

Pohjola Bank plc
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Announcement under Chapter 9, Section 10 of the Securities Markets Act: OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative's shareholding in Pohjola Bank plc

On 9 April 2014, Pohjola Bank plc received an announcement, in accordance with Chapter 9, Section 5 of the Securities Markets Act, from OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative that OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative has purchased Pohjola Bank plc shares, based on its bid 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 bid has increased the total shareholding of OP-Pohjola Group Central Cooperative in Pohjola Bank plc to 94.05% of all Pohjola Bank plc shares and the votes conferred by the shares to 96.78% of all the votes.

Offeror's existing shares and votes:
Number of shares: 300,547,394
Proportion of all shares: 94.05%.
Number of votes: 570,713,590.
Proportion of votes: 96.78%.

The number of Pohjola Bank plc's registered shares totals 319,551,415 which represent a total of 589,717,611 votes.

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Pohjola is a Finnish financial services group which provides its customers with banking, non-life insurance and asset management services. Our mission is to promote the sustainable prosperity, security and wellbeing of our customers. Profitable growth and an increase in company value form our key objectives. Pohjola Group serves corporate customers in Finland and abroad by providing an extensive range of financial, investment, cash-management and non-life insurance services. The Group offers non-life insurance and private banking services to private customers. Pohjola Series A shares have been listed on the Large Cap List of the NASDAQ OMX Helsinki since 1989. Pohjola's consolidated earnings before tax amounted to 473 million euros in 2013 and the balance sheet total amounted to 44 billion euros on 31 December 2013. Pohjola is part of OP-Pohjola Group, the leading financial services group in Finland with 4.3 million customers.

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