



# PRESS RELEASE

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## Ageas and BlackRock: Transparency notification

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 29 July 2020 that, on 28 July 2020, its interest has exceeded the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 5.10%.

### 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

28 July 2020

### Threshold that is crossed (in %)

5%

### Denominator

194,553,574

### Notified details

See annex 1 b

### 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 total holdings for BlackRock, Inc. going above 5%.

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

## REGULATED INFORMATION

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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                                     | 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                |

## 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.                                | 21,246                | 21,246               |                              | 0.01%                |                              |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Limited                               | 3,025                 | 315                  |                              | 0.00%                |                              |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited                             | 1,533,075             | 1,652,706            |                              | 0.85%                |                              |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC                                     | 75,908                | 75,908               |                              | 0.04%                |                              |
| BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited                   | 136,349               | 136,349              |                              | 0.07%                |                              |
| BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG                   | 423,706               | 423,706              |                              | 0.22%                |                              |
| BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited               | 30,744                | 30,887               |                              | 0.02%                |                              |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        | 18,103                | 17,342               |                              | 0.01%                |                              |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors                                     | 3,355,649             | 3,352,884            |                              | 1.72%                |                              |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | 2,584,225             | 2,584,225            |                              | 1.33%                |                              |
| BlackRock International Limited                             | 3,573                 | 3,573                |                              | 0.00%                |                              |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited         | 71,772                | 71,772               |                              | 0.04%                |                              |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited                | 448,941               | 676,080              |                              | 0.35%                |                              |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC                        | 375,817               | 374,036              |                              | 0.19%                |                              |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                                   | 144,847               | 138,854              |                              | 0.07%                |                              |
| Subtotal  | 9,226,980             | 9,559,883            |                              | 4.91%                |                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                       | <b>9,559,883</b>     | <b>0</b>                     | <b>4.91%</b>         | <b>0.00%</b>                 |

| 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              |                 |                         | 359,386  | 0.18%              | physical   |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | Securities Lent              |                 |                         | 3,621  | 0.00%              | physical   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                                 |                              |                 |                         | <b>363,007</b>   | <b>0.19%</b>       |            |

|                          |                  |                           |                           |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>TOTAL (A &amp; B)</b> |                  | <b># of voting rights</b> | <b>% of voting rights</b> |
|                          | <b>CALCULATE</b> | <b>9,922,890</b>          | <b>5.10%</b>              |

In accordance with the rules on financial transparency\*, BlackRock has notified Ageas on 28 July 2020 that, on 27 July 2020, its interest has fallen below the legal threshold of 5% of the shares issued by Ageas. Its current shareholding stands at 4.93%.

**Reason for the notification**

Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights

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See annex 1c

**Date on which the threshold is crossed**

27 July 2020

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**Denominator**

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**Notified details**

See annex 1 d

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| BlackRock (Singapore) Limited                               | 43,182                | 3,025                |                              | 0.00%                |                              |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited                             | 1,667,106             | 1,533,075            |                              | 0.79%                |                              |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC                                     | 75,908                | 75,908               |                              | 0.04%                |                              |
| BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited                   | 136,127               | 136,349              |                              | 0.07%                |                              |
| BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG                   | 413,226               | 423,706              |                              | 0.22%                |                              |
| BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited               | 31,370                | 30,744               |                              | 0.02%                |                              |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.                        | 27,527                | 18,103               |                              | 0.01%                |                              |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors                                     | 3,324,483             | 3,355,649            |                              | 1.72%                |                              |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | 2,584,225             | 2,584,225            |                              | 1.33%                |                              |
| BlackRock International Limited                             | 3,573                 | 3,573                |                              | 0.00%                |                              |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited         | 72,793                | 71,772               |                              | 0.04%                |                              |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited                | 473,050               | 448,941              |                              | 0.23%                |                              |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC                        | 390,455               | 375,817              |                              | 0.19%                |                              |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.                                   | 138,808               | 144,847              |                              | 0.07%                |                              |
| Subtotal  | 9,403,079             | 9,226,980            |                              | 4.74%                |                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  |                       | <b>9,226,980</b>     | <b>0</b>                     | <b>4.74%</b>         | <b>0.00%</b>                 |

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| TOTAL (A & B)    | # of voting rights | % of voting rights |
|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| <b>CALCULATE</b> | <b>9,589,987</b>   | <b>4.93%</b>       |

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**Ageas** is a listed international insurance Group with a heritage spanning almost 200 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 36 billion in 2019 (all figures at 100%).