

## 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 26 May 2016 held 16,498,240 or 3.84% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.75%) and 745,205 or 0.17% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.20%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.01% compared to previously 3.95%), 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 / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 91a para. 1 No. 1 BörseG					
Type of instrument	Expiration Date	Exercise 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	717.690	0,17%
SUBTOTAL				717.690	0,17%

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	BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	12			
15	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	14			
16	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	15			
17	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	15			
18	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	15			
19	BlackRock Group Limited	15			
20	BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC	16			
21	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	17			
22	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	18			
23	BlackRock Cayco Limited	18			
24	BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	20			

25	BlackRockJapan Holdings GK	21			
26	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	22			
27	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	24			
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	26			
29	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	27			
30	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	28			
31	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	30			
32	BlackRock International Limited	30			
33	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	30			
34	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	30			
35	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	34			
36	BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	34			
37	BlackRock Investment Management (Korea) Limited	36			

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