

OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative  
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**Announcement under Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Securities Markets Act: OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative's shareholding in Pohjola Bank plc**

In accordance with Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Securities Markets Act, OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative hereby announces that it has purchased Pohjola Bank plc shares, based on its tender offer for the shares, with the result that its holding exceeds two-thirds and the threshold of 90% of all Pohjola Bank plc shares and the threshold of 90% of the votes conferred by the shares. The execution of the trades on 8 April 2014 based on the tender offer has increased the total shareholding of OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative in Pohjola Bank plc to 94.05% of all Pohjola shares and the votes conferred by the shares to 96.78% of all the votes.

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