

# PRESS RELEASE

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## Ageas and BlackRock: Transparency notification

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 10 December 2018 that, on 6 December 2018, its interest has fallen below the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 4.92%.

### REGULATED INFORMATION

#### 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

See annex 1a

#### Date on which the threshold is crossed

6 December 2018

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

5% shares

#### Denominator

203,022,199

#### Notified details

See annex 1 b

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

The full chain of command can be found on <https://www.ageas.com/investors/shareholders>

#### Additional information

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

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

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

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## ANNEX 1a

Name	Address (for legal entities)
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

## ANNEX 1b

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	Not linked to the securities
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	2,109,938	1,923,390		0.95%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	173,404	173,404		0.09%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	134,812	134,812		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	398,789	398,789		0.20%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	25,212	23,142		0.01%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	75	158		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	59,500	59,476		0.03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,076,334	3,088,736		1.52%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,746,847	2,748,400		1.35%	
BlackRock International Limited	15,407	15,407		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	60,138	60,138		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	475,885	468,447		0.23%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	381,095	362,130		0.18%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	230,400	125,101		0.06%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,932,178</b>	<b>9,625,872</b>		<b>4.74%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,625,872</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.74%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction						
	Holders of equivalent financial instruments	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				96,333	0.05%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				96,699	0.05%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				2,811	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference				2,980	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference				23,395	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				5,149	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference				129,801	0.06%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>357,168</b>	<b>0.18%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>9,983,040</b>

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 6 December 2018 that, on 5 December 2018, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 5.06%.

**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**

See annex 1c

**Date on which the threshold is crossed**

5 December 2018

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

5% shares

**Denominator**

203,022,199

**Notified details**

See annex 1d

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

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**Additional information**

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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	1,886,929	2,130,379		1.05%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	173,404	173,404		0.09%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	134,812	134,812		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	398,273	398,273		0.20%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,142	23,142		0.01%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	551	528		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	59,476	59,476		0.03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,069,858	3,072,782		1.51%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,741,170	2,743,380		1.35%	
BlackRock International Limited	15,407	15,407		0.01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	59,200	60,138		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	464,333	481,057		0.24%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	355,679	364,266		0.18%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	275,646	235,522		0.12%	
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>9,702,222</b>	<b>9,936,908</b>		<b>4.89%</b>	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>9,936,908</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4.89%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction						
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BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				126,854	0.06%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				122,354	0.06%	physical
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Securities Lent				509	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				2,811	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference				2,980	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference				7,223	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference				481	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference				129,801	0.06%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>393,013</b>	<b>0.19%</b>	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>10,273,156</b>