



## **Media release**

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

Haag, August 3, 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 August 1, 2016, by BlackRock, Inc. that it holds, through the sale of shares, 2.99 percent of the voting rights of VAT Group AG. This corresponds to 899'393 registered shares and voting rights. According to the declaration of BlackRock, Inc., the participation fell below the Stock Exchange Act threshold of 3 percent on July 28, 2016.

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#### **About VAT Group AG**

VAT is the leading global developer, manufacturer and supplier of high-end vacuum valves, multi-valve modules, edge-welded bellows, and related value-added services for advanced vacuum-based manufacturing processes in the semiconductor, display, solar and related technology industries as well as in scientific research. VAT is a global player with approximately 1,200 employees and main manufacturing sites in Haag (Switzerland), Penang (Malaysia) and Arad (Romania). Net sales in financial year 2015 amounted to CHF 411 million. For further information visit: <http://www.vatvalve.com>