

Transparency declaration by Macquarie Group Limited: Disposal of voting securities

Macquarie Group Limited, located at Nr 1 Martin Place, Sydney NSW 2000, Australia has notified the CBFA and Umicore that on 20 October 2010 it had crossed the statutory threshold of 3%, holding less than 3% of Umicore's shares and voting rights.

name	date	threshold	# voting rights	denominator	% voting rights
Macquarie Bank Limited	20/10/2010			120,000,000	
Macquarie Group Limited	20/10/2010			120,000,000	
TOTAL	20/10/2010	< 3.00 %		120,000,000	

The chain of control has been described as follows:

"Macquarie Bank Limited is a wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie BH PTY Ltd.
Macquarie BH PTY Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of Macquarie Group Limited."

The declaration can be found on:

http://www.investorrelations.umicore.com/en/shareInformation/shareholderStructure/Declarations/Macquarie_20101022.pdf

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