

ANNOUNCEMENT

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Announcement pursuant to sec. 93 BörseG (Austrian Stock Exchange Act)

In accordance with sec. 93 (2) BörseG, we hereby inform you that the direct and indirect percentage of voting rights held by DIE ERSTE österreichische Spar-Casse Privatstiftung (the "Foundation") in Erste Group Bank AG has increased **above 25%**, namely to 26.4% as of 28 June 2013. In total, the Foundation therefore holds 104,157,433 voting rights or shares, respectively (thereof 73,064,034 directly and 31,093,399 indirectly) in Erste Group Bank AG.

In addition, we hereby provide the following disclosures on the attribution regulations pursuant to sec. 92 BörseG:

- a. The Foundation is the limited partner of Sparkassen Beteiligungs GmbH & Co KG. Sparkassen Beteiligungs GmbH (FN 364092f), 100% of its capital stock is held by the Foundation, is the general partner.

The shares of Erste Group Bank AG held by Sparkassen Beteiligungs GmbH & Co KG are attributable to the Foundation pursuant to sec. 92 (4) BörseG.

- b. The Austrian Savings Banks are associated with Erste Group Bank AG through a cross-guarantee system (Haftungsverbund) and act jointly with the Foundation.

Savings banks, in which Erste Group Bank AG holds a stake of more than 20%, are considered associated companies within the scope of sec. 228 (3) UGB in conjunction with sec. 244 (1) UGB (Austrian Commercial Code). Erste Group shares owned by these savings banks are therefore regarded as treasury shares.

Participations of the Savings Banks in Erste Group Bank AG are therefore attributable to the Foundation according to sec. 92 (4) and (7) BörseG.

- c. On 28 June 2013 the Foundation and Wiener Städtische Wechselseitiger Versicherungsverein – Vermögensverwaltung – Vienna Insurance Group entered into a pool agreement to syndicate their directly and indirectly held shares in Erste Group Bank AG referring to the exercise of voting rights for the election of the members of the supervisory board.

The shares of Wiener Städtische Wechselseitiger Versicherungsverein – Vermögensverwaltung – Vienna Insurance Group are therefore attributable to the Foundation pursuant to sec. 92 (7) BörseG.

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