

**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Vienna, 29 February 2012

**Total voting rights announcement pursuant to sec. 93, para 1  
BörseG (Austrian Stock Exchange Act)**

Upon the completion of the fourth tranche of the transaction with the Romanian investment funds SIF (Societatea de Investitii Financiare) Muntenia and SIF Banat-Crisana a total of 3,801,385 shares of Erste Group were issued on 28 February 2012. As a result, the total number of Erste Group shares rose from 390,767,262 to 394,568,647. The subscribed share capital of Erste Group of EUR 781,534,524 increased by EUR 7,602,770 to EUR 789,137,294 and was registered in the companies register at the Vienna Commercial Court on 28 February 2012.

The newly issued shares have a different ISIN (ISIN AT0000A0UFK6) due to the different dividend rights starting with 1 January 2012. The first trading date of these newly issued shares will be announced later. After the ex-dividend day of Erste Group shares, the ISIN of the new shares will be changed to AT0000652011.

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