

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 20 May 2016 held 16,045,886 or 3.73% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.97%) and 1,033,385 or 0.24% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.23%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 3.97% compared to previously 4.21%), thus combined less 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 / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 91a para. 1 No. 1 BörseG					
Type of instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	27.515	0,01%	
SUBTOTAL			27.515	0,01%	
Financial / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 91a para. 1 No. 3 BörseG					
Type of instrument	Expiration Date	Exercise Period	Physical / Cash Settlement	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
CFD	N/A	N/A	Cash	1.005.870	0,23%
SUBTOTAL			1.005.870	0,23%	

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	Trident Merger, LLC	1			
3	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	1			
4	BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	2			
5	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	4			
6	BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	5			
7	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	5			
8	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	5			
9	BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	6			
10	BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	7			
11	BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	8			
12	BlackRock Fund Advisors	8			
13	BlackRock Advisors, LLC	11			
14	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	13			
15	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	14			
16	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	14			
17	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	14			
18	BlackRock Group Limited	14			
19	BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC	15			
20	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	16			
21	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	17			
22	BlackRock Cayco Limited	17			
23	BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	19			
24	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	20			

25	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	21			
26	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	23			
27	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	25			
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	26			
29	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	27			
30	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	29			
31	BlackRock International Limited	29			
32	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	29			
33	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	29			
34	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	33			
35	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	33			
36	BlackRock Investment Management (Korea) Limited	35			

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