

## DGAP 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<br>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: 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:

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| 04 Jun 2021 |
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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                   | 0.18 %  | 4.62 %  | 4.80 %                           | 40421686   |
| Previous notification | 0.45 %  | 5.04 %  | 5.49 %                           | /  |

## 7. Details on total positions

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

| ISIN         | Absolute                 |                            | In %                     |                            |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
|              | Direct<br>(Sec. 33 WpHG) | Indirect<br>(Sec. 34 WpHG) | Direct<br>(Sec. 33 WpHG) | Indirect<br>(Sec. 34 WpHG) |
| DE000A0TGJ55 | 0                        | 71610                      | 0 %                      | 0.18 %                     |
| Total        | 71610                    |                            | 0.18 %                   |                            |

## 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                        |                               | 747830                 | 1.85 %             |
| Call Option        | 17.12.2021                  |                               | 4000                   | 0.01 %             |
|                    |                             | Total                         | 751830                 | 1.86 %             |

## 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 % |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Call Warrant       | 31.12.2030                  |                               | Cash                        | 228514                 | 0.57 %             |
| Swap               | 31.12.2030                  |                               | Cash                        | 551049                 | 1.36 %             |
| Put Warrant        | 31.12.2030                  |                               | Cash                        | 32170                  | 0.08 %             |
| CFD                | 03.06.2031                  |                               | Cash                        | 283559                 | 0.70 %             |
| Put Option         | 17.12.2021                  |                               | Physical                    | 20000                  | 0.05 %             |
|                    |                             |                               | Total                       | 1115292                | 2.76 %             |

## 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) |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.        | %   | %   | %                                      |
| GSAM Holdings LLC                    | %   | %   | %                                      |
| Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P. | %   | %   | %                                      |
| -                                    | %   | %   | %                                      |
| The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.        | %   | %   | %                                      |
| Goldman, Sachs &                     | %   | %   | %                                      |

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|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 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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| 09 Jun 2021 |
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