



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. 27 April 2018, which states that BlackRock Inc. has crossed the reporting threshold of 5% (voting rights, excluding equivalent financial instruments) downwards.

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: 26 April 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 1

Notification dd. 27 April 2018

A) Voting rights	Previous notification		After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights		
		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	
Holders of voting rights						
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0,00%		
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	39.119	39.119		0,01%		
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	10.735	10.735		0,00%		
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.381.384	2.044.549		0,49%		
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	326.504	326.142		0,08%		
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	140.628	168.794		0,04%		
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.796.704	1.751.422		0,42%		
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	1.853	6.774		0,00%		
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	143.297	146.456		0,03%		
BlackRock Fund Advisors	4.045.649	4.068.507		0,97%		
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	4.205.805	4.187.067		1,00%		
BlackRock International Limited	141.575	142.334		0,03%		
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	90.561	90.561		0,02%		
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7.717.917	5.281.850		1,26%		
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	552.362	558.037		0,13%		
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	362.409	638.360		0,15%		
Subtotal	20.956.502	19.460.707		4,65%		
TOTAL		19.460.707	0	4,65%	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			69.925	0,02%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			2.731.393	0,65%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Securities Lent			7.295	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1.794	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			42.894	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4.292	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			184.574	0,04%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			808	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			24.627	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			39.926	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			1.910	0,00%	
TOTAL				3.109.438	0,74%	

TOTAL (A & B)		# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	22.570.145	5,39%