

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 December 2019 that, on 9 December 2019, its interest has fallen below the legal threshold of 5% of the shares in section 10A issued by Ageas. Its current total shareholding stands at 5.00%.

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

9 December 2019

Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5% shares

Denominator

198,374,327

Notified details

See annex 1b

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 voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. (in section 10A) going below 5%.

* 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	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Lenbachplatz 1 1st Floor, Munich, 80333-MN3, 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 26, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, 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.	23,292	23,292		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	8,563	8,563		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,775,620	1,688,589		0.85%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	111,246	111,330		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	145,104	144,895		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	315,766	309,955		0.16%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,633	23,602		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	33,038	31,733		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,143,249	3,141,928		1.58%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,836,772	2,752,650		1.39%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,136	4,136		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	72,378	72,378		0.04%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	490,789	463,291		0.23%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	383,892	384,530		0.19%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	559,094	344,868		0.17%	
Subtotal	9,926,572	9,505,740		4.79%	
TOTAL		9,505,740	0	4.79%	0.00%

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				242,206	0.12%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				9,221	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference				2,437	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference				14,426	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference				7,761	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference				1,038	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference				135,277	0.07%	cash
TOTAL					412,366	0.21%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	9,918,106

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 6 December 2019 that, on 5 December 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares in the section 10A issued by Ageas. Its current total shareholding stands at 5.22%.

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 2019

Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5% shares

Denominator

198,374,327

Notified details

See annex 1d

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 voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. (section 10A) going above 5%.

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ANNEX 1d

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BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0.00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	23,292	23,292		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	8,563	8,563		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,636,220	1,775,620		0.90%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	111,246	111,246		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	145,104	145,104		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	310,138	315,766		0.16%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	22,376	23,633		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	33,390	33,038		0.02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,137,246	3,143,249		1.58%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	2,836,772	2,836,772		1.43%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,136	4,136		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	73,211	72,378		0.04%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	436,620	490,789		0.25%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	381,328	383,892		0.19%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	384,016	559,094		0.28%	
Subtotal	9,543,658	9,926,572		5.00%	
TOTAL		9,926,572	0	5.00%	0.00%

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				244,534	0.12%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent				19,345	0.01%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference				2,437	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference				14,426	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference				7,761	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference				1,038	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference				135,077	0.07%	cash
TOTAL					424,618	0.21%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	10,351,190	5.22%

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, 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 45,000 people and reported annual inflows of over EUR 34 billion in 2018 (all figures at 100%).