

## 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, United States of America, as of 17 January 2017 held 16,871,016 or 3.93% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.99%) and 154,710 or 0.04% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.03%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 3.96% compared to previously 4.02%), 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 Period | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised |                         | % of voting rights |
|   |                 |                 |   |                         | 0.00%              |
| SUBTOTAL  |                 |                 |   |                         | 0.00%              |
| 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  | 154,710                 | 0.04%              |
| SUBTOTAL  |                 |                 |   | 154,710                 | 0.04%              |

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 Investment Management, LLC                        | 2                          |                          |   |                   |
| 4   | BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                                    | 1                          |                          |   |                   |
| 5   | BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        | 4                          |                          |   |                   |
| 6   | BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC                                     | 5                          |                          |   |                   |
| 7   | BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC                                     | 6                          |                          |   |                   |
| 8   | BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.                            | 7                          |                          |   |                   |
| 9   | BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | 8                          |                          |   |                   |
| 10  | BlackRock Fund Advisors                                     | 8                          |                          |   |                   |
| 11  | BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.                            | 5                          |                          |   |                   |
| 12  | BlackRock Advisors, LLC                                     | 11                         |                          |   |                   |
| 13  | BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.                      | 5                          |                          |   |                   |
| 14  | BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.                       | 13                         |                          |   |                   |
| 15  | BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.                      | 14                         |                          |   |                   |
| 16  | BlackRock (Singapore) Limited                               | 15                         |                          |   |                   |
| 17  | BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC                              | 15                         |                          |   |                   |
| 18  | BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                                 | 17                         |                          |   |                   |
| 19  | BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited               | 18                         |                          |   |                   |
| 20  | BlackRock Cayco Limited                                     | 18                         |                          |   |                   |
| 21  | BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited                   | 20                         |                          |   |                   |
| 22  | BlackRock Japan Holdings GK                                 | 21                         |                          |   |                   |
| 23  | BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                                   | 22                         |                          |   |                   |
| 24  | BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.                        | 14                         |                          |   |                   |
| 25  | BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited         | 24                         |                          |   |                   |

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| 26 | BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC                      | 14 |  |  |  |
| 27 | BlackRock Canada Holdings LP                 | 26 |  |  |  |
| 28 | BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC                | 27 |  |  |  |
| 29 | BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited    | 28 |  |  |  |
| 30 | BlackRock Group Limited                      | 14 |  |  |  |
| 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 |  |  |  |

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