents an excellent opportunity to strengthen our service offering to international customers on a Pan-European scale, explained Peter Ventress, President of Buhrmann's Office Products Europe Division. The fragmented nature of the Spanish market for office products offers us good potential for growth.

Active in both Spain and Portugal, Ofiexpress/Burototal is focused on contract business. The large account segment accounts for approximately 80% of sales (Burototal) while the remaining 20% is represented by mid-size customers targeted by mail order (Ofiexpress). Senior members of the management team will continue to play leading roles in the company.

Both companies expect to finalize the deal by the first quarter of 2006.

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. As a customer-focused and sales-driven organisation, Buhrmann's products are used by millions of people as part of their daily work routine.

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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, the Company generated 2004 annual sales of EUR 5.5 billion. With a future shaped by almost 18,000 employees, Buhrmann has operations in 18 countries. The financial results for the fourth quarter 2005 will be published on 9 February 2006. Buhrmann is listed on Euronext Amsterdam (Euronext: BUHR) and in New York (NYSE: BUH).

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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 14, 2005. 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.

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: January 10, 2006