

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 28 April 2016 held 17,023,012 or 3.96% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 4.02%) and 971,901 or 0.23% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.26%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.19% compared to previously 4.29%), 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	0.01%	
SUBTOTAL			26,822	0.01%	
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	945,079	0.22%
SUBTOTAL			945,079	0.22%	

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled by any natural person or legal entity and does not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer.

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial/other instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

No.	Name	Directly controlled by No.	Shares held directly (%)	Financial/other instruments held directly (%)	Total of both (%)
1	BlackRock, Inc.				
2	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	1			
3	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	2			
4	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	3			
5	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	4			
6	BlackRock Group Limited	5			
7	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	6			
8	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	7			
9	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	6			
10	BlackRock International Limited	6			

11	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	6			
12	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	5			
13	BlackRock Asia- Pac Holdco, LLC	12			
14	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	13			
15	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	14			
16	BlackRock Cayco Limited	14			
17	BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	16			
18	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	17			
19	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	18			
20	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	5			
21	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	20			
22	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	5			
23	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	22			
24	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	23			
25	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	24			
26	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	3			
27	BlackRock Advisors, LLC	26			
28	BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	3			
29	BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	28			
30	BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	29			
31	BlackRock Fund Advisors	30			
32	BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	30			
33	Trident Merger, LLC	1			
34	BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	33			
35	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	7			
36	BlackRock Investment Management (Korea) Ltd.	35			
37	BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	27			

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