

## Announcement pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 2 Austrian Stock Exchange Act - Changes of significant shareholdings

Erste Group Bank AG informs the public pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that BlackRock, Inc., Wilmington, DE, United States of America, as of 15 March 2016 held 17,311,772 or 4.02% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.96%) and 1,026,061 or 0.23% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.26%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.26% compared to previously 4.22%), 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 Instruments according to Art. 13(1)(a) of Directive 2004/109/EC                              |                 |                             |   |                         |                    |
|--|-----------------|-----------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Type of financial instrument   | Expiration date | Exercise/ Conversion Period | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted. |                         | % of voting rights |
| Depository Receipt   | N/A             | N/A                         | 26,822  |                         | 0.00%              |
| SUBTOTAL   |                 |                             | 26,822  |                         | 0.00%              |
| Financial Instruments with similar economic effect according to Art. 13(1)(b) of Directive 2004/109/EC |                 |                             |   |                         |                    |
| Type of financial instrument   | Expiration date | Exercise/ Conversion Period | Physical or cash settlement   | Number of voting rights | % of voting rights |
| CFD  | N/A             | N/A                         | Cash  | 965,239                 | 0.22%              |
| Total Return Swap  | 22.06.2016      | N/A                         | Cash  | 34,000                  | 0.00%              |
| SUBTOTAL   |                 |                             | 99,239  |                         | 0.23%              |

Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

| Name   | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
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| BlackRock, Inc.                              |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                     |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.         |  |  |   |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.       |  |  |   |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.        |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Group Limited                      |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited |  |  | Below 4%  |
| BlackRock, Inc.                              |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                     |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.         |  |  |   |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.       |  |  |   |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.        |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Group Limited                      |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG    |  |  | Below 4%  |
| BlackRock, Inc.                              |  |  |   |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                     |  |  |   |

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| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Group Limited                             |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited                     |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Group Limited                             |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Limited                     |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Group Limited                             |  |  |          |
| BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.                        |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.              |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC                      |  |  |          |
| BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                         |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited       |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.              |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC                      |  |  |          |
| BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                         |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Cayco Limited                             |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited           |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Japan Holdings GK                         |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                           |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC                             |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Canada Holdings LP                        |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC                       |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited           |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            |  |  |          |

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| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC                                     |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.   |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                                    |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors                                     |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.   |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                                    |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.                            |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.   |  |  |          |
| Trident Merger, LLC   |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC                        |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.   |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                                    |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        |  |  |          |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.                      |  |  |          |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.                       |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Group Limited                                     |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited                |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Fund Managers Limited                             |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Korea) Ltd.                |  |  | Below 4% |
| BlackRock, Inc.   |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                                    |  |  |          |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        |  |  | Below 4% |

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