

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

On 15 October 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 10 October 2014 it has crossed the statutory threshold of 3%, holding 2.92% of Umicore's shares and voting rights.

name	date	threshold	# voting rights	denominator	% voting rights
Vanguard Precious Metals and Mining Fund	10/10/2014		6,539,008	224,000,000	2.92%
TOTAL	10/10/2014	< 3.00%	6,539,008	224,000,000	2.92%

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.umicore.com/investorrelations/en/shareInformation/shareholderStructure/Declarations/Vanguard20141015.pdf>

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