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DGAP Voting Rights Announcement: VARTA AG

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Notification of Major Holdings

1. Details of issuer

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|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Name: | VARTA AG |
| Street: | VARTA-Platz 1 |
| Postal code: | 73479 |
| City: | Ellwangen Germany |
| Legal Entity Identifier (LEI): | 529900E7KB95K0XBWP63 |

2. Reason for notification

| | |
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| | Acquisition/disposal of shares with voting rights |
| X | Acquisition/disposal of instruments |
| | Change of breakdown of voting rights |
| | Other reason: |

3. Details of person subject to the notification obligation

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| Legal entity: Morgan Stanley |
| City of registered office, country: Wilmington, Delaware, United States of America (USA) |

4. Names of shareholder(s)

holding directly 3% or more voting rights, if different from 3.

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5. Date on which threshold was crossed or reached:

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| 12 Jul 2022 |
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6. Total positions

| | % of voting rights attached to shares (total of 7.a.) | % of voting rights through instruments (total of 7.b.1 + 7.b.2) | Total of both in % (7.a. + 7.b.) | Total number of voting rights pursuant to Sec. 41 WpHG |
|-----------------------|---|---|----------------------------------|--|
| New | 0.34 % | 4.84 % | 5.18 % | 40421686 |
| Previous notification | 0.06 % | 4.68 % | 4.74 % | / |

7. Details on total positions

a. Voting rights attached to shares (Sec. 33, 34 WpHG)

| ISIN | Absolute | | In % | |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Direct (Sec. 33 WpHG) | Indirect (Sec. 34 WpHG) | Direct (Sec. 33 WpHG) | Indirect (Sec. 34 WpHG) |
| DE000A0TGJ55 | 0 | 137818 | 0.00 % | 0.34 % |
| Total | 137818 | | 0.34 % | |

b.1. Instruments according to Sec. 38 (1) no. 1 WpHG

| Type of instrument | Expiration or maturity date | Exercise or conversion period | Voting rights absolute | Voting rights in % |
|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Call Option | 15.12.2023 | at any time | 50000 | 0.12 % |
| Right of recall over securities lending agreements | at any time | at any time | 506101 | 1.25 % |
| | | Total | 556101 | 1.38 % |

b.2. Instruments according to Sec. 38 (1) no. 2 WpHG

| Type of instrument | Expiration or maturity date | Exercise or conversion period | Cash or physical settlement | Voting rights absolute | Voting rights in % |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Retail Structured Product | 01.07.2072 | at any time | Cash | 7 | 0 % |
| Equity Swap | From 31.07.2023 to 26.11.2024 | at any time | Cash | 670885 | 1.66 % |
| Compound Option | 04.11.2024 | at any time | Cash | 757 | 0 % |
| Put Option | From 16.12.2022 to 20.12.2024 | at any time | Physical | 730000 | 1.81 % |
| | | Total | | 1401649 | 3.47 % |

8. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation

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| | Person subject to the notification obligation is not controlled nor does it control any other undertaking(s) that directly or indirectly hold(s) an interest in the (underlying) issuer (1.). |
| X | Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity: |

| Name | % of voting rights (if at least 3% or more) | % of voting rights through instruments (if at least 5% or more) | Total of both (if at least 5% or more) |
|--|---|---|--|
| Morgan Stanley | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Management, LLC | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, Inc. | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Services LLC | % | % | % |
| - | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Management, LLC | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley | % | % | % |

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|--|---|---|---|
| Domestic Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC | % | % | % |
| - | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley International Holdings Inc. | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley International Limited | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Investments (UK) | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. International plc | % | % | % |
| - | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Capital Management, LLC | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, Inc. | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC | % | % | % |
| Prime Dealer Services Corp. | % | % | % |
| - | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley International Holdings Inc. | % | % | % |
| Morgan Stanley B.V. | % | % | % |

9. In case of proxy voting according to Sec. 34 para. 3 WpHG

(only in case of attribution of voting rights in accordance with Sec. 34 para. 1 sent. 1 No. 6 WpHG)

Date of general meeting:

Holding total positions after general meeting (6.) after annual general meeting:

| Proportion of voting rights | Proportion of instruments | Total of both |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| % | % | % |

10. Other explanatory remarks:

Please note that the reason for notification selected relates to the specific activity which occurred on the Date on which threshold was crossed or reached and which contributed to the triggering of the notification obligation and therefore may not also correspond to the comparison of New & Previous notification % values in the Total Positions section

Date

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