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EQS 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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| X | 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) |
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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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| 13 Jan 2023 |
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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 |
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| New | 0.13 % | 5.13 % | 5.26 % | 40421686 |
| Previous notification | 0.01 % | 4.97 % | 4.99 % | / |

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) |
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| DE000A0TGJ55 | 0 | 52734 | 0 % | 0.13 % |
| Total | | 52734 | | 0.13 % |

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 | | 485504 | 1.20 % |
| Call Warrant | 08.10.2027 | | 257678 | 0.64 % |
| Swap | 08.10.2027 | | 318611 | 0.79 % |
| | | Total | 1061793 | 2.63 % |

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 % |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Swap | 02.11.2032 | | Cash | 847589 | 2.10 % |
| Call Warrant | 31.12.2030 | | Cash | 130899 | 0.32 % |
| Put Option | 20.12.2024 | | Physical | 33000 | 0.08 % |
| | | Total | | 1011488 | 2.50 % |

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) |
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| 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. | % | % | % |

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| 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 |
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| % | % | % |

10. Other explanatory remarks:

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Date

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| 17 Jan 2023 |
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