



Press release

Outside trading hours – Regulated information*

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Publication of transparency notification(s) received by KBC Group NV

(art. 14, 1st section of the Act of 2 May 2007 concerning the disclosure of significant participations)

Summary of the notification(s)

KBC Group NV has received a transparency notification dd.10 July 2018, which states that BlackRock Inc. has crossed the reporting threshold of 5% (voting rights, excluding equivalent financial instruments) upwards.

Content of the notification(s)

The notification(s) contain(s) following information:

- Reason for the notification(s): acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notification(s) by: BlackRock Inc.
- Persons subject to the notification requirement: see annex 1
- Date(s) on which the threshold is crossed: 6 July 2018
- Threshold that is crossed: 5%
(KBC Group's Articles of Association set a notification threshold of 3% of the total number of voting rights. In addition, the legal thresholds of 5% or any multiple thereof also apply)
- Denominator (number of shares KBC Group NV): 418 597 567
- Notified details: see annex 1
- Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held:
See "11: Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held" in the PDF-file on www.kbc.com (see below).
- The relevant notification(s) is (are) available at www.kbc.com > Investor relations > Shareholder information > Shareholder structure.

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Annex
Notification dd. 6 July 2018

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
	Holders of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0,00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	39 783	40 470		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11 210	11 210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2 089 902	1 720 029		0,41%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	324 312	349 964		0,08%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	173 138	170 519		0,04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 691 324	1 643 060		0,39%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	6 320	10 052		0,00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	15	0		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	105 353	113 352		0,03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 823 555	3 761 690		0,90%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	4 008 047	4 144 548		0,99%	
BlackRock International Limited	127 951	145 934		0,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	79 008	79 008		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7 104 863	7 745 254		1,85%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	561 950	565 269		0,14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	680 239	618 993		0,15%	
Subtotal	20 826 970	21 119 352		5,05%	
TOTAL		21 119 352	0	5,05%	0,00%

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
	Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise period or date	# of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised	% of voting rights	Settlement
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			445 675	0,11%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			26 170	0,01%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1 794	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			44 135	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4 292	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			168 784	0,04%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1 093	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			29 001	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			58 793	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipts			1 836	0,00%	
TOTAL				781 573	0,19%	

TOTAL (A & B)		# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE		21 900 925	5,23%