

## Information for Custodian Banks

Due to the **provisions of section 19 of the Articles of Association** of our Company and the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG) the following rules for attending our general meeting will apply:

The right to participate in the general meeting, the voting rights and all other shareholder rights, which may be exercised in the general meeting, are subject to the shareholdings on 5 May 2012, 24.00 hours Viennese Time (Record Date). The right of holders of participation certificates to participate in the general meeting is also subject to the holding of participation certificates on 5 May 2012, 24:00 hours Viennese Time (Record Date).

The Annual General Meeting may only be attended by persons who are shareholders or holders of participation certificates at such Record Date and who provide evidence thereof to the Company.

**A written deposit certificate, signed by duly authorised representatives, pursuant to sec. 10a of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG) shall be sufficient to evidence a shareholder's shareholding/the holding of the participation certificates holders as of the Record Date, which shall be delivered to the Company no later than by the end of the day on 10 May 2012, 24:00 hours Viennese time, only at one of the addresses indicated below.**

<b>By post</b>	Erste Group Bank AG c/o HV-Veranstaltungsservice GmbH. Waldgasse 9 2443 Stotzing Austria,
<b>By telefax</b>	+43 (0)1 8900 500 - 1
<b>By SWIFT</b>	GIBAATWGGMS message type MT598; Be sure to state ISIN AT0000652011 in case of shares or ISIN AT0000A0D4T3 in case of participation certificates in the text of the message
<b>By E-Mail</b>	to anmeldung.erste@hauptversammlung.at (as scanned attachment; TIF, PDF, etc.)

### **Deposit certificate pursuant to sec. 10a of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG)**

The **deposit certificate** is to be issued by the custodian bank with its seat in a member state of the European Economic Area or in a full member state of the OECD and must **include the following information**:

- information on the issuer: (corporate) name and address or any code that is customarily used among credit institutions (SWIFT code),
- information on the depositor: (corporate) name, address, date of birth for individuals, register and register number for legal entities (if available),
- information on the securities: ISIN AT0000652011 for shares, AT0000A0D4T3 for participation certificates as well as number of securities,
- deposit number and/or other identification,
- date to which the certificate of deposit refers.

In the meaning of § 10a para. 1 last sentence Stock Corporation Act (AktG), Erste Group Bank AG will also accept certificates for the proof of shareholdings or the holding of participation certificates (deposit certificates), which are issued by legal persons, who are authorized as depositaries of these shares or participation certificates according to Czech or Romanian Law.

**The deposit certificate is deemed to be the evidence of the shareholding/holding of participation certificates, qualifying the holder to take part in the AGM and must refer to 5 May 2012, 24:00 hours (Record Date).**

For this reason a deposit certificate cannot be **issued** or delivered **prior to 6 May 2012**.

The deposit certificate must be issued in **German or English**.

Securities will not be blocked by registering for the AGM and/or by submitting a deposit certificate, which is why holders may continue to freely dispose of their securities also after registering and/or submitting a deposit certificate.

**In order to avoid flawed or incomplete deposit certificates not complying with the standards of sec. 10a of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG), please refer to the downloadable samples relevant for the delivery of certificates via telefax, via e-mail and via postal service.**

**As regards the transfer of a deposit certificate pursuant to sec. 10a of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG) by SWIFT (message type MT598) please refer to the attached sample illustrating the necessary structure of such a message. In contrast to a written deposit certificate, the name of the issuer is not indicated as the issuer can be taken from the header of the SWIFT message (BIC of the sender). Please note that the SWIFT message may only be sent by the custodian bank.**

**The Company would like to inform that depositors whose deposit certificates as specified in sec. 10a of the Austrian Stock Corporation Act (AktG) have not been issued and delivered within the meaning of the above information are not entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting or to exercise their voting right!**

Please note that the samples are for illustration only and that the Company accepts all deposit certificates meeting the statutory requirements.

In your capacity as a custodian credit institution you are kindly requested to send a confirmation to those depositors that are indicated in the deposit certificates. These confirmations should specify the name of the holder and the type and number of securities. By doing so, the registration of participants at the date of the AGM will be expedited.

### **Further inquiries**

If you need further **information** about this topic, please call our info hotline – AGM at +43 (0)5 0100 6 – 16386. Make sure you include your **contact details in any communication** so we know how to contact you.

## Sample certificate of deposit via SWIFT MT598

108 :  
20 : AT0000652011 and/or AT0000A0D4T3  
21 :  
12 : 599  
77E : ATTN HV-Veranstaltungsservice GmbH.

Re.: Annual General Meeting Erste Group Bank AG  
the following securities of the depositor specified hereinbelow  
were in the custody of our bank  
at the close of 5 May 2012:

**[for legal entities:]**

Corporate name: (please insert corporate name here)

**[if applicable]** entered into the commercial register under file no. FN: 9999999x, Commercial Court of Viennese

Address: 1010 Viennese, Graben 1

Number of securities: 1,000

ISIN: AT0000652011

Deposit number: 1111

**[for individuals:]**

Name: (please insert name here)

Date of birth: 01.01.1900

Address: 1010 Viennese, Graben 1

Number of securities: 1,000

ISIN: AT0000A0D4T3

Deposit number: 1111

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***[The certificate of deposit must be issued and sent by the custodian bank.]***