

# 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 8 November 2018 that, on 7 November 2018, its shareholding stands at 4.98%.

#### 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 Capital Management, Inc.	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, 19809, U.S.A.
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

7 November 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	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	
<b>Holders of voting rights</b>					
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0			0.00%
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	28,760	28,760			0.01%
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	15,582	15,582			0.01%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2,016,216	1,901,217			0.94%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	177,978	177,978			0.09%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	135,863	135,863			0.07%
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	409,676	408,737			0.20%
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,142	23,142			0.01%
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	640	808			0.00%
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	51,244	51,310			0.03%
BlackRock Fund Advisors	2,971,095	2,972,561			1.46%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,820,176	2,813,986			1.39%
BlackRock International Limited	12,683	12,683			0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	60,147	60,147			0.03%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	610,675	609,827			0.30%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	360,149	368,356			0.18%
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	244,073	136,004			0.07%
	<b>9,938,099</b>	<b>9,716,961</b>			<b>4.79%</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,716,961</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.79%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>B) Equivalent financial instruments</b>	After the transaction				
<b>Holders of equivalent financial instruments</b>	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
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			210,095	0.10%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			5,027	0.00%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract Difference	For		5,074	0.00%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract Difference	For		7,282	0.00%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract Difference	For		9,639	0.00%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract Difference	For		828	0.00%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract Difference	For		153,957	0.08%
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>391,902</b>	<b>0.19%</b>
<b>Total A &amp; B</b>	# of voting rights		% of voting rights		
	10,108,863		4.98%		

**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

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 Cayman 1 LP  
BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited  
BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited  
BlackRock Group Limited  
BlackRock Finance Europe Limited  
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited

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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

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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.  
BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.  
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.  
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BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited  
BlackRock Group Limited  
BlackRock International Limited

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BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.  
BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC

BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC  
BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.  
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association

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BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.  
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BlackRock HK Holdco Limited  
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited

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BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.  
BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.  
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BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited  
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG

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BlackRock Canada Holdings LP  
BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC

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BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

**Additional information**

The disclosure obligation arose due to total holdings in voting rights for BlackRock, Inc. going below 5%.

**In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, Blackrock has notified Ageas on 6 November 2018 that, on 5 November 2018, its shareholding stands at 5.06%.**

**Reason for the notification**

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**Notification by**

A parent undertaking or a controlling person

**Persons subject to the notification requirement**

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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**

5 November 2018

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

5 %

**Denominator**

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<b>Holders of voting rights</b>					
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0			0.00%
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	28,760	28,760			0.01%
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	14,321	15,582			0.01%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,861,753	2,016,216			0.99%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	177,978	177,978			0.09%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	135,863	135,863			0.07%
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	411,848	409,676			0.20%
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,142	23,142			0.01%
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	815	640			0.00%
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	51,387	51,244			0.03%
BlackRock Fund Advisors	2,966,576	2,971,095			1.46%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,825,700	2,820,176			1.39%
BlackRock International Limited	12,683	12,683			0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	58,636	60,147			0.03%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	616,999	610,675			0.30%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	350,314	360,149			0.18%
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	301,343	244,073			0.12%
	<b>9,838,118</b>	<b>9,938,099</b>			<b>4.90%</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,938,099</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.90%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>
<b>B) Equivalent financial instruments</b>	After the transaction				
<b>Holders of equivalent financial instruments</b>	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
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			150,752	0.07%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			5,027	0.00%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract Difference	For		5,074	0.00%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract Difference	For		8,257	0.00%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract Difference	For		11,560	0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract Difference	For		828	0.00%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract Difference	For		154,592	0.08%
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>336,090</b>	<b>0.17%</b>
<b>Total A &amp; B</b>	# of voting rights		% of voting rights		
	10,274,189		5.06%		

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

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BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.  
BlackRock, Inc.

#### **Additional information**

The disclosure obligation arose due to total holdings in voting rights 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%).