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Dissemination of a Voting Rights Announcement transmitted by DGAP - a service of EQS Group AG.
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Notification of Major Holdings

1. Details of issuer
BASF SE
Carl-Bosch-Straße 38
67056 Ludwigshafen
Germany

2. Reason for notification
X Acquisition/disposal of shares with voting rights
Acquisition/disposal of instruments
Change of breakdown of voting rights
Other reason:

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation
Name: Ministry of Finance on behalf of the State of Norway
City and country of registered office: Oslo, Norway

4. Names of shareholder(s) holding directly 3% or more voting rights, if different from 3.

5. Date on which threshold was crossed or reached:
23 March 2018

6. Total positions

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<th>% of voting rights</th>
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<th>total of both in %</th>
<th>total number of</th>
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<td>attached to shares (total of 7.a.)</td>
<td>through instruments (total of 7.b.1 + 7.b.2)</td>
<td>(7.a. + 7.b.)</td>
<td>voting rights of issuer</td>
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<td>Resulting situation</td>
<td>2.98 %</td>
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| Previous notification | 3.003 % | 0.00 % | 3.003 % | /

7. Notified details of the resulting situation
a. Voting rights attached to shares (Sec.s 33, 34 WpHG)

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<tr>
<th>ISIN</th>
<th>absolute</th>
<th>indirect (Sec. 33 WpHG)</th>
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<td>DE000BASF111</td>
<td>27,413,967</td>
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<td>27,413,967</td>
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b.1. Instruments according to Sec. 38 para. 1 No. 1 WpHG
b.2. Instruments according to Sec. 38 para. 1 No. 2 WpHG

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<th>Type of instrument</th>
<th>Expiration or maturity date</th>
<th>Exercise or conversion period</th>
<th>Voting rights absolute</th>
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8. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation

Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled and does itself not control any other undertaking(s) holding directly or indirectly an interest in the (underlying) issuer (1).

X Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

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<th>Name</th>
<th>% of voting rights (if at least held 3% or more)</th>
<th>% of voting rights through instruments (if at least held 5% or more)</th>
<th>Total of both (if at least held 5% or more)</th>
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<tr>
<td>State of Norway</td>
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<td>Norges Bank</td>
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9. In case of proxy voting according to Sec. 34 para. 3 WpHG

Date of general meeting: ____________________________________________

Holding position after general meeting: % (equals voting rights)

10. Other explanatory remarks:

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