

Announcement pursuant to sec. 135 para. 2 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 134 para. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act – Changes of significant shareholdings

Erste Group Bank AG informs the public pursuant to sec. 135 para. 2 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 134 para. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that BlackRock, Inc., Wilmington, United States of America, as of 31 December 2018 held 17,335,501 or 4.03% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.88%) and 575,272 or 0.13% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.15%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.17% compared to previously 4.03%), 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. 131 para. 1 No. 1 BörseG 2018					
Type of instrument	Expiration Date	Exercise Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	
Securities Lent	N/A	N/A	37 272	0.01 %	
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	3 993	0.00 %	
SUBTOTAL			41 265	0.01 %	
Financial / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 131 para. 1 No. 2 BörseG 2018					
Type of instrument	Expiration Date	Exercise Period	Physical / Cash Settlement	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
CFD	N/A	N/A	Cash	534 007	0.12 %
SUBTOTAL				534 007	0.12 %

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 Capital Management, Inc.	12			
14	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	5			
15	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	14			
16	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	15			
17	BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	16			
18	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	16			
19	BlackRock Asset Limited Management North Asia	18			
20	BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited	23			
21	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	20			
22	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	21			
23	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	18			

24	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	15		
25	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	24		
26	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	15		
27	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	26		
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	27		
29	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	28		
30	BlackRock Group Limited	40		
31	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	33		
32	BlackRock Asset Management UK Limited	33		
33	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	30		
34	BlackRock International Limited	30		
35	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	33		
36	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	33		
37	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	36		
38	BlackRock Cayman 1 LP	26		
39	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	38		
40	BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited	39		

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