## Release according to § 26 para 1 sentence 1 WpHG

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On September 30, 2014, we received the following notification from BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited:

Following a review, conducted in close collaboration with the Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht (BaFin), of the way BlackRock has interpreted its voting rights disclosure obligations under German law, BlackRock entities are filing today a statement representing their holdings as at the settlement date of 25 September 2014 in BASF SE.

The statement does not reflect a change in BlackRock's current holdings of voting rights. The statement simply updates information currently in the market regarding BlackRock's holdings in BASF SE. Further, the statement does not signify any change in investment strategies pursued.

Also, BlackRock issues a press release detailing the BlackRock group entities and their respective voting rights applicable to BASF SE and other relevant German issuers on <a href="http://www.blackrock.com/corporate/en-gb/news-and-insights/press-releases">http://www.blackrock.com/corporate/en-gb/news-and-insights/press-releases</a> and on Bloomberg.

#### **VOTING RIGHTS DISCLOSURE**

### 1. BlackRock, Inc.

Section 21, 22

BlackRock, Inc., New York, NY, U.S.A., hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 6.17 % (this corresponds to 56,683,470 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

3.11 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 28,536,906 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.00001% of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

2.66 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24,475,402 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.40 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,671,162 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

The voting rights pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG are attributed from

the following undertakings which are controlled by BlackRock, Inc. and whose holdings of voting rights amount to 3 % each or more in BASF SE: BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.; BlackRock Financial Management, Inc..

#### Section 25

Black Rock, Inc. further informs you pursuant to Sec. 25 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the Total Voting Rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 6.18 % (this corresponds to 56,738,933 voting rights).

0.01 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 55,463 voting rights) are financial or other instruments pursuant to Sec. 25 WpHG. All of these financial or other instruments are held indirectly (this corresponds to 55,463 voting rights).

6.17 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 56,683,470 voting rights) are held or attributed to BlackRock, Inc. pursuant to section 21, 22 WpHG.

The financial or other instruments are held through the following chain of controlled undertakings:

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.; BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.; BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC; BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC; BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.; BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association.

## 2. BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc.

## Section 21, 22

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc., Wilmington, DE, U.S.A., hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 6.07 % (this corresponds to 55,768,556 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

3.11 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 28,536,906 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.00001 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

2.57 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 23,560,488 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.40 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,671,162 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

The voting rights pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG are attributed from the following undertakings which are controlled by BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. and whose holdings of voting rights amount to 3% each or more in BASF SE: BlackRock Financial

Management, Inc..

#### Section 25

BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. further informs you pursuant to Sec. 25 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the Total Voting Rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 6.08 % (this corresponds to 55,824,019 voting rights).

0.01 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 55,463 voting rights) are financial or other instruments pursuant to Sec. 25 WpHG. All of these financial or other instruments are held indirectly (this corresponds to 55,463 voting rights).

6.07 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 55,768,556 voting rights) are held or attributed to BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. pursuant to section 21, 22 WpHG.

The financial or other instruments are held through the following chain of controlled undertakings:

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.; BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC; BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC; BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.; BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association.

## 3. BlackRock Financial Management, Inc.

### Section 21, 22

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc., New York, NY, U.S.A., hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 6.06 % (this corresponds to 55,687,111 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

3.11 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 28,536,906 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.00001% of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.001 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 10,278 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 WpHG.

2.56 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 23,468,765 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.40 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,671,162 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

#### Section 25

BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. further informs you pursuant to Sec. 25 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the Total Voting Rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 6.07% (this corresponds to 55,742,574 voting rights).

0.01 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 55,463 voting rights) are financial or other instruments pursuant to Sec. 25 WpHG. All of these financial or other instruments are held indirectly (this corresponds to 55,463 voting rights).

6.06 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 55,687,111 voting rights) are held or attributed to BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. pursuant to section 21, 22 WpHG.

The financial or other instruments are held through the following chain of controlled undertakings:

BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC; BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC; BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc.; BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association.

# 4. BlackRock Advisors Holdings, Inc.

Section 21, 22

BlackRock Advisors Holdings, Inc., New York, NY, U.S.A., hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 3.51 % (this corresponds to 32,240,723 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

2.37 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 21,754,702 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Advisors Holdings, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.00001 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Advisors Holdings, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.79 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 7,253,392 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Advisors Holdings, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.35 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,232,605 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

### 5. BlackRock International Holdings, Inc.

BlackRock International Holdings, Inc., New York, NY, U.S.A., hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 3.51 % (this corresponds to 32,240,723 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

2.37 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 21,754,702 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.00001% of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.79 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 7,253,392 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.35 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,232,605 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 inconnection with sentence 2 WpHG.

## 6. BR Jersey International Holdings L.P.

Section 21, 22

BR Jersey International Holdings L.P., St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands, hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 3.51 % (this corresponds to 32,240,723 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

2.37 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 21,754,702 voting rights) are to be attributed to BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.00001% of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 24 voting rights) are to be attributed to BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 2 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.79 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 7,253,392 voting rights) are to be attributed to BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

0.35 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,232,605 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 in connection with sentence 2 WpHG.

### 7. BlackRock Group Limited

BlackRock Group Limited, London, United Kingdom, hereby informs you pursuant to Sec. 21 para. 1 WpHG that its share in the voting rights of BASF SE (ISIN DE000BASF111) on 25 September 2014 amounts to 3.35 % (this corresponds to 30,741,691 out of a total of 918,478,694 voting rights (the "Total Voting Rights")).

2.32 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 21,304,013 voting rights) are to be attributed to BlackRock Group Limited pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG.

0.68 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 6,205,073 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.

0.35 % of the Total Voting Rights (this corresponds to 3,232,605 voting rights) are to be attributed pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 1 WpHG as well as pursuant to Sec. 22 para. 1 sentence 1 No. 6 inconnection with sentence 2 WpHG.