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EQS Voting Rights Announcement: VARTA AG

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### Notification of Major Holdings

#### 1. Details of issuer

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

#### 2. Reason for notification

	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

Legal entity: The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.
City of registered office, country: Wilmington, DE, 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:

19 Oct 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	0.12 %	4.97 %	5.09 %	40421686
Previous notification	0.16 %	5.05 %	5.21 %	/

#### 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	47073	0 %	0.12 %
<b>Total</b>		47073		0.12 %

#### 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 %
Right To Recall	Open		569424	1.41 %
Swap	08.10.2027		318611	0.79 %
Call Warrant	08.10.2027		257391	0.64 %
		<b>Total</b>	1145426	2.83 %

#### 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 %
Put Option	20.12.2024		Physical	33000	0.08 %
Call Warrant	31.12.2030		Cash	80089	0.20 %
Swap	06.09.2032		Cash	750700	1.86 %
			<b>Total</b>	863789	2.14 %

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

	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)
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
GSAM Holdings LLC	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
GSAM Holdings LLC	%	%	%
NNIP Holdings LLC	%	%	%
NNIP UK Holdings I Ltd	%	%	%
NNIP UK Holdings II Ltd	%	%	%
NNIP Holdings I B.V. / NNIP Holdings II B.V.	%	%	%
NN Investment Partners Holdings B.V.	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Bank	%	%	%

USA			
Goldman Sachs Bank Europe SE	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman, Sachs & Co. Wertpapier GmbH	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs & Co. LLC	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs (UK) L.L.C.	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs International	%	%	%

**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:**

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Date

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