

## Transparency declaration by BlackRock Inc.: Disposal of voting securities

BlackRock Inc., located at 12 Throgmorton Avenue, London EC2N 2DL, has notified the FSMA and Umicore that on 18 February 2011 it has crossed the statutory threshold of 5 %, holding 4.96 % of Umicore's shares and voting rights.

name	date	threshold	# voting rights	denominator	% voting rights
BlackRock, Inc.	18/02/2011		0	120,000,000	0.00%
BlackRock (Luxembourg) S.A.	18/02/2011		1,427,610	120,000,000	1.19%
BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V.	18/02/2011		19,278	120,000,000	0.02%
BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited	18/02/2011		733,305	120,000,000	0.61%
BlackRock Advisors, LLC	18/02/2011		50,659	120,000,000	0.04%
BlackRock Asset Management Australia Limited	18/02/2011		41,657	120,000,000	0.03%
BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited	18/02/2011		54,382	120,000,000	0.05%
BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG	18/02/2011		88,289	120,000,000	0.07%
BlackRock Asset Management Ireland Limited	18/02/2011		167,203	120,000,000	0.14%
BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd.	18/02/2011		315,592	120,000,000	0.26%
BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.	18/02/2011		52,988	120,000,000	0.04%
BlackRock Fund Advisors	18/02/2011		581,607	120,000,000	0.48%

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BlackRock Fund Managers Limited	18/02/2011		31,328	120,000,000	0.03%
BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, N.A.	18/02/2011		1,989,201	120,000,000	1.66%
BlackRock International Limited	18/02/2011		8,581	120,000,000	0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited	18/02/2011		10,692	120,000,000	0.01%
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited	18/02/2011		240,026	120,000,000	0.20%
BlackRock Investment Management, LLC	18/02/2011		145,573	120,000,000	0.12%
BlackRock Investment Management (Dublin) Limited	18/02/2011		0	120,000,000	0.00%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18/02/2011</b>	<b>&lt; 5.00%</b>	<b>5,957,971</b>	<b>120,000,000</b>	<b>4.96%</b>

The chain of control has been described as follows:

BlackRock Inc. is the ultimate controller but the legal entities detailed above are the discretionary Investment Managers who holds the shares and exercise the voting rights.

The declaration can be found online:

(<http://www.investorrelations.umicore.com/en/shareInformation/shareholderStructure/Declarations/BlackRock20130110.pdf>)

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