

ANNOUNCEMENT

2 October 2008

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

Erste Group Bank AG informs the public pursuant to § 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with § 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that Capital Research and Management Company, Los Angeles, California 90071-1406 holds less than 5 % of Erste's share capital (i.e. 15,066,771 Erste Group Bank AG's shares) on 30 September, 2008.

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