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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 april 2018 en een op 17 april 2018 gedateerde transparantiekennisgeving, waaruit blijkt dat BlackRock Inc. de rapporteringsdrempel van 5% (stemrechten, zonder equivalente financiële instrumenten) eerst opwaarts en dan neerwaarts 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 1
- Transactiedatum: 13 april 2018 en 16 april 2018
- Overschreden drempel: 5%
(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): 418 597 567
- Details van de kennisgeving(en): zie bijlage 1
- 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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Bijlage 1

Notificatie dd. 16 april 2018

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holders 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.	39.119	39.119		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	10.735	10.735		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.536.017	1.641.113		0,39%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	326.976	326.857		0,08%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	134.435	134.435		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.804.638	1.796.704		0,43%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	18.242	18.424		0,00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	236	251		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	143.553	143.560		0,03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	4.040.075	4.034.381		0,96%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	4.196.918	4.196.949		1,00%	
BlackRock International Limited	141.575	141.575		0,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	90.561	90.561		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7.513.893	7.516.999		1,80%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	564.987	567.040		0,14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	332.665	332.735		0,08%	
Subtotal	20.894.625	20.991.438		5,01%	
TOTAL		20.991.438	0	5,01%	0,00%

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
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 Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			89.784	0,02%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			14.059	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1.415	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			250.173	0,06%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1.444	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			38.931	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				484.828	0,12%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	21.476.266	5,13%

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Holders 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.	39.119	39.119		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	10.735	10.735		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1.641.113	1.512.530		0,36%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	326.857	326.764		0,08%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	134.435	134.435		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1.796.704	1.796.704		0,43%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	18.424	1.853		0,00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	251	0		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	143.560	151.209		0,04%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	4.034.381	4.034.381		0,96%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	4.196.949	4.206.885		1,00%	
BlackRock International Limited	141.575	141.575		0,03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	90.561	90.561		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7.516.999	7.471.131		1,78%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	567.040	552.195		0,13%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	332.735	347.890		0,08%	
Subtotal	20.991.438	20.817.967		4,97%	
TOTAL		20.817.967	0	4,97%	0,00%

B) Equivalent financial instruments	After the transaction					
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 Advisors (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			218.733	0,05%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			14.059	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			1.415	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			243.962	0,06%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract For Difference			1.215	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			34.771	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			39.926	0,01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Depository Receipt			92	0,00%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			1.910	0,00%	
TOTAL				603.269	0,14%	

TOTAL (A & B)		# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE		21.421.236	5,12%