

## Transparency declaration by Vanguard Precious Metals and Mining Fund: Acquisition of voting securities

On 13 December, Vanguard Precious Metals and Mining Fund, located at c/o The Vanguard Group, 455 Devon Park Drive, Wayne Pa, 19087, USA, has notified the FSMA and Umicore that on 7 December 2012 it has crossed the statutory threshold of 3%, holding 3.02% of Umicore's shares and voting rights.

name	date	threshold	# voting rights	denominator	% voting rights
Vanguard Precious Metals and Mining Fund	07/12/2012		3,620,000	120,000,000	3.02%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>07/12/2012</b>	<b>&gt; 3.00%</b>	<b>3,620,000</b>	<b>120,000,000</b>	<b>3.02%</b>

The chain of control has been described as follows:

The Vanguard Precious Metals and Mining Fund has thousands of shareholders and no individual shareholder controls the fund.

The declaration can be found on:

<http://www.investorrelations.umicore.com/en/shareInformation/shareholderStructure/Declarations/Vanguard20121213.pdf>

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