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Disclosure of shareholdings according to the Swiss Financial Market Infrastructure Act: Shareholding of BlackRock, Inc. in VAT Group AG

Haag, April 21, 2016 – In accordance with Article 120 of the Federal Act on Financial Market Infrastructures and Market Conduct in Securities and Derivatives Trading (Financial Market Infrastructure Act (FMIA)), VAT Group AG was informed on April 20, 2016, by BlackRock, Inc. that it holds, through acquisition of shares, 3.23 percent of the voting rights and of the registered share capital of VAT Group AG. This corresponds to 969,927 registered shares and voting rights. According to the declaration of BlackRock, Inc., the Stock Exchange Act threshold of 3 percent was exceeded on April 14, 2016.

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