



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.19 September 2018, which – as a result – states 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 or voting rights and 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: 18 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 (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. 19 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
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	2.180.177	2.091.264		0,50%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	283.902	279.058		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	142.877	142.877		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.547.221	1.562.221		0,38%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	10.334	14.874		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36.929	36.863		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3.679.351	3.679.351		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3.464.661	3.456.129		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	8.138.432	8.140.352		1,96%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	570.734	578.164		0,14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	364.717	399.517		0,10%	
Subtotal	20.604.471	20.565.806		4,94%	
TOTAL		20.565.806	0	4,94%	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	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			69.237	0,02%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			211	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			53.237	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipts			26	0,00%	cash
TOTAL				173.028	0,04%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	20.738.834	4,99%