Investor information Vienna, 9 March 2016

Announcement pursuant to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 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 8 March 2016 held 17,095,276 or 3.97% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 4.04%) and 1,038,446 or 0.24% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.18%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.21% 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
Depositary 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	977,624	0.22%
Total Return Swap	22.06.2016	N/A	Cash	34,000	0.00%
			SUBTOTAL	1,011,624	0.23%

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

Name	% of vot ing rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	% of voting rights through financial instruments if itequals or is higher than the notifiable threshold	Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold
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.			

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.			

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%
BlackRock, Inc.			
BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.			
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.			
BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.			
BlackRock Advisors, LLC			
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.			Below 4%

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