



# Press release

Outside trading hours – Regulated information\*

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

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

### Summary of the notification(s)

KBC Group NV has received transparency notifications dd. 14 September 2018 and 17 September 2018, which – as a result - state that BlackRock Inc. has crossed the reporting threshold of 5% (total voting rights and 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, voting rights or financial instruments that are treated as voting securities
- Notification(s) by: BlackRock Inc.
- Persons subject to the notification requirement: see annex 1
- Date(s) on which the threshold is crossed: 13 September 2018 and 14 September 2018
- Threshold that is crossed: 5% (downwards)  
(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): 415 897 567
- 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](http://www.kbc.com) (see below).*
- The relevant notification(s) is (are) available at [www.kbc.com](http://www.kbc.com) > Investor relations > Shareholder information > Shareholder structure.

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Annex  
Notification dd. 14 September 2018

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
		# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
BlackRock, Inc.	0	0		0,00%	
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	40.470	38.966		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11.210	11.210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.911.292	1.911.035		0,46%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	355.452	283.902		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	175.123	142.877		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.541.475	1.549.073		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	8.703	9.875		0,00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	124	0		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	113.494	37.044		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3.742.382	3.677.785		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	4.164.049	3.477.110		0,84%	
BlackRock International Limited	145.359	62.468		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	79.008	72.492		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7.953.868	8.427.716		2,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	565.449	569.244		0,14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	338.287	417.601		0,10%	
BlackRock Life Limited	0	3.838		0,00%	
Subtotal	21.145.745	20.692.236		4,98%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20.692.236</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,98%</b>	<b>0,00%</b>

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			2.679	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1.794	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			44.481	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4.042	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			129.222	0,03%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			211	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			58.793	0,01%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>241.222</b>	<b>0,06%</b>	

<b>TOTAL (A &amp; B)</b>	<b># of voting rights</b>	<b>% of voting rights</b>
<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>20.933.458</b>	<b>5,03%</b>

Notification dd. 17 September 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.	38.966	38.966		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11.210	11.210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.911.035	1.866.628		0,45%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	283.902	283.902		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	142.877	142.877		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.549.073	1.547.221		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	9.875	11.764		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	37.044	37.050		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3.677.785	3.678.626		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3.477.110	3.464.661		0,83%	
BlackRock International Limited	62.468	62.468		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	72.492	72.492		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	8.427.716	8.136.241		1,96%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	569.244	571.379		0,14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	417.601	395.824		0,10%	
BlackRock Life Limited	3.838	0		0,00%	
Subtotal	20.692.236	20.321.309		4,89%	
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>20.321.309</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,89%</b>	<b>0,00%</b>

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BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract For Difference			44.481	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	Contract For Difference			4.042	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			88.397	0,02%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			211	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			58.793	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipts			26	0,00%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>197.744</b>	<b>0,05%</b>	

<b>TOTAL (A &amp; B)</b>		<b># of voting rights</b>	<b>% of voting rights</b>
	<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>20.519.053</b>	<b>4,93%</b>