

Regulated information/transparency notification

# **Participation notification by Blackrock Inc.**

**Brussels, Friday, April 24, 2020, 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.) recently sent to Solvay the following transparency notifications indicating that it crossed the threshold of 3%. Here is a summary of the moves:

Date on which the threshold was crossed	Voting rights after the transaction	Equivalent financial instruments after the transaction	Total	
April 20, 2020	3.05%	0.53%	3.58%	
April 21, 2020	2.79%	0.53%	3.32%	

The latest notification, dated April 23, 2020, contains the following information:

- Reason for the notification: acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights
- Notified by: BlackRock Inc. (55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.)
- Date on which the threshold is crossed: April 21, 2020
- 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 Semple 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

### Notified details:

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction				
	# of voting rights	# of voti	ing 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.	11,898	11,898		0.01%		
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	3,488	3,488		0.00%		
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	299,341	148,667		0.14%		
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	45,580	45,580		0.04%		
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	65,252	65,252		0.06%		
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	107,433	109,116		0.10%		
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	2,554	2,554		0.00%		
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	31,532	31,532		0.03%		
BlackRock Fund Advisors	931,251	929,203		0.88%		
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,238,275	1,236,811		1.17%		
BlackRock International Limited	1,441	1,441		0.00%		
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	34,179	34,179		0.03%		
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	144,023	173,894		0.16%		
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	119,488	120,810		0.11%		
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	195,802	38,355		0.04%		
Subtotal	3,231,537	2,952,780		2.79%		
TOTAL		2,952,780	0	2.79%	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	Securites Lent			443,889	0.42%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securites Lent			42,114	0.04%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Securites Lent			2,603	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	Securites Lent			48,486	0.05%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			20,060	0.02%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			421	0.00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	Contract for Difference			90	0.00%	cash
	TOTAL			557,663	0.53%	

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TOTAL (A & B)	# of voting rights	% of voting rights	
	CALCULATE	3,510,443	3.32%

The full chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held is available on <a href="https://www.solvay.com/en/investors/corporate-governance/transparency-declarations/all-transparency-declarations/all-transparency-declarations/all-transparency-declarations">https://www.solvay.com/en/investors/corporate-governance/transparency-declarations/all-transparency-declarations/all-transparency-declarations</a>

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