RNS Number : 7142H
Whitbread PLC
21 May 2014

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES[i]

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: [ii]	Whitbread Plc

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):	
An acquisition or disposal of voting rights	X
An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached	
An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments	X
An event changing the breakdown of voting rights	
Other (please specify):	

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation: [iii]	BlackRock, Inc.
4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):[iv]	
5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached: [v]	19th May 2014
6. Date on which issuer notified:	20th May 2014
7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: [vi, vii]	Holding has gone below 5%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares [viii, ix]

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	**Situation previous to the triggering transaction**		**Resulting situation after the triggering transaction**				
	Number of Shares	**Number of Voting Rights**	**Number of shares**	**Number of voting rights**		**% of voting rights** [x]	
			Direct	**Direct** xi	**Indirect** xii	**Direct**	**Indirect**
GB00B1KJJ408	16,335,935	16,335,935	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Below 5%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	**Expiration date** xiii	**Exercise/ Conversion Period** xiv	**Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted.**	**% of voting rights**

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments [xv, xvi]						
Resulting situation after the triggering transaction						
Type of financial instrument	**Exercise price**	**Expiration date** [xvii]	**Exercise/ Conversion period** [xviii]	**Number of voting rights instrument refers to**	**% of voting rights** [xix, xx]	
CFD				N/A	**Nominal**	**Delta**
					N/A	N/A

Total (A+B+C)	
Number of voting rights	**Percentage of voting rights**
N/A	Below 5%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable: [xxi]
BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited - N/A (Below 5%)

Proxy Voting:	
10. Name of the proxy holder:	
11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:	
12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:	

13. Additional information:	BlackRock Regulatory Threshold Reporting Team
14. Contact name:	Duncan Murray
15. Contact telephone number:	020 7743 3334

This information is provided by RNS
The company news service from the London Stock Exchange

END

HOLEAASFASSLEFF