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EQS 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 Germany
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI):	529900E7KB95K0XBWP63

#### 2. Reason for notification

	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

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:

21 Oct 2022
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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	0.01 %	5.02 %	5.03 %	40421686
Previous notification	0.12 %	4.97 %	5.09 %	/

#### 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)

DE000A0TGJ55	0	3212	0 %	0.01 %
<b>Total</b>		3212		0.01 %

#### 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		567252	1.40 %
Right Of Use	Open		85	0.0002 %
Call Warrant	08.10.2027		257391	0.64 %
Swap	08.10.2027		318611	0.79 %
		<b>Total</b>	1143339	2.83 %

#### 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	21.10.2032		Cash	771981	1.91 %
Call Warrant	31.12.2030		Cash	80481	0.20 %
Put Option	20.12.2024		Physical	33000	0.08 %
			<b>Total</b>	885461	2.19 %

#### 8. Information in relation to the person subject to the notification obligation

<input type="checkbox"/>	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.).
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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.	%	%	%
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.	%	%	%

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
%	%	%

**10. Other explanatory remarks:**

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