

Transparency declaration by Ameriprise Financial Inc : Acquisition of voting securities

Ameriprise Financial Inc, located at 1099 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, MN 55474, USA has notified the FSMA and Umicore that on 9 August 2011 it has crossed the statutory threshold of 3 %, holding 3.03 % of Umicore's shares and voting rights.

name	date	threshold	# voting rights	denominator	% voting rights
Threadneedle Asset Management Holdings Limited	09/08/2011		3,421,039	120,000,000	2.85 %
Ameriprise Financial Inc	09/08/2011		210,976	120,000,000	0.18 %
TOTAL	09/08/2011	> 3.00 %	3,632,015	120,000,000	3.03 %

The chain of control has been described as follows:

"Ameriprise Financial Inc, which through intermediate holding companies controls the voting rights of Columbia Management Investment Advisers, Columbia Wanger Asset Management, Threadneedle Management Luxembourg SA and Threadneedle Asset Management Holdings Limited, which itself controls the voting rights of Threadneedle Asset Management Ltd, Threadneedle International Ltd and Threadneedle Pensions Ltd."

The declaration can be found on:

<http://www.investorrelations.umicore.com/en/shareInformation/shareholderStructure/Declarations/Threadneedle110811.pdf>

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