

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

According to the resolution approved by the General Assembly (16 May 2013) for the purchase and sale of own shares and the corresponding framework program resolution of the Management Board (11 June 2013) approved by the Supervisory Board (25 June 2013), Erste Group Bank AG announces that the following transaction took place on 2 July 2013.

This transaction happened by means other than stock exchange in the form of a contribution to Sparkassen Beteiligungs GmbH & Co KG with the aim to strengthen the group structure and the cooperation with the Savings Banks.

Kärntner Sparkasse Bank Aktiengesellschaft transferred 1,184,309 shares and Steiermärkische Bank und Sparkassen Aktiengesellschaft together with its 100% controlled subsidiary SPK- Immobilien- und Vermögensverwaltungs GmbH transferred 3,501,432 shares.

As of 2 July 2013 these 4,685,741 shares represented 1.19% of the subscribed capital of the then existing 394,568,647 shares of Erste Group Bank AG.

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