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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

11.09.2019

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	3.84	0.16	3.99	429,800,000
Position of previous notification	3.90	0.12	4.02	

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	16,498,295	0.00	3.84
Total:		16,498,295		3.84

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	174,325	0.04
Depository Receipt	N/A	N/A	42	0.00
		Total:	174,367	0.04

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	499,614	0.12
			Total:	499,614	0.12

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 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 Cayman 1 LP	26			
18	BlackRock HK Holdco Limited	15			
19	BlackRock Cayman West Bay Finco Limited	17			
20	BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	18			
21	BlackRock Japan Holdings GK	23			
22	BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	21			
23	BlackRock Lux Finco S.à r.l.	18			

24	BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.	14			
25	BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	24			
26	BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC	14			
27	BlackRock Canada Holdings LP	26			
28	BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC	27			
29	BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	28			
30	BlackRock Cayman West Bay IV Limited	19			
31	BlackRock Group Limited	30			
32	BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	33			
33	BlackRock Finance Europe Limited	31			
34	BlackRock International Limited	31			
35	BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	33			
36	BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	33			

37	BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	36			
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9. In case of proxy voting

Date of general meeting: N/A

10. Additional Information

The disclosure obligation arose due to total holdings for BlackRock, Inc. going below 4%.

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