

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 9 December 2019 held 17,309,478 or 4.03% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.98%) and 859,439 or 0.20% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.20%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.23% compared to previously 4.18%), 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 / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 131 para. 1 No. 1 BörseG 2018					
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	394,957	0.09%
Depository Receipt	N/A		N/A	3,442	0.00%
			SUBTOTAL	398,399	0.09%
Financial / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 131 para. 1 No. 2 BörseG 2018					
Type of instrument	Expiration Date	Exercise Period	Physical / Cash Settlement	Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
CFD	N/A	N/A	Cash	461,040	0.11%
			SUBTOTAL	461,040	0.11%

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 (%)	Total of both (%)
1	BlackRock, Inc.				
2	BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.	1			
3	BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	2			
4	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	3			
5	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	4			
6	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	5			
7	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	6			
8	Trident Merger, LLC	1			
9	BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	8			
10	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	5			
11	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	10			
12	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	11			
13	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	11			
14	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	13			
15	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	14			
16	BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	10			
17	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	5			
18	BlackRock Cayman 1 LP	17			
19	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	18			
20	BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited	19			
21	BlackRock Group Limited	20			
22	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	21			
23	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	22			
24	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	23			
25	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco II Pte. Limited	5			
26	Acero Cooperatief U.A.	25			
27	BlackRock International Limited	21			

28	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	22			
29	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	22			
30	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	3			
31	BlackRock Advisors, LLC	30			
32	BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	31			
33	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	17			
34	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	33			
35	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	34			
36	BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC	3			
37	BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC	36			
38	BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.	37			
39	BlackRock Fund Advisors	38			
40	BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	38			
41	Phoenix Acquisition B.V.	26			
42	BlackRock Mexico Operadora, S.A. de C.V., Sociedad Operadora de Fondos de Inversion	41			

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