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**Inhalt der Stimmrechtsmitteilung:** Aareal Bank AG / Release of an announcement according to Article 21, Section 1 of the WpHG [the German Securities Trading Act] (share)  
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Release of a Voting Rights announcement, transmitted by DGAP - a company of EquityStory AG.

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'Below, we Hermes Administration Services Limited as the authorised administration agent on behalf of BT Pension Scheme Trustees Limited, London, England, ('BTPSTL') would like to make the following notifications regarding the holding of voting rights held in the Company according to §§ 21, 22 WpHG in the name of BTPSTL and its subsidiaries:

- BriTel Fund Nominees Limited, London, England ('BFNL');
- BriTel Fund Trustees Limited, London, England ('BFTL');
- Hermes Fund Managers Limited, London, England ('HFML');
- Hermes Focus Asset Management Europe Limited, London, England ('HFAMEL');
- Hermes Focus Asset Management Limited, London, England ('HFAML'); and
- Hermes European Focus Fund I, London, England ('HEFF').

1 Notification of voting rights for BTPSTL

On 7th October 2008 the voting interest held by BTPSTL in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.967% of the voting rights (i.e. 2,123,955 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were attributed to BTPSTL pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 6 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG and § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.

2 Notification of voting rights in the name and on behalf of BFNL

On 7th October 2008 the voting interest held by BFNL in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.967% of the voting rights (i.e. 2,123,955 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were attributed to BFNL pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 6 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG and § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.

3 Notification of voting rights in the name and on behalf of BFTL

On 7th October 2008 the voting interest held by BFTL in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.967% of the voting rights (i.e. 2,123,955 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were attributed to BFTL pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 6 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG and § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.

4 Notification of voting rights in the name and on behalf of HFML

On 7th October 2008 the voting interest held by HFML in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.967% of the voting rights (i.e. 2,123,955 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were attributed to HFML pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 6 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG and § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.

5 Notification of voting rights in the name and on behalf of HFAMEL

On 7th October 2008 the voting interest held by HFAMEL in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.967% of the voting rights (i.e. 2,123,955 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were attributed to HFAMEL pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 6 and § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.

6 Notification of voting rights in the name and on behalf of HFAML

On 7th October 2008 the voting interest held by HFAML in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.967% of the voting rights (i.e. 2,123,955 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were attributed to HFAML pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 in connection with § 22 para. 1 sent. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.967% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.

7 Notification of voting rights in the name and on behalf of HEFF

On 6th October 2008 the voting interest held by HEFF in the Company fell below the 5% threshold of § 21 para. 1 WpHG and amounted to 4.548% of the voting rights (i.e. 1,944,547 shares with voting rights) on that day.

All of these 4.548% of the voting rights in the Company were attributed to HEFF pursuant to § 22 para. 1 sent. 1 no. 2 WpHG. All of these 4.548% of the voting rights were held directly by Chase Nominees Limited, London, England.'

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