

Announcement pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 2 Austrian Stock Exchange Act - Changes of significant shareholdings

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 7 April 2016 held 17,312,631 or 4.02% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.97%) and 1,141,914 or 0.26% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.26%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.29% compared to previously 4.24%), thus combined 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).

Additional details as per esma notification:

Financial Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC					
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.		% of voting rights
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	26,822		0.00%
		SUBTOTAL	26,822		0.00%
Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC					
Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Physical or cash settlement	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
CFD	N/A	N/A	Cash	1,081,092	0.25%
Total Return Swap	22.06.2016	N/A	Cash	34,000	0.00%
			SUBTOTAL	1,115,092	0.25%

Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

Name	% of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	% of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.			
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.			
BlackRock Group Limited			
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited			
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG			Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			

BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Group Limited	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Group Limited	
BlackRock International Limited	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Group Limited	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC	
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	
BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC	
BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	
BlackRock Cayco Limited	
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	
BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	
BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
Trident Merger, LLC	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	
BlackRock Group Limited	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	
BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	
BlackRock Investment Management (Korea) Ltd.	Below 4%
BlackRock, Inc.	
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Below 4%

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