

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Thursday November 28, 2019, 08h30 CEST --- According to Belgian transparency legislation (Law of May 2, 2007), BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.) has sent to Solvay a transparency notification on November 25, 2019, indicating that it crossed downwards the 3% statutory threshold for direct voting rights, holding 2.85%. Including equivalent financial instruments, the total voting rights stand at 3.57%

The notification, dated November 22, 2019, contains the following information:

- Reason for the notification: Disposal of direct voting rights
 - Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
 - Date on which the threshold is crossed: November 21, 2019
 - Threshold of direct voting rights crossed: 3% downwards
 - Denominator: 105,876,416
 - Additional information: The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. going below 3%.
- Persons subject to the notification requirement:

Name	Address (for legal entities)
BlackRock, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	Rembrandt Tower, 17th floor, Amstelplein, Amsterdam, Netherlands
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	20 Anson Road #18-01, Singapore, 79912, Singapore
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	161 Bay Street, Suite 2500, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2S1, Canada
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	Lenbachplatz 1 1st Floor, Munich, 80333-MN3, Germany
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	15/F, 16/F, 17/F Citibank Tower & 17/F ICBC Tower, 3 Garden Road, Central, Hong Kong
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.
BlackRock Fund Advisors	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	400 Howard Street, San Francisco, CA, 94105, U.S.A.
BlackRock International Limited	Exchange Place One, 1 Sempole Street, Edinburgh, EH3 8BL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	Level 26, 101 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC 3000, Australia
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	12 Throgmorton Avenue, London, EC2N 2DL, U.K.
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	1 University Square Drive, Princeton, NJ, 8540, U.S.A.
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	1-8-3 Marunouchi Chiyoda-ku, Trust Tower Main, Tokyo, 100-8217, Japan

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→ Notified details

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.	10,149	10,149		0.01%		
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,984	4,984		0.00%		
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	296,557	265,359		0.25%		
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	61,478	63,712		0.06%		
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	74,586	75,013		0.07%		
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	113,934	114,073		0.11%		
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	844	1,269		0.00%		
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	38,860	38,876		0.04%		
BlackRock Fund Advisors	952,327	952,579		0.90%		
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,260,881	1,264,715		1.19%		
BlackRock International Limited	5,722	5,722		0.01%		
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	40,533	40,533		0.04%		
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	167,981	59,818		0.06%		
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	99,466	101,008		0.10%		
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	97,803	21,844		0.02%		
Subtotal	3,226,105	3,019,654		2.85%		
TOTAL		3,019,654	0	2.85%	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	Securities Lent			431,784	0.41%	physical -
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			118,803	0.11%	physical -
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Securities Lent			17,167	0.02%	physical -
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Securities Lent			47,161	0.04%	physical -
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference			12,993	0.01%	cash -
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			120,379	0.11%	cash -
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			7,485	0.01%	cash +
TOTAL				755,792	0.71%	

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TOTAL (A & B)		# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	3,775,446	3.57%

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The full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held is available enclosed.

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