

## 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 22 March 2019 held 15,954,498 or 3.71% of voting rights attached to shares (previously 3.89%) and 1,297,147 or 0.30% of voting rights through financial instruments (previously 0.03%) in Erste Group Bank AG (rounded stake in share capital of 4.01% compared to previously 3.92%), 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
Lent Securities	N/A	N/A	1,116,864		0.26%
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	4,605		0.00%
SUBTOTAL			1,121,469		0.26%
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	175,678	0.04%
SUBTOTAL				175,678	0.04%

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	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 Capital Management, Inc.	12			
14	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	5			
15	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	14			
16	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	15			
17	BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	16			
18	BlackRock Cayman 1 LP	27			
19	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	16			
20	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	18			
21	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	19			
22	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	24			
23	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	22			
24	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	19			
25	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	15			

26	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	25		
27	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	15		
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	27		
29	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	28		
30	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	29		
31	BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited	20		
32	BlackRock Group Limited	31		
33	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	34		
34	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	32		
35	BlackRock International Limited	32		
36	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	34		
37	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	34		
38	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	37		

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