



# 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 a transparency notification dd. 28 September 2018, which – as a result – states that BlackRock Inc. has crossed the reporting threshold of 5% (total voting rights and equivalent financial instruments) upwards (to 5.01%).

### 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: 27 September 2018
- Threshold that is crossed: 5% (upwards)  
(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. 28 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	2 091 264		1 930 141		0,46%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	279 058		286 016		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	142 877		142 877		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 562 221		1 695 279		0,41%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	14 874		4 958		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36 863		36 958		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 679 351		3 669 317		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 456 129		3 411 981		0,82%	
BlackRock International Limited	62 468		62 468		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	72 492		71 072		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	8 140 352		8 089 084		1,94%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	578 164		556 162		0,13%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	399 517		670 795		0,16%	
Subtotal	20 565 806		20 677 284		4,97%	
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>20 677 284</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,97%</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			3 039	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1 350	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			40 848	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipts			26	0,00%	cash
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>163 234</b>	<b>0,04%</b>	

<b>TOTAL (A &amp; B)</b>		<b># of voting rights</b>	<b>% of voting rights</b>
	<b>CALCULATE</b>	<b>20 840 518</b>	<b>5,01%</b>