

Announcement

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Announcement according to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act

Erste Bank der oesterreichischen Sparkassen AG (Erste Bank) informs the public pursuant to § 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act (BörseG) in connection with § 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act (BörseG) that Capital Research and Management Company, Los Angeles, California 90071-1406 holds more than 5 % of Erste Bank's share capital since 14th February, 2008.

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