



# Press release

Outside trading hours – Regulated information\*

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## Publication of a transparency notification received by KBC Group NV

(art. 14, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 15 February 2016, which states that BlackRock Inc., as a result of a net sale of shares, now has 4.94% of the voting rights in KBC Group NV and as a consequence crossed the reporting threshold of 5% downwards.

### 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: 9 February 2016
- Threshold that is crossed downwards: 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): 418 087 058
- 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](http://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	598 247	606 505	-	0.15%	-
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	299 027	295 900	-	0.07%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	99 068	99 025	-	0.02%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	892 840	1 074 157	-	0.26%	-
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited	781 522	831 178	-	0.20%	-
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.	524 845	537 378	-	0.13%	-
BlackRock Fund Advisors	2 886 645	3 091 122	-	0.74%	-
BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	1 449 946	1 482 987	-	0.35%	-
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 601 325	3 674 886	-	0.88%	-
BlackRock International Limited	307 537	315 407	-	0.08%	-
BlackRock Investment Management LLC	1 022 044	386 107	-	0.09%	-
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	66 825	66 281	-	0.02%	-
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	1 930 654	1 944 805	-	0.47%	-
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd	423 667	428 376	-	0.10%	-
BlackRock Life Limited	816 309	799 286	-	0.19%	-
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.	4 903 019	4 720 656	-	1.13%	-
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	176 082	178 345	-	0.04%	-
iShares (DE) Investmentaktiengesellschaft mit Teilvermögen	152 257	115 356	-	0.03%	-
<i>Totaal</i> <i>Total</i>	20 934 882	20 650 780	-	4.94%	-

Adressen: zie formulier op [www.kbc.com](http://www.kbc.com) / Addresses: see forms on [www.kbc.com](http://www.kbc.com)

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