

**Publication of a transaction in compliance with section 7 Publication Ordinance (VeröffentlichungsVO) to section 82 (9) Austrian Stock Exchange Act (BörseG) regarding Erste Group shares considered treasury shares within the meaning of section 65 Stock Corporation Act (AktG)**

This publication is made following the the disposal programme published on 10 August 2010 regarding the envisaged sale of Erste Group shares by specified savings banks.

Sparkasse Kremstal-Pyhrn AG has conducted the following transaction regarding Erste Group shares:

- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October 2010
- Shares have been sold on the Vienna Stock exchange
- Class of shares: Voting no-par value bearer shares (ordinary shares) in Erste Group Bank AG
- Sold volume: 50,000 shares
- Percentage of issued share capital sold under the programme authorised by the General Meeting to-date: 0.0132%
- Maximum and minimum share price: EUR 31.30, EUR 31.00
- Weighted average price of bought or sold shares: EUR 31.0306
- Total value of sold shares: EUR 1,551,530