Publication of a transaction in compliance with section 7 Publication Ordinance (VeröffentlichungsVO) to section 82 (9) Austrian Stock Exchange Act (BörseG) regarding Erste Group shares considered treasury shares within the meaning of section 65 Stock Corporation Act (AktG)

This publication is made following the prolongation of the disposal programme published on 9 November 2011 regarding the envisaged sale of Erste Group shares by specified savings banks.

Sparkasse Kremstal-Pyhrn AG has conducted the following transaction regarding Erste Group shares:

- Date of the transaction: 21.01.2013 25.01.2013
- Shares have been sold on the Vienna Stock exchange
- Class of shares: Voting no-par value bearer shares (ordinary shares) in Erste Group Bank AG
- Sold volume: 64,000 shares
- Percentage of issued share capital sold under the programme authorised by the General Meeting to-date: 0.0162%
- Maximum and minimum share price: EUR 24.82, EUR 24.50
- Weighted average price of bought or sold shares: EUR 24.6453

Total value of sold shares: EUR 1,577,299