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Openbaarmaking van transparantiekennisgeving(en) ontvangen door KBC Groep NV

(artikel 14, eerste lid van de wet van 2 mei 2007 op de openbaarmaking van belangrijke deelnemingen)

Samenvatting van de kennisgeving(en)

KBC Groep NV ontving een op 18 oktober 2018, 19 oktober 2018 en 22 oktober gedateerde transparantiekennisgeving, waaruit blijkt – als eindresultaat - dat BlackRock Inc. de rapporteringsdrempel van 5% ('totaal stemrechten en equivalente instrumenten') opwaarts overschreden heeft.

Inhoud van de kennisgeving(en)

Die kennisgeving(en) bevat(ten) de volgende informatie:

- Reden van de kennisgeving(en): aankoop of verkoop van effecten met stemrechten
- Kennisgeving door: BlackRock Inc.
- Kennisgevingsplichtige personen: zie bijlage
- Transactiedatum: 17 oktober 2018, 18 oktober 2018 en 19 oktober 2018
- Overschreden drempel: 5%
(noteer: voor KBC Groep is de statutaire drempel voor kennisgevingen 3% van het totaal aantal stemrechten; daarboven gelden de wettelijke drempels van 5% en elk veelvoud daarvan)
- Noemer (aantal aandelen KBC Groep NV): 415 897 567
- Details van de kennisgeving(en): zie bijlage. Het aantal KBC aandelen met stemrecht en equivalente financiële instrumenten bij BlackRock bedroeg, in procent van het totaal aantal KBC-aandelen, respectievelijk 4.93% en 0.05% op 17 oktober 2018, 5.01% en 0.05% op 18 oktober 2018 en 4.96% en 0.06% op 19 oktober 2018.
- Keten van gecontroleerde ondernemingen via dewelke de deelneming daadwerkelijk wordt gehouden: Zie "11: Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held" in de PDF-file(s) op www.kbc.com (zie hieronder).
- De betrokken kennisgeving(en) vindt u op de website www.kbc.com > investor relations > aandeelhoudersinformatie > aandeelhoudersstructuur.

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* Dit nieuwsbericht bevat informatie waarop de Europese transparantieregelgeving voor beursgenoteerde bedrijven van toepassing is. KBC Groep is genoteerd op NYSE Brussels.

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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.	38 966	38 966		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11 210	11 210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1 835 319	1 771 981		0,43%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	274 433	274 433		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	100 379	139 349		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 654 413	1 539 402		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2 648	2 265		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	58 174	58 165		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 674 610	3 672 348		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 404 886	3 404 886		0,82%	
BlackRock International Limited	59 019	59 019		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	69 241	69 241		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	8 095 246	8 094 388		1,95%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	589 165	596 330		0,14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	985 770	769 756		0,19%	
Subtotal	20 853 479	20 501 739		4,93%	
TOTAL		20 501 739	0	4,93%	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	Contract For Difference			1 350	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			44 219	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4 042	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			123 023	0,03%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			211	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			36 555	0,01%	cash
TOTAL				209 400	0,05%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	20 711 139	4,98%

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BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0,00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	38 966	38 966		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11 210	11 210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1 771 981	1 852 203		0,45%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	274 433	274 433		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	139 349	139 349		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 539 402	1 539 402		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2 265	2 265		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	58 165	58 158		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 672 348	3 671 830		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 404 886	3 398 534		0,82%	
BlackRock International Limited	59 019	59 019		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	69 241	69 241		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	8 094 388	8 056 359		1,94%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	596 330	604 237		0,15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	769 756	1 081 486		0,26%	
Subtotal	20 501 739	20 856 692		5,01%	
TOTAL		20 856 692	0	5,01%	0,00%

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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			3 486	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1 350	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			44 219	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4 042	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			126 078	0,03%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			211	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			36 555	0,01%	cash
TOTAL				215 941	0,05%	

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CALCULATE	21 072 633	5,07%

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BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0,00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	38 966	38 966		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11 210	11 210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1 852 203	1 759 479		0,42%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	274 433	261 309		0,06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	139 349	139 349		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 539 402	1 539 479		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2 265	2 265		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	58 158	70 838		0,02%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 671 830	3 669 618		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 398 534	3 398 534		0,82%	
BlackRock International Limited	59 019	59 019		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	69 241	69 241		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	8 056 359	7 851 585		1,89%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	604 237	628 517		0,15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1 081 486	1 117 079		0,27%	
Subtotal	20 856 692	20 616 488		4,96%	
TOTAL		20 616 488	0	4,96%	0,00%

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BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			3 486	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1 350	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			44 219	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4 042	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			164 887	0,04%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			211	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			36 555	0,01%	cash
TOTAL				254 750	0,06%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	20 871 238	5,02%