

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 8 February 2019 held 17,431,078 or 4.06% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.95%) and 317,831 or 0.07% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.08%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.13% compared to previously 4.04%), 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
Lent Securities	N/A	N/A	78,411		0.02%
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	5,366		0.00%
SUBTOTAL			83,777		0.02%
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	234,054	0.05%
SUBTOTAL				234,054	0.05%

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 Cayman 1 LP	26			
18	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	15			
19	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	17			
20	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	18			
21	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	23			
22	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	21			
23	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	18			
24	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	14			
25	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	24			

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 Cayman West Bay IV Limited	19			
31	BlackRock Group Limited	30			
32	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	33			
33	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	31			
34	BlackRock International Limited	31			
35	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	33			
36	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	33			
37	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	36			

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