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

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

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Notification of Major Holdings

1. Issuer:

Erste Group Bank AG, 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

28.02.2019

6. Total positions

	% of voting rights attached to shares (total of 7.a.)	% of voting rights through instruments (total of 7.b.1 + 7.b.2)	total of both in % (7.a. + 7.b.)	total number of voting rights of issuer
Resulting situation on the date on which threshold was crossed / reached	4.08	0.01	4.09	429,800,000
Position of previous notification	3.98	0.01	3.99	

7. Notified details of the resulting situation

7.a. Voting rights attached to shares

ISIN code	absolute direct (Sec 130 BörseG 2018)	absolute indirect (Sec 133 BörseG 2018)	in % direct (Sec 130 BörseG 2018)	in % indirect (Sec 133 BörseG 2018)
AT0000652011	0	17,517,138	0.00	4.08
Total:		17,517,138		4.08

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 Absolute	Voting Rights in %
Securities Lent	N/A	N/A	7,633	0.00
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	4,878	0.00
		Total:	12,511	

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 Settlement	Voting Rights Absolute	Voting Rights in %
CFD	N/A	N/A	Cash	48,106	0.01
		Total:	48,106	48,106	0.01

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 controlled by No.	Shares held directly (%)	Financial/other instruments held directly (%)	Total of both (%)
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			
10	BlackRock Fund Advisors	8			
11	BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc.	5			
12	BlackRock Advisors, LLC	11			
13	BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	12			
14	BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.	5			
15	BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.	14			
16	BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd.	15			
17	BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	16			
18	BlackRock Cayman 1 LP	27			
19	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	16			
20	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	18			
21	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	19			
22	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	24			

23	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	22			
24	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	19			
25	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	15			
26	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	25			
27	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	15			
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	27			
29	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	28			
30	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	29			
31	BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited	20			
32	BlackRock Group Limited	31			
33	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	35			
34	BlackRock Asset Management UK Limited	32			
35	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	32			
36	BlackRock International Limited	32			

37	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	35			
38	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	35			
39	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	38			

9. In case of proxy voting

Date of general meeting: N/A

10. Additional Information

The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. going above 4% and total holding in shares and voting rights for BlackRock, Inc going above 4%.

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