

PRESS RELEASE

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Ageas and BlackRock: Transparency notification

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 4 June 2019 that, on 31 May 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas (in section 10B). Its current shareholding stands at 5.15%.

Reason for the notification

Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights

Notification by

A parent undertaking or a controlling person

Persons subject to the notification requirement

See annex 1a

Date on which the threshold is crossed

31 May 2019

Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5% shares

Denominator

198,374,327

Notified details

See annex 1b

Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held, if applicable

The full chain of command can be found on <https://www.ageas.com/investors/shareholders>

Additional information

The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. (section 10B) going above 5%.

* article 14, paragraph 1 of the law of 2 May 2007 on disclosure of major holdings us provisions.

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ANNEX 1a

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	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, DE, 19809, 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

ANNEX 1b

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.	23,406	23,406		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	21,697	14,848		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,646,028	1,789,775		0.90%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	127,514	127,514		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	134,884	137,250		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	306,142	303,217		0.15%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	24,455	24,800		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	60,259	25,546		0.01%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,178,779	3,169,725		1.60%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3,038,940	3,041,433		1.53%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,978	4,978		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	54,473	54,473		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	629,666	542,609		0.27%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	324,622	323,977		0.16%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	339,036	341,001		0.17%	
Subtotal	9,914,879	9,924,552		5.00%	
TOTAL		9,924,552	0	5.00%	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			16,916	0.01%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			6,476	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			7,500	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			5,287	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference			12,775	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			14,711	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			1,231	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference			220,697	0.11%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			76	0.00%	
TOTAL				285,669	0.14%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	10,210,221	5.15%

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 3 June 2019 that, on 29 May 2019, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 5.13%.

Reason for the notification

Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
Acquisition or disposal of financial instruments that are treated as voting securities

Notification by

A parent undertaking or a controlling person

Persons subject to the notification requirement

See annex 1c

Date on which the threshold is crossed

29 May 2019

Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5% shares

Denominator

198,374,327

Notified details

See annex 1d

Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held, if applicable

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Additional information

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ANNEX 1d

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		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.	28,638	23,406		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	14,848	21,697		0.01%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	1,633,223	1,646,028		0.83%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	130,508	127,514		0.06%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	135,274	134,884		0.07%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	303,868	306,142		0.15%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	23,142	24,455		0.01%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	25,545	60,259		0.03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	3,090,542	3,178,779		1.60%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	3,008,046	3,038,940		1.53%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,978	4,978		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	56,634	54,473		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	536,375	629,666		0.32%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	351,158	324,622		0.16%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	131,488	339,036		0.17%	
Subtotal	9,474,267	9,914,879		5.00%	
TOTAL		9,914,879	0	5.00%	0.00%

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BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			7,500	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			4,867	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference			12,095	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			14,311	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			1,111	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference			213,817	0.11%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Depository Receipt			76	0.00%	
TOTAL				270,693	0.14%	

TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights
CALCULATE	10,185,572	5.13%

This [press release](#) and the notifications received by Ageas are available on the [website](#).

Ageas is a listed international insurance Group with a heritage spanning 190 years. It offers Retail and Business customers Life and Non-Life insurance products designed to suit their specific needs, today and tomorrow. As one of Europe's larger insurance companies, Ageas concentrates its activities in Europe and Asia, which together make up the major part of the global insurance market. It operates successful insurance businesses in Belgium, the UK, France, Portugal, Turkey, China, Malaysia, India, Thailand, Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia, Singapore, and the Philippines through a combination of wholly owned subsidiaries and long term partnerships with strong financial institutions and key distributors. Ageas ranks among the market leaders in the countries in which it operates. It represents a staff force of over 45,000 people and reported annual inflows of over EUR 34 billion in 2018 (all figures at 100%).