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Announcement

Trading in the new Erste Group shares will start on 19 November 2009

A total of 60,000,000 new shares of Erste Group Bank AG have been issued on 19 November 2009, as a result of the share capital increase following the successful completion of a combined offering of such shares. As a result, the total number of shares of Erste Group Bank AG will increase from 317,925,086 to 377,925,086. Trading in the new shares will start on 19 November 2009 on the Vienna, Prague and Bucharest stock exchanges.

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