

ANNOUNCEMENT

17 November 2009

**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, 333 South Hope Street, Los Angeles, California 90071-1406 holds more than 5 % of Erste's share capital (i.e. 15,926,421 Erste Group Bank AG's shares; 5.01%) on 12 November, 2009.

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