



Press release

Outside trading hours – Regulated information*

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Publication of transparency notification(s) 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(s)

KBC Group NV has received a transparency notification dd. 13 April 2018, which states that BlackRock Inc. has crossed the reporting threshold of 5% (voting rights, excluding equivalent financial instruments) downwards.

Content of the notification(s)

The notification(s) contain(s) following information:

- Reason for the notification(s): acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notification(s) by: BlackRock Inc.
- Persons subject to the notification requirement: see annex 1
- Date(s) on which the threshold is crossed: 12 April 2018
- 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): 418 597 567
- Notified details: see annex 1
- Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held:
See "11: Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held" in the PDF-file on www.kbc.com (see below).
- The relevant notification(s) is (are) available at www.kbc.com > Investor relations > Shareholder information > Shareholder structure.

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Annex 1

Notification dd. 13 April 2018

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.	35.255	39.119		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11.328	10.735		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.832.002	1.536.017		0,37%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	283.256	326.976		0,08%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	120.919	134.435		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.772.617	1.804.638		0,43%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	18.286	18.242		0,00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	0	236		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	95.544	143.553		0,03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3.938.003	4.040.075		0,97%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3.798.707	4.196.918		1,00%	
BlackRock International Limited	134.597	141.575		0,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	78.602	90.561		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7.696.298	7.513.893		1,80%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	557.802	564.987		0,13%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	609.032	332.665		0,08%	
Subtotal	20.982.248	20.894.625		4,99%	
TOTAL		20.894.625	0	4,99%	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			165.487	0,04%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			14.059	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1.415	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			42.894	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4.292	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			256.038	0,06%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1.642	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			44.528	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			39.926	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			2.120	0,00%	
TOTAL				572.401	0,14%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	21.467.026	5,13%