

ANNOUNCEMENT

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**Announcement according to sec. 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act
in connection with sec. 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act -
Change of significant voting right thresholds**

Erste Group Bank AG informs the public pursuant to § 93 Austrian Stock Exchange Act in connection with § 91 art. 1 Austrian Stock Exchange Act that Austria Versicherungsverein auf Gegenseitigkeit Privatstiftung, Untere Donaustraße 25, 1020 Vienna, Austria, holds 17.435.653 Erste Group Bank AG shares (rounded stake in share capital of 4.42%), thus more than 4% of Erste Group Bank AG's share capital as of 1 January 2013.

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