



## 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 29 November 2018 held 16,794,135 or 3.91% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.98%) and 381,518 or 0.09% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.11%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 3.99% compared to previously 4.09%), thus combined less 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:

| Type of instrument   | Expiration Date    |            | Exercise Period |                               | Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised |                         | % of voting rights |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------------------------|---|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Securities Lent      | N/A                |            | N/A             |                               | 20,223  |                         | 0.00%              |                    |
|                      | _ [                |            | SUBTOTAL        | . B.1                         | 20,223  |                         | 0.00               | %                  |
| Financial / Other Ir | nstruments purs    | uant       | to Sec. 13      | 1 para. 1                     | No. 2 Börs  | seG 2018                | I                  |                    |
| Type of instrument   | Expiration<br>Date | Exe<br>Per | ercise<br>riod  | Physical / Cash<br>Settlement |   | Number of voting rights |                    | % of voting rights |
| DFD N/A 261,63       |                    | ,633       |                 | Cash                          | 361,295   |                         | 0.08%              |                    |
|                      | <u> </u>           | <u> </u>   |                 | SUBTO                         | TAL B.2   | 361,295                 |                    | 0.08%              |

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 (%) | <b>Total</b> 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 International Holdings, Inc.                      | 5                          |                          |   |                          |
| 14  | BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.                       | 13                         |                          |   |                          |
| 15  | BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.                      | 14                         |                          |   |                          |
| 16  | BlackRock (Singapore) Limited                               | 15                         |                          |   |                          |
| 17  | BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                                 | 15                         |                          |   |                          |
| 18  | BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited               | 17                         |                          |   |                          |



| 19 | BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited           | 22 |  |
|----|---|----|--|
| 20 | BlackRock Japan Holdings GK                         | 19 |  |
| 21 | BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                           | 20 |  |
| 22 | BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.                        | 17 |  |
| 23 | BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.                | 14 |  |
| 24 | BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited | 23 |  |
| 25 | BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC                             | 14 |  |
| 26 | BlackRock Canada Holdings LP                        | 25 |  |
| 27 | BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC                       | 26 |  |
| 28 | BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited           | 27 |  |
| 29 | BlackRock Group Limited                             | 39 |  |
| 30 | BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited                     | 32 |  |
| 31 | BlackRock Asset Management UK Limited               | 32 |  |
| 32 | BlackRock Finance Europe Limited                    | 29 |  |
| 33 | BlackRock International Limited                     | 29 |  |
| 34 | BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.                        | 32 |  |
| 35 | BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited        | 32 |  |
| 36 | BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG           | 35 |  |
| 37 | BlackRock Cayman 1 LP                               | 25 |  |
| 38 | BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited             | 37 |  |
| 39 | BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited                | 38 |  |

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