

**Release according to section 26 para 1 sentence 1 WpHG**

**Notification of voting rights pursuant to section 21 para 1 WpHG**

We received the following notification of voting rights pursuant to section 21 para. 1 WpHG on May 15, 2015:

**Notification of voting rights pursuant to sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG from BlackRock Group Limited:**

Issuer: BASF SE, Carl-Bosch-Straße 38, 67056 Ludwigshafen, Germany

On May 13, 2015, the percentage holding of the voting rights of BlackRock Group Limited, London, England and Wales, of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) exceeded the threshold of 3 % through acquisition and amounts indirectly to 3.05 % on that day (this corresponds to 28,027,058 voting rights out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights). 1.76 % out of the voting rights (this corresponds to 16,131,897 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Group Limited pursuant to sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG. 1.63 % out of the voting rights (this corresponds to 14,960,254 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Group Limited, pursuant to sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

Please note that the total amount stated above does not necessarily equal the sum of the detailed attributed holdings. This results from voting rights having multiple attributions within the BlackRock group structure.

Ludwigshafen, dated May 18, 2015

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