

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 22 March 2019 held 15,954,498 or 3.71% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.89%) and 1,297,147 or 0.30% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.03%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.01% compared to previously 3.92%), 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 | 1,116,864 | | 0.26% |
| Depository Receipt | N/A | N/A | 4,605 | | 0.00% |
| SUBTOTAL | | | 1,121,469 | | 0.26% |
| 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 | 175,678 | 0.04% |
| SUBTOTAL | | | | 175,678 | 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 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 | | | |

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| 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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