

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 3 May 2016 held 16,873,937 or 3.93% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 4.04%) and 983,386 or 0.23% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.23%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.15% compared to previously 4.26%), 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	956.564	0,22%
SUBTOTAL			956.564	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	Trident Merger, LLC	1			
4	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	2			
5	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	3			
6	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	3			
7	BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	3			
8	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	4			
9	BlackRock Group Limited	5			
10	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	5			
11	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	5			
12	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	5			
13	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	6			
14	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	6			
15	BlackRock International Limited	6			
16	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	6			
17	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	7			
18	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	7			
19	BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC	12			
20	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	13			

21	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	14		
22	BlackRock Cayco Limited	14		
23	BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	16		
24	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	17		
25	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	18		
26	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	20		
27	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	22		
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	23		
29	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	24		
30	BlackRock Advisors, LLC	26		
31	BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	27		
32	BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC.	28		
33	BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	29		
34	BlackRock Fund Advisors	30		
35	BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	30		
36	BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	33		
37	BlackRock Investment Management (Korea) Ltd.	35		

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