

CHAPTER I - LAW OF 2 MARCH 1989

**Form A: initial declaration of interest held in a listed company**

0. To be sent to:

- the listed company concerned
- Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission  
Supervision of Financial Information and Markets  
For the attention of Mr. G. Delaere  
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1. Name of company concerned : OPTION NV.....

2. Details of the person making the declaration<sup>1</sup> in the capacity as declarant acting for own account

a) *natural person*

surname + first name .....  
address .....  
phone number (optional) .....

b) *legal person*

legal form + company name Neuberger Berman, LLC.....  
registered office 605 Third Avenue  
New York, NY 10158  
USA.....  
phone number 00 1 646.497.4814.....  
fax number 646-758-3772.....  
name and capacity of the **Richard E. Drew**  
signatory of the declaration **Vice President,**.....  
Compliance  
Analyst.....  
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3. Items covered by the declaration

Preliminary remarks

Where the declaration is made by related persons or persons acting in concert, tables I and II shall be completed as many times as necessary:

- first for each of these persons *separately*, even where none of them reach a threshold as defined by law (see Article 8, § 1, 3°, of the Royal Decree of 10 May 1989)<sup>4</sup>;

<sup>1</sup> Cross out what is not appropriate.

<sup>4</sup> Except in the case of natural persons acting in concert none of whom possess a number of securities representing 5% or more of effective voting rights: these may make a joint declaration, without indicating the individual holders (Article 2, § 3, paragraph 2, of the Law of 2 March 1989).

- then for the *group* of related persons or persons acting in concert (see Article 2, §§ 1 and 2, of the Law of 2 March 1989).

Table I : general information

Name of the company concerned	Option NV
Rights held by (cross out what is not appropriate)	Neuberger Berman, LLC* 605 Third Avenue New York, NY 10158 USA
Related to	
Acting in concert with	
Date of completion of the situation giving rise to the declaration	9 July 2007 <sup>1</sup>
Sources relating to the denominator	Euronext Stock Exchange / Option homepage > Invest > Capital Structure

Where a third party holds rights for the account of another person.

\* For natural persons: surname and first name + address; for legal persons: legal form, company name and address of registered office.

Table II : calculation of the stake

	denominator (a)	numerator (b)	% (b/a)
1. <b>Effective voting rights</b> attaching to securities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• representing the capital</li> <li>• not representing the capital</li> </ul>	41,249,296	<b>2,655,289</b>	6.43
2. <b>Future voting rights</b> , potential or not, resulting from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rights and commitments for conversion into or subscription of <b>securities to be issued</b>, viz.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ bond conversions</li> <li>◊ loan conversions</li> <li>◊ exercise of warrants</li> <li>◊ others (give details as appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• rights and commitments for acquisition of <b>issued securities</b>, viz.: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ options</li> <li>◊ warrants relating to issued securities</li> <li>◊ commitments arising from a contract</li> <li>◊ others (give details as appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	2,200,000		
Total	43,449,296	<b>2,655,289</b>	<b>6.11</b>
<u>Mention</u> Rights and commitments for conversion into, subscription of or acquisition of securities, subject to conditional clauses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• bond conversion</li> <li>• exercise of warrants</li> <li>• others (give details as appropriate)</li> </ul>			
For rights and commitments from which future voting rights may arise, please specify the waiting or exercise period			

<sup>1</sup> The threshold of 3% has been crossed on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 200.

(Type + waiting/exercise period)

**4. Additional information to be provided if the number of securities held is equal to or greater than 20 % (see Article 8, paragraph 3 of the Royal Decree of 10 May 1989)**

a. Description of the overall strategy in the course of which the acquisition is made:

b. Number of securities acquired during the 12 months preceding this declaration, and manner of acquisition:

	number	manner of acquisition
1. <b>Effective voting rights</b> attaching to securities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• representing capital</li> <li>• not representing capital</li> </ul>		
2. <b>Future voting rights</b> , potential or not, resulting from <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• rights or commitments for conversion into or subscription of <b>securities to be issued</b>, viz.:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ bond conversions</li> <li>◊ loan conversions</li> <li>◊ exercise of warrants</li> <li>◊ others (give details as appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• rights and commitments for subscription or acquisition of <b>issued securities</b>, viz.:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◊ options</li> <li>◊ warrants relating to issued securities</li> <li>◊ commitments arising from a contract</li> <li>◊ others (give details as appropriate)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		

**5. Description, possibly in the form of an organizational chart, of the structure of control of the company(ies) subject to declaration (optional)**

Done on 27 February 2008.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard E. Drew', written over a dotted line.

Richard E. Drew  
Vice President,  
Compliance Analyst  
Neuberger Berman, LLC.

**Annexes to be sent only to the Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission** (mandatory by virtue of Article 4, § 1, paragraph 1, of the Law of 2 March 1989): the documents relating to the operation(s) giving rise to the declaration.

**See annex:** Acquisitions of Option NV shares between July 1<sup>st</sup> 2007 and July 9th, 2007. All acquisitions took place on the stock market.