

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 26 February 2019 held 17,126,703 or 3.98% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 4.06%) and 56,219 or 0.01% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.07%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 3.99% compared to previously 4.13%), 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. 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	7,633		0.00%
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	1,451		0.00%
SUBTOTAL			9,084		0.00%
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	47,135	0.01%
SUBTOTAL				47,135	0.01%

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 Cayman 1 LP	27			
19	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	16			
20	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	18			
21	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	19			
22	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	24			
23	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	22			
24	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	19			
25	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	15			

26	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	25			
27	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	15			
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	27			
29	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	28			
30	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	29			
31	BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited	20			
32	BlackRock Group Limited	31			
33	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	34			
34	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	32			
35	BlackRock International Limited	32			
36	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	34			
37	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	34			
38	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	37			

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