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*Holding announcement according to article 135 section 2 BörseG (ESMA 2015/1597)*

## Erste Group Bank: Release according to art. 135 section 2 BörseG

Vienna (pta017/25.05.2018/11:00) - Release of Announcement according to art. 135 section 2 BörseG  
Notification of Major Holdings

### 1. Issuer:

Erste Group Bank, Am Belvedere 1, 1100 Wien, Austria

### 2. Reason for notification:

Acquisition / disposal of shares with voting rights

### 3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation

Name: BlackRock, Inc.

City and country of registered office: Wilmington, USA - United States

### 4. Names of shareholder(s) holding directly 3% or more voting rights, if different from 3

### 5. Date on which threshold was crossed or reached

23.05.2018

### 6. Total positions

|                                                                                      | % of voting rights<br>attached to shares<br>(total of 7.a.) | % of voting rights<br>through instruments<br>(total of 7.b.1 +<br>7.b.2) | total of both in %<br>(7.a. + 7.b.) | total number of<br>voting rights of<br>issuer |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Resulting situation<br>on the date on<br>which threshold<br>was crossed /<br>reached | 3.99                                                        | 0.34                                                                     | 4.33                                | 429,800,000                                   |
| Position of previous<br>notification                                                 | 4,91                                                        | 0,07                                                                     | 4,98                                |                                               |

### 7. Notified details of the resulting situation

#### 7.a. Voting rights attached to shares

| ISIN code    | absolute direct (Sec<br>130 BörseG 2018) | absolute indirect<br>(Sec 133 BörseG<br>2018) | in % direct (Sec<br>130 BörseG 2018) | in % indirect (Sec<br>133 BörseG 2018) |
|--------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| AT0000652011 | 0                                        | 17,150,905                                    | 0.00                                 | 3.99                                   |
| Total:       |                                          | 17,150,905                                    |                                      | 3.99                                   |

**7.b.1. Financial / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 131 para. 1 No. 1 BörseG 2018**

| Type of instrument | Expiration Date | Exercise Period | Voting Rights<br>Absolute | Voting Rights in % |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Securities Lent    |                 |                 | 1,344,960                 | 0.31               |
|                    |                 | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>1,344,960</b>          | <b>0.31</b>        |

**7.b.2 Financial / Other Instruments pursuant to Sec. 131 para. 1 No. 2 BörseG 2018**

| Type of instrument | Expiration Date | Exercise Period | Physical /Cash<br>Settlement | Voting Rights<br>Absolute | Voting Rights in % |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| CFD                |                 |                 | Cash                         | 129,571                   | 0.03               |
|                    |                 | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>129,571</b>               | <b>129,571</b>            | <b>0.03</b>        |

**8. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation**

Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial/other instruments are effectively held starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity.

| No. | Name                                                        | Directly<br>controlled by<br>No. | Shares held<br>directly (%) | Financial/other<br>instruments<br>held directly (%) | Total of both<br>(%) |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1   | BlackRock, Inc.                                             |                                  |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 2   | Trident Merger, LLC                                         | 1                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 3   | BlackRock Investment Management, LLC                        | 2                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 4   | BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                                    | 1                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 5   | BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        | 4                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 6   | BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC                                     | 5                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 7   | BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC                                     | 6                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 8   | BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.                            | 7                                |                             |                                                     |                      |
| 9   | BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | 8                                |                             |                                                     |                      |

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|----|-----------------------------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| 10 | BlackRock Fund Advisors                       | 8  |  |  |  |
| 11 | BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.              | 5  |  |  |  |
| 12 | BlackRock Advisors, LLC                       | 11 |  |  |  |
| 13 | BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.        | 5  |  |  |  |
| 14 | BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.         | 13 |  |  |  |
| 15 | BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.        | 14 |  |  |  |
| 16 | BlackRock (Singapore) Limited                 | 15 |  |  |  |
| 17 | BlackRock HK Holdco Limited                   | 15 |  |  |  |
| 18 | BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited | 17 |  |  |  |
| 19 | BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited     | 22 |  |  |  |
| 20 | BlackRock Japan Holdings GK                   | 19 |  |  |  |
| 21 | BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                     | 20 |  |  |  |
| 22 | BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.                  | 17 |  |  |  |
| 23 | BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.          | 14 |  |  |  |

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| 24 | BlackRock<br>Investment<br>Management<br>(Australia)<br>Limited | 23 |  |  |  |
| 25 | BlackRock<br>Holdco 3, LLC                                      | 14 |  |  |  |
| 26 | BlackRock<br>Canada<br>Holdings LP                              | 25 |  |  |  |
| 27 | BlackRock<br>Canada<br>Holdings ULC                             | 26 |  |  |  |
| 28 | BlackRock<br>Asset<br>Management<br>Canada Limited              | 27 |  |  |  |
| 29 | BlackRock<br>Group Limited                                      | 14 |  |  |  |
| 30 | BlackRock<br>Advisors (UK)<br>Limited                           | 29 |  |  |  |
| 31 | BlackRock<br>Asset<br>Management<br>UK Limited                  | 29 |  |  |  |
| 32 | BlackRock<br>International<br>Limited                           | 29 |  |  |  |
| 33 | BlackRock<br>(Netherlands)<br>B.V.                              | 29 |  |  |  |
| 34 | BlackRock<br>Investment<br>Management<br>(UK) Limited           | 29 |  |  |  |
| 35 | BlackRock<br>Asset<br>Management<br>Deutschland AG              | 34 |  |  |  |

#### 9. In case of proxy voting

Date of general meeting: N/A

#### 10. Additional Information

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