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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 Germany
Legal Entity Identifier (LEI):	529900E7KB95KOXBWP63

#### 2. Reason for notification

Х	Acquisition/disposal of shares with voting rights
	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.

### 5. Date on which threshold was crossed or reached:

10 Jan 2022

#### 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	0.02 %	4.16 %	4.18 %	40421686
Previous notificatio n	0.86 %	4.16 %	5.02 %	/

## 7. Details on total positions

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

ISIN	Abso	olute	In	%
	Direct (Sec. 33 WpHG)	Indirect (Sec. 34 WpHG)	Direct (Sec. 33 WpHG)	Indirect (Sec. 34 WpHG)
DE000A0TGJ55	0	9206	0 %	0.02 %
Total	9206		0.02	2 %

### b.1. Instruments according to Sec. 38 (1) no. 1 WpHG

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Type of instrument	Expiration or maturity date	Exercise or conversion period	Voting rights absolute	Voting rights in %
Right To Recall	Open		664243	1.64 %
Right Of Use	Open		2529	0.01 %
Call Option	17.06.2022		20628	0.05 %
Call Warrant	08.10.2027		81242	0.20 %
Swap	08.10.2027		115508	0.29 %
		Total	884149	2.19 %

### b.2. Instruments according to Sec. 38 (1) no. 2 WpHG

Type of	Expiration or	Exercise or	Cash or physical	Voting rights	Voting
instrument	maturity date	conversion period	settlement	absolute	rights in %
Call Warrant	31.12.2030		Cash	310021	0.77 %
Swap	10.11.2031		Cash	398563	0.99 %
Put Option	20.12.2024		Physical	87720	0.22 %
			Total	796304	1.97 %

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

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.).

Full chain of controlled undertakings starting with the ultimate controlling natural person or legal entity:

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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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(UK) L.L.C.			
Goldman Sachs Group UK Limited	%	%	%
Goldman Sachs International Bank	%	%	%
-	%	%	%
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	expl	lanatory	remar	ks:
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