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Openbaarmaking van transparantiekennisgeving(en) ontvangen door KBC Groep NV

(artikel 14, eerste lid van de wet van 2 mei 2007 op de openbaarmaking van belangrijke deelnemingen)

Samenvatting van de kennisgeving(en)

KBC Groep NV ontving een op 16 oktober 2018 en op 17 oktober 2018 gedateerde transparantiekennisgeving, waaruit blijkt – als resultaat - dat BlackRock Inc. de rapporteringsdrempel van 5% ('totaal stemrechten en equivalente instrumenten') opwaarts overschreden heeft.

Inhoud van de kennisgeving(en)

Die kennisgeving(en) bevat(ten) de volgende informatie:

- Reden van de kennisgeving(en): aankoop of verkoop van effecten met stemrechten
- Kennisgeving door: BlackRock Inc.
- Kennisgevingsplichtige personen: zie bijlage
- Transactiedatum: 15 oktober 2018 en 16 oktober 2018
- Overschreden drempel: 5% opwaarts (voor 'stemrechten+equivalente financiële instrumenten')
(noteer: voor KBC Groep is de statutaire drempel voor kennisgevingen 3% van het totaal aantal stemrechten; daarboven gelden de wettelijke drempels van 5% en elk veelvoud daarvan)
- Noemer (aantal aandelen KBC Groep NV): 415 897 567
- Details van de kennisgeving(en): zie bijlage. Per 16 oktober bedraagt bijgevolg het aantal KBC aandelen met stemrecht en equivalente financiële instrumenten bij BlackRock respectievelijk 5.01% en 0.06% van het totaal aantal KBC-aandelen.
- Keten van gecontroleerde ondernemingen via dewelke de deelneming daadwerkelijk wordt gehouden:
Zie "11: Full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held" in de PDF-file op www.kbc.com (zie hieronder).
- De betrokken kennisgeving(en) vindt u op de website www.kbc.com > investor relations > aandeelhoudersinformatie > aandeelhoudersstructuur.

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* Dit nieuwsbericht bevat informatie waarop de Europese transparantieregelgeving voor beursgenoteerde bedrijven van toepassing is. KBC Groep is genoteerd op NYSE Brussels.

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Notificatie dd. 16 oktober 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 | 1 850 032 | 1 749 528 | | 0,42% | | |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC | 285 387 | 274 433 | | 0,07% | | |
| BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited | 99 763 | 100 379 | | 0,02% | | |
| BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG | 1 658 550 | 1 654 413 | | 0,40% | | |
| BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited | 2 265 | 2 265 | | 0,00% | | |
| BlackRock Capital Management, Inc. | 2 | 0 | | 0,00% | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | 53 810 | 53 819 | | 0,01% | | |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors | 3 671 422 | 3 668 418 | | 0,88% | | |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | 3 413 574 | 3 404 886 | | 0,82% | | |
| BlackRock International Limited | 59 019 | 59 019 | | 0,01% | | |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited | 69 241 | 69 241 | | 0,02% | | |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | 8 134 186 | 8 093 357 | | 1,95% | | |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | 588 460 | 588 450 | | 0,14% | | |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. | 368 821 | 938 932 | | 0,23% | | |
| Subtotal | 20 304 708 | 20 707 316 | | 4,98% | | |
| TOTAL | | 20 707 316 | 0 | 4,98% | 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 Asset Management Canada Limited | Securities Lent | | | 38 970 | 0,01% | physical |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited | Contract For Difference | | | 1 350 | 0,00% | cash |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC | Contract For Difference | | | 44 219 | 0,01% | cash |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | Contract For Difference | | | 4 042 | 0,00% | cash |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | Contract For Difference | | | 48 952 | 0,01% | cash |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | Contract For Difference | | | 211 | 0,00% | cash |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | Contract For Difference | | | 36 555 | 0,01% | cash |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | Depository Receipts | | | 26 | 0,00% | |
| TOTAL | | | | 174 325 | 0,04% | |

| TOTAL (A & B) | # of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| | 20 881 641 | 5,02% |

CALCULATE

| 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 | 1 749 528 | 1 835 319 | | 0,44% | |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC | 274 433 | 274 433 | | 0,07% | |
| BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited | 100 379 | 100 379 | | 0,02% | |
| BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG | 1 654 413 | 1 654 413 | | 0,40% | |
| BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited | 2 265 | 2 648 | | 0,00% | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | 53 819 | 58 174 | | 0,01% | |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors | 3 668 418 | 3 674 610 | | 0,88% | |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | 3 404 886 | 3 404 886 | | 0,82% | |
| BlackRock International Limited | 59 019 | 59 019 | | 0,01% | |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited | 69 241 | 69 241 | | 0,02% | |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | 8 093 357 | 8 095 246 | | 1,95% | |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | 588 450 | 589 165 | | 0,14% | |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. | 938 932 | 985 770 | | 0,24% | |
| Subtotal | 20 707 316 | 20 853 479 | | 5,01% | |
| TOTAL | | 20 853 479 | 0 | 5,01% | 0,00% |

| Holders of equivalent financial instruments | 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 Asset Management Canada Limited | Securities Lent | | | 38 970 | 0,01% | physical |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited | Contract For Difference | | | 1 350 | 0,00% | cash |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC | Contract For Difference | | | 44 219 | 0,01% | cash |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | Contract For Difference | | | 4 042 | 0,00% | cash |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | Contract For Difference | | | 123 023 | 0,03% | cash |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | Contract For Difference | | | 211 | 0,00% | cash |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | Contract For Difference | | | 36 555 | 0,01% | cash |
| TOTAL | | | | 248 370 | 0,06% | |

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|--------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| TOTAL (A & B) | # of voting rights | % of voting rights |
| CALCULATE | 21 101 849 | 5,07% |