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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 30 oktober 2018, 31 oktober 2018 en 1 november 2018 gedateerde transparantiekennisgeving, waaruit blijkt – als eindresultaat - dat BlackRock Inc. de rapporteringsdrempel van 5% ('totaal stemrechten en equivalente instrumenten') 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
- Transactiedatum: 29 oktober 2018, 30 oktober 2018, 31 oktober 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): 415 897 567
- Details van de kennisgeving(en): zie bijlage. Het aantal KBC aandelen met stemrecht en equivalente financiële instrumenten bij BlackRock bedroeg, in procent van het totaal aantal KBC-aandelen, respectievelijk 4.91% en 0.08% op 29 oktober 2018, 4.99% en 0.07% op 30 oktober 2018 en 3,96% en 1,03% op 31 oktober 2018.
- 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(s) 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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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.	38 966	38 966		0,01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	11 210	11 210		0,00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	2 315 172	2 111 768		0,51%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	285 739	285 739		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	139 666	142 984		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 539 109	1 539 186		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2 265	2 265		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36 514	36 514		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 676 236	3 677 879		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 426 001	3 427 624		0,82%	
BlackRock International Limited	59 019	59 019		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	69 241	70 556		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7 551 363	7 530 889		1,81%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	607 981	614 593		0,15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1 202 079	880 357		0,21%	
Subtotal	20 960 561	20 429 549		4,91%	
TOTAL		20 429 549	0	4,91%	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 Japan Co., Ltd.	Securities Lent			9 337	0,00%	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			239 648	0,06%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			9 363	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			36 686	0,01%	cash
TOTAL				344 645	0,08%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	20 774 194	5,00%

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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	2 111 768	2 214 053		0,53%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	285 739	285 739		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	142 984	142 984		0,03%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 539 186	1 539 571		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2 265	2 265		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36 514	36 514		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 677 879	3 678 807		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 427 624	3 427 705		0,82%	
BlackRock International Limited	59 019	59 019		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	70 556	70 556		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7 530 889	7 517 774		1,81%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	614 593	610 897		0,15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	880 357	1 102 538		0,27%	
Subtotal	20 429 549	20 738 598		4,99%	
TOTAL		20 738 598	0	4,99%	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 Japan Co., Ltd.	Securities Lent			9 337	0,00%	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			3 952	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			197 861	0,05%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			9 101	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			37 118	0,01%	cash
TOTAL				302 938	0,07%	

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CALCULATE		21 041 536	5,06%

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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	2 214 053	1 956 737		0,47%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	285 739	285 739		0,07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	142 984	146 651		0,04%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	1 539 571	1 537 487		0,37%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2 265	2 265		0,00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36 514	36 514		0,01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3 678 807	3 675 261		0,88%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3 427 705	3 445 927		0,83%	
BlackRock International Limited	59 019	59 019		0,01%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	70 556	70 556		0,02%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	7 517 774	3 520 655		0,85%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	610 897	605 612		0,15%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1 102 538	1 081 506		0,26%	
Subtotal	20 738 598	16 474 105		3,96%	
TOTAL		16 474 105	0	3,96%	0,00%

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	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 Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			4 000 000	0,96%	physical
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Securities Lent			9 337	0,00%	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			3 952	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract For Difference			199 229	0,05%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract For Difference			9 218	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract For Difference			37 118	0,01%	cash
TOTAL				4 304 423	1,03%	

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CALCULATE	20 778 528	5,00%