

PARTICIPATION NOTIFICATION BY BLACKROCK INC.

Brussels, Thursday, January 9, 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.) has sent to Solvay different transparency notifications in the last few days indicating that it crossed different times the threshold of 3%. Here is a summary of the different moves:

Date on which the threshold was crossed	Voting rights after the transaction	Equivalent financial instruments after the transaction	Total
January 3, 2020	3.06%	0.50%	3.56%
January 6, 2020	2.94%	0.62%	3.56%

The latest notification, dated January 7, 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: January 6, 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.	Fembrandt 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 11st 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 Capital Management, Inc.	100 Bellevue Parkway, Wilmington, 19809, U.S.A.
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

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→ Notified details:

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.	8,793	8,793		0.01%	
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	4,984	4,984		0.00%	
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	337,195	298,797		0.28%	
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	63,083	56,198		0.05%	
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	75,691	24,696		0.02%	
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	113,328	113,328		0.11%	
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	570	570		0.00%	
BlackRock Capital Management, Inc.	32	33		0.00%	
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	36,143	36,143		0.03%	
BlackRock Fund Advisors	962,402	959,016		0.91%	
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1,221,532	1,225,863		1.16%	
BlackRock International Limited	4,799	4,799		0.00%	
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	36,766	36,766		0.03%	
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	149,747	123,092		0.12%	
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	149,996	150,829		0.14%	
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	70,986	71,871		0.07%	
Subtotal	3,236,047	3,115,778		2.94%	
TOTAL		3,115,778	0	2.94%	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			339,952	0.32%	physical
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Securities Lent			3,913	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	Securities Lent			51,992	0.05%	physical
BlackRock Fund Advisors	Securities Lent			3,386	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			530	0.00%	physical
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Securities Lent			95,047	0.09%	physical
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	Contract for Difference			6,819	0.01%	cash
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			146,390	0.14%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			4,375	0.00%	cash
TOTAL				652,404	0.62%	

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TOTAL (A & B)		# of voting rights	% of voting rights
	CALCULATE	3,768,182	3.56%

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

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