



# **Transparency notification**

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## 1. Summary of the notification

Pursuant to Article 14 of the law of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of large shareholdings, UCB SA/NV announces that it has received a transparency notification dated 24 May 2017, from BlackRock, Inc. (having its registered offices at 55 East 52nd Street, New York, NY, 10055, U.S.A.).

BlackRock, Inc. has notified that, following a disposal of UCB shares with voting rights by its affiliates, its shareholding in UCB SA/NV has decreased and has crossed downward the 3% threshold of voting rights on 23 May 2017.

On 23 May 2017, BlackRock, Inc. (taking into account the holding of its affiliates) owned 5 751 299 UCB shares with voting rights (versus 5 937 205 shares in its previous notification dated 22 May 2017), representing 2.96% of the total number of shares issued by the company (194 505 658) (versus 3.05% in the notification dated 22 May 2017).

### 2. Content of the notification

The transparency notification dated 24 May 2017 includes the following information:

- 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:





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	Max-Joseph-Straße 6, Munich, 80333, 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 37, Chifley Tower, 2 Chifley Square, Sydney NSW 2000 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		

• Date on which the threshold is crossed: 23 May 2017.

• Threshold crossed (in %): 3%.

• **Denominator**: 194 505 658.

Notified details:





A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction				
	# of voting rights	# of voti	ng 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.	18.125	18.125		0,01%		
BlackRock (Singapore) Limited	6.980	6.980		0,00%		
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	853.461	654.853		0,34%		
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	76.122	76.122		0,04%		
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	59.228	59.228		0,03%		
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	230.344	230.344		0,12%		
BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited	760	760		0,00%		
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	60.509	60.509		0,03%		
BlackRock Fund Advisors	2.058.043	2.068.558		1,06%		
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	1.872.014	1.874.201		0,96%		
BlackRock International Limited	6.461	6.461		0,00%		
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	42.949	42.949		0,02%		
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	198.820	198.820		0,10%		
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	265.916	265.916		0,14%		
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	187.473	187.473		0,10%		
Subtotal	5.937.205	5.751.299		2,96%		
TOTAL		5.751.299	0	2,96%	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	Securities Lent			364.649	0,19%	physical
BlackRock Fund Advisors	Securities Lent			653	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Securities Lent			529	0,00%	physical
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association	Contract for Difference			10.040	0,01%	cash
BlackRock International Limited	Contract for Difference			1.172	0,00%	cash
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	Contract for Difference			18.608	0,01%	cash
TOTAL			395.651	0,20%		

TOTAL (A & B)		# of voting rights	% of voting rights	
	CALCULATE	6.146.950	3,16%	





# • Chain of controlled undertakings through which the holding is effectively held:

Please see the full chain of control in the PDF which is attached to the notification.

#### Additional information:

The disclosure obligation arose due to voting rights attached to shares for BlackRock, Inc. going below 3%.

## 3. Further information

This press release and the detailed transparency notification is available on UCB SA/NV's website via the following <u>link</u>.

An updated overview of the UCB SA/NV large shareholdings will be available on UCB SA/NV's website via the following link.

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