

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Ageas and BlackRock: Transparency notification

### REGULATED INFORMATION

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, Blackrock has notified Ageas on 10 August 2018 that, on 9 August 2018, its shareholding stands at 5.08%.

#### Reason for the notification

Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights

#### Notification by

A parent undertaking or a controlling person

#### Persons subject to the notification requirement

BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Semple Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

#### Date on which the threshold is crossed

9 August 2018

#### Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5 %

#### Denominator

203,022,199

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\* article 14, paragraph 1 of the law of 2 May 2007 on disclosure of major holdings us provisions

## Notified details

A) Voting rights	Previous notification		After the transaction	
	# of voting rights		# of voting rights	% of voting rights
Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	30,766	30,766		0.02%
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	12,814	12,814		0.01%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,676,305	1,639,134		0.81%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	208,381	208,381		0.10%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	139,932	139,932		0.07%
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	422,123	422,432		0.21%
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	30,856	30,466		0.02%
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	247,424	367,520		0.18%
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,055,202	3,055,662		1.51%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,955,760	2,955,760		1.46%
BlackRock International Limited	15,038	15,038		0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	58,113	58,608		0.03%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	923,560	558,160		0.27%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	295,619	306,387		0.15%
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd..	294,409	293,300		0.14%
	10,366,302	10,094,360		4.97%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,094,360</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.97%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

  

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			21,574	0.01%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			5,570	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			8,857	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			11,560	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			828	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			165,292	0.08%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>213,681</b>	<b>0.11%</b>	
<b>Total A &amp; B</b>			<b># of voting rights</b>		<b>% of voting rights</b>	
			10,308,041		5.08%	

## Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held, if applicable

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 HK Holdco Limited

BlackRock Lux Finco S.a.r.l.  
BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited  
BlackRock Japan Holdings GK  
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.

BlackRock, Inc.  
Trident Merger, LLC  
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC

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BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.  
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited

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BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.  
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association

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#### Additional information

The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc going below 5%.

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas also on 9 August 2018 that, on 8 August 2018, its shareholding stood at 5.21%.

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BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	30,766	30,766		0.02%
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	12,814	12,814		0.01%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,667,138	1,676,305		0.83%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	208,381	208,381		0.10%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	139,932	139,932		0.07%
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	419,811	422,123		0.21%
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	31,007	30,856		0.02%
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	70,351	247,424		0.12%
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,049,205	3,055,202		1.50%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,959,094	2,955,760		1.46%
BlackRock International Limited	15,038	15,038		0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	58,113	58,113		0.03%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	554,687	923,560		0.45%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	294,691	295,619		0.15%
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd..	581,118	294,409		0.15%
	<b>10,092,146</b>	<b>10,366,302</b>		<b>5.11%</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,366,302</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5.11%</b> <b>0.00%</b>

  

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction				
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Holders of equivalent financial instruments					Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			14,883	0.01% physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			5,570	0.00% cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			8,857	0.00% cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			11,560	0.01% cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			828	0.00% cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			165,292	0.08% cash
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>206,990</b>	<b>0.10%</b>
<b>Total A &amp; B</b>		<b># of voting rights</b>		<b>% of voting rights</b>	
		<b>10,573,292</b>		<b>5.21%</b>	

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#### **Additional information**

The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc going above 5%.

This [press release](#) and the notifications received by Ageas are available on the [website](#).

**Ageas** is a listed international insurance Group with a heritage spanning 190 years. It offers Retail and Business customers Life and Non-Life insurance products designed to suit their specific needs, today and tomorrow. As one of Europe's larger insurance companies, Ageas concentrates its activities in Europe and Asia, which together make up the major part of the global insurance market. It operates successful insurance businesses in Belgium, the UK, Luxembourg, France, Portugal, Turkey, China, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Singapore, and the Philippines through a combination of wholly owned subsidiaries and long term partnerships with strong financial institutions and key distributors. Ageas ranks among the market leaders in the countries in which it operates. It represents a staff force of over 50,000 people and reported annual inflows close to EUR 34 billion in 2017 (all figures at 100%).