



Press release

Outside trading hours – Regulated information*

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Publication of a transparency notification received by KBC Group NV

(art. 14, 1st section of the Act of 2 May 2007 concerning the disclosure of significant participations)

Summary of the notification

KBC Group NV has received a transparency notification dated 10 December 2015, which states that BlackRock Inc., as a result of the net purchase of shares, now has 5.01% of the voting rights in KBC Group NV and as a consequence crossed the reporting threshold of 5%.

Content of the notification

The notification contains following information:

- Reason for the notification: acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notification by: BlackRock Inc (a parent undertaking or a controlling person)
- Persons subject to the notification requirement: see annex 1
- Date on which the threshold is crossed: 4 December 2015
- Threshold that is crossed: 5%
(KBC Group's Articles of Association set a notification threshold of 3% of the total number of voting rights. In addition, the legal thresholds of 5% or any multiple thereof also apply)
- Denominator (number of shares KBC Group NV): 417 780 658
- Notified details: see annex 1
- Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held: BlackRock Inc. is the ultimate controller but the legal entities detailed in annex 1 are the discretionary investment managers who hold the shares and exercise the voting rights.
- The relevant notification are available at www.kbc.com > Investor relations > Shareholder information > Shareholder structure.

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Annex 1:

A) Stemrechten <i>Voting rights</i>	Vorige notificatie (aantal stemrechten) <i>Previous notification (number of voting rights)</i>	Na de transactie <i>After the transaction</i>			
		Aantal stemrechten <i>Number of voting rights</i>		% van stemrechten <i>% of voting rights</i>	
		Gelinked aan effecten <i>Linked to securities</i>	Niet gelinked aan effecten <i>Not linked to securities</i>	Gelinked aan effecten <i>Linked to securities</i>	Niet gelinked aan effecten <i>Not linked to securities</i>
BlackRock, Inc	0	0	-	0.00%	-
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	520 701	598 247	-	0.14%	-
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	62 191	299 027	-	0.07%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	105 077	99 068	-	0.02%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	968 421	892 840	-	0.21%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited	709 638	781 522	-	0.19%	-
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	1 804	1 804	-	0.00%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Schweiz AG	1 219	1 219	-	0.00%	-
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	123 900	524 845	-	0.13%	-
BlackRock Fund Advisors	2 565 609	2 886 645	-	0.69%	-
BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	1 938 263	1 449 946	-	0.35%	-
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 450 386	3 601 325	-	0.86%	-
BlackRock International Limited	184 382	307 537	-	0.07%	-
BlackRock Investment Management LLC	775 495	1 022 044	-	0.24%	-
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	57 373	66 825	-	0.02%	-
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1 074 111	1 930 654	-	0.46%	-
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd	406 421	423 667	-	0.10%	-
BlackRock Life Limited	849 145	816 309	-	0.20%	-
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.	6 864 503	4 903 019	-	1.17%	-
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	85 374	176 082	-	0.04%	-
iShares (DE) Investmentaktien- gesellschaft mit Teilvermögen	137 239	152 257	-	0.04%	-
Totaal <i>Total</i>	20 881 252	20 934 882	-	5.01%	-

Adressen: zie formulier op www.kbc.com / Addresses: see forms on www.kbc.com

B) Equivalente financiële instru- menten (<i>equivalent financial instruments</i>)	Geen <i>None</i>
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