

Announcement pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act - Change of significant voting right thresholds

Erste Group Bank AG informs the public pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that BlackRock, Inc., Wilmington, DE, United States of America, as of 15 December 2015 held 16,721,167 or 3.89% of voting rights attached to shares and 573,384 or 0.13% of voting rights through financial instruments in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.02%), thus more than 4% of Erste Group Bank AG's share capital (EUR 859,600,000 divided into 429,800,000 voting no-par value bearer shares – ordinary shares).

Erste Group Bank AG further informs the public pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that BlackRock, Inc., Wilmington, DE, United States of America, as of 18 December 2015 held 17,393,375 or 4.04% of voting rights attached to shares, thus more than 4% of Erste Group Bank AG's share capital. In addition, as of 18 December 2015, BlackRock held 635,637 or 0.14% of voting rights through financial instruments in Erste Group Bank AG, resulting in a total rounded stake in share of 4.19% in Erste Group Bank AG's share capital (EUR 859,600,000 divided into 429,800,000 voting no-par value bearer shares – ordinary shares).

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