



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. 19 April 2018, which states that BlackRock Inc. has crossed the reporting threshold of 5% (voting rights, excluding equivalent financial instruments) upwards.

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: 18 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. 19 April 2018

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
	Holdings 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.	39.119	39.119		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	10.735	10.735		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.512.530	1.381.384		0,33%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	326.764	326.504		0,08%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	134.435	140.628		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.796.704	1.796.704		0,43%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	1.853	1.853		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	151.209	143.297		0,03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	4.034.381	4.045.649		0,97%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	4.206.885	4.205.805		1,00%	
BlackRock International Limited	141.575	141.575		0,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	90.561	90.561		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7.471.131	7.717.917		1,84%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	552.195	552.362		0,13%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	347.890	362.409		0,09%	
Subtotal	20.817.967	20.956.502		5,01%	
TOTAL		20.956.502	0	5,01%	0,00%

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	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			257.585	0,06%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			301.045	0,07%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1.794	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			220.552	0,05%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			960	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			29.328	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			39.926	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			1.910	0,00%	
TOTAL				900.286	0,22%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	21.856.788	5,22%