

Transparency declaration by Ameriprise Financial Inc : Disposal of voting securities

Ameriprise Financial Inc, located at 1099 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, MN 55474, USA has notified the FSMA and Umicore that on 13 February 2012 it has crossed the statutory threshold of 3 %, holding 2.95 % of Umicore's shares and voting rights.

| name | date | threshold | # voting rights | denominator | % voting rights |
|--|-------------------|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Threadneedle Asset Management Holdings Limited | 13/02/2012 | | 3,280,779 | 120,000,000 | 2.73 % |
| Ameriprise Financial Inc | 13/02/2012 | | 262,852 | 120,000,000 | 0.22 % |
| TOTAL | 13/02/2012 | < 3.00 % | 3,543,631 | 120,000,000 | 2.95 % |

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 Ltd, 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/Threadneedle120217.pdf>

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