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

## Erste Group Bank AG: Release according to article 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

25.02.2022

### 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 | 4.90                                                        | 0.11                                                                     | 5.01                                | 429,800,000                                   |
| Position of previous<br>notification                                                 | 5.06                                                        | 0.08                                                                     | 5.14                                |                                               |

### 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                                        | 21,069,614                                    | 0.00                                 | 4.90                                   |
| Total:       |                                          | 21,069,614                                    |                                      | 4.90                                   |

**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             | 118,919                | 0.03               |
|                    |                 | <b>Total:</b>   | <b>118,919</b>         | <b>0.03</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 Settlement | Voting Rights Absolute | Voting Rights in % |
|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| CFD                | n/a             | n/a             | Cash                      | 355,996                | 0.08               |
|                    |                 |                 | <b>Total:</b>             | <b>355,996</b>         | <b>0.08</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 controlled by No. | Shares held directly (%) | Financial/other instruments held directly (%) | Total of both (%) |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1   | BlackRock, Inc.                                     |                            |                          |                                               |                   |
| 2   | BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.                            | 1                          |                          |                                               |                   |
| 3   | BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                | 2                          |                          |                                               |                   |
| 4   | BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.              | 3                          |                          |                                               |                   |
| 5   | BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.               | 4                          |                          |                                               |                   |
| 6   | BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd.                | 5                          |                          |                                               |                   |
| 7   | BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited | 6                          |                          |                                               |                   |
| 8   | Trident Merger, LLC                                 | 1                          |                          |                                               |                   |

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|----|-----------------------------------------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| 9  | BlackRock<br>Investment<br>Management,<br>LLC             | 8  |  |  |  |
| 10 | BlackRock<br>(Singapore)<br>Holdco Pte. Ltd.              | 5  |  |  |  |
| 11 | BlackRock HK<br>Holdco Limited                            | 10 |  |  |  |
| 12 | BlackRock<br>Asset<br>Management<br>North Asia<br>Limited | 11 |  |  |  |
| 13 | BlackRock Lux<br>Finco S. ? r.l.                          | 11 |  |  |  |
| 14 | BlackRock<br>Japan Holdings<br>GK                         | 13 |  |  |  |
| 15 | BlackRock<br>Japan Co., Ltd.                              | 14 |  |  |  |
| 16 | BlackRock<br>(Singapore)<br>Limited                       | 10 |  |  |  |
| 17 | BlackRock<br>Holdco 3, LLC                                | 5  |  |  |  |
| 18 | BlackRock<br>Cayman 1 LP                                  | 17 |  |  |  |
| 19 | BlackRock<br>Cayman West<br>Bay Finco<br>Limited          | 18 |  |  |  |
| 20 | BlackRock<br>Cayman West<br>Bay IV Limited                | 19 |  |  |  |
| 21 | BlackRock<br>Group Limited                                | 20 |  |  |  |
| 22 | BlackRock<br>Finance Europe<br>Limited                    | 21 |  |  |  |
| 23 | BlackRock<br>Investment<br>Management<br>(UK) Limited     | 22 |  |  |  |

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| 24 | BlackRock<br>International<br>Limited                                   | 21 |  |  |  |
| 25 | BlackRock<br>(Netherlands)<br>B.V.                                      | 22 |  |  |  |
| 26 | BlackRock<br>Asset<br>Management<br>Deutschland AG                      | 25 |  |  |  |
| 27 | BlackRock<br>Advisors (UK)<br>Limited                                   | 22 |  |  |  |
| 28 | BlackRock<br>Capital<br>Holdings, Inc.                                  | 3  |  |  |  |
| 29 | BlackRock<br>Advisors, LLC                                              | 28 |  |  |  |
| 30 | BlackRock<br>Canada<br>Holdings LP                                      | 17 |  |  |  |
| 31 | BlackRock<br>Canada<br>Holdings ULC                                     | 30 |  |  |  |
| 32 | BlackRock<br>Asset<br>Management<br>Canada Limited                      | 31 |  |  |  |
| 33 | BlackRock<br>Holdco 4, LLC                                              | 3  |  |  |  |
| 34 | BlackRock<br>Holdco 6, LLC                                              | 33 |  |  |  |
| 35 | BlackRock<br>Delaware<br>Holdings Inc.                                  | 34 |  |  |  |
| 36 | BlackRock Fund<br>Advisors                                              | 35 |  |  |  |
| 37 | BlackRock<br>Institutional<br>Trust Company,<br>National<br>Association | 35 |  |  |  |

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|----|---------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| 38 | Amethyst Intermediate LLC | 9  |  |  |  |
| 39 | Aperio Holdings LLC       | 38 |  |  |  |
| 40 | Aperio Group, LLC         | 39 |  |  |  |

## 9. In case of proxy voting

Date of general meeting: N/A

## 10. Additional Information

voting rights attached to shares going below 5%

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