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**Regulated information**

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## **PUBLICATION OF A TRANSPARENCY NOTIFICATION**

### **1. Summary of the notification**

Balta Group NV, listed on Euronext Brussels (the “**Company**”), has received a transparency notification dated 7 September 2018, indicating that Tocqueville Finance S.A. now holds, by virtue of a disposal of shares on 4 September 2018, 4.76% of the voting rights of the Company. Therefore the threshold of 5% has been crossed downward.

This publication is made by the Company pursuant to the Belgian Law of 2 May 2007 on the disclosure of significant shareholdings in issuers whose shares are admitted to trading on a regulated market.

### **2. Content of the notification**

The aforesaid notification dated 7 September 2018 contains the following information:

- Reason for the notification
  - *Acquisition or disposal of voting securities or voting rights*
  - *Downward crossing of the lowest threshold*
- Notification by
  - A parent undertaking or a controlling person*
- Persons subject to the notification requirement
  - *La Banque Postale, 115 rue de Sèvres, 75275 Paris (France)*
  - *La Banque Postale Asset Management, 34, rue de la Fédération, 75015 Paris (France)*
  - *Tocqueville Finance SA, 34, rue de la Fédération, 75015 Paris (France)*
  - *La Poste, 44, Boulevard de Vaugirard, 75757 Paris Cedex 15 (France)*
  - *Caisse des Dépôts, 56, rue de Lille, 75356 Paris (France)*
  - *Etat Français, Palais de l’Elysée, 55, rue du FG Saint Honoré, 75008 Paris (France)*
  - *Tocqueville Finance Holding, 34, rue de la Fédération, 75015 Paris (France)*

- Transaction date  
04/09/2018
- Threshold that is crossed (in %)  
5%
- Denominator  
35,943,396
- Notified details

A) Voting rights	Previous notification	After the transaction			
	# of voting rights	# of voting rights		% of voting rights	
Holder of voting rights		Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities	Linked to securities	Not linked to the securities
Etat Français	0	0		0,00%	
Tocqueville Finance SA	2.387.964	1.712.448		4,76%	
	<b>TOTAAL</b>	<b>1.712.448</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,76%</b>	<b>0.00%</b>

- Full chain of controlled enterprises through which the holding is actually held.

*Tocqueville Finance SA is a holding company that exercises the voting rights attached to securities held by several CIUs.*

*Tocqueville Finance SA may exercise the voting rights as it sees fit in the absence of specific instructions.*

*The share capital of Tocqueville Finance SA is currently 99.86% owned by Tocqueville Finance Holding, which is 92.66% owned by Banque Postale Asset Management ("LBPAM"), a company incorporated under French law, and 5.04% by Tocqueville Management Corp., a company incorporated under US law.*

*LBPAM is in its turn owned (i) by 5% by Malakoff Madéric, (ii) by 70% by Banque Postale, which is 100% owned by La Poste Group, which is itself owned for almost 75% by the French State and slightly more than 25% by Caisse des Dépôts et Consignation, a French public financial institution, and (iii) for 25% by Aegon Asset Management, a 100% subsidiary of Aegon.*

### 3. Miscellaneous

- This press release may be consulted on the website of the Company via the link [www.baltagroup.com](http://www.baltagroup.com)



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- **About Balta Group NV**

Balta is a leading manufacturer of textile floor coverings, selling to over 135 countries worldwide. The Balta divisions are Balta Rugs (woven area rugs), Balta Residential Carpets & Tiles (under the brands Balta and ITC), Balta Commercial Carpets & Tiles (under the brands modulyss, Arc Edition and Bentley), and Balta Non-Woven (under the brand Captiqs). With the addition of Bentley, Balta employs over 3,600 FTEs in 9 manufacturing sites and in distribution centres in Belgium, Turkey and the United States.