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NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

Antofagasta plc (the "**Company**") yesterday received the attached notification in relation to the 41,963,110 shares in the Company held by Aureberg Establishment, an undertaking ultimately controlled by Mr Jean-Paul Luksic, the Chairman of the Company.

The notification explains that Mr Luksic controls Aureberg Establishment via Severe Studere Foundation.

However, there has been no change to the total shareholdings or voting rights in the Company held by Aureberg Establishment, and ultimately controlled by Mr Luksic, since the announcement made on 20 June 2006.

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TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARES

1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached:

ANTOFAGASTA PLC

2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes):

An acquisition or disposal of voting rights

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

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights

Other (please specify):

3. Full name of person(s) subject to the notification obligation:

SEVERE STUDERE FOUNDATION

4. Full name of shareholder(s) (if different from 3.):

AUREBERG ESTABLISHMENT

5. Date of the transaction and date on which the threshold is crossed or reached:

11 OCTOBER 2007

6. Date on which issuer notified:

5 FEBRUARY 2015

7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached:

3%

8. Notified details:

A: Voting rights attached to shares

Situation previous to the triggering transaction

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Number of Shares	Number of Voting Rights
ORDINARY	41,963,110	41,963,110

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Class/type of shares if possible using the ISIN CODE	Number of shares	Number of voting rights		% of voting rights	
	Direct	Direct	Indirect	Direct	Indirect
ORDINARY			41,963,110		3.54%

B: Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion Period	Number of voting rights that may be acquired if the instrument is exercised/ converted	% of voting rights
N/A				

C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

Type of financial instrument	Exercise price	Expiration date	Exercise/ Conversion period	Number of voting rights instrument refers to	% of voting rights	
					Nominal	Delta
N/A						

Total (A+B+C)

Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights
41,963,110	3.54%

9. Chain of controlled undertakings through which the voting rights and/or the financial instruments are effectively held, if applicable:

AUREBERG ESTABLISHMENT IS AN UNDERTAKING CONTROLLED BY SEVERE STUDERE FOUNDATION.

SEVERE STUDERE FOUNDATION IS AN UNDERTAKING CONTROLLED BY JEAN-PAUL LUKSIC.

Proxy Voting:

10. Name of the proxy holder:

N/A

11. Number of voting rights proxy holder will cease to hold:

N/A

12. Date on which proxy holder will cease to hold voting rights:

N/A

13. Additional information:

THE 41,963,110 ORDINARY SHARES HELD DIRECTLY BY AUREBERG ESTABLISHMENT, AND CONTROLLED BY SEVERE STUDERE FOUNDATION AND JEAN-PAUL LUKSIC (IN THE MANNER DESCRIBED IN 9 ABOVE), REPRESENT APPROXIMATELY 4.26% OF THE VOTING RIGHTS ATTACHING TO THE ORDINARY SHARES.

THE HOLDING OF THESE SHARES DIRECTLY BY AUREBERG ESTABLISHMENT (AND THEIR ULTIMATE CONTROL BY JEAN-PAUL LUKSIC) WAS NOTIFIED TO ANTOFAGASTA PLC IN ACCORDANCE WITH TRANSPARENCY DIRECTIVE TRANSITIONAL PROVISION 7 ON 21 MARCH 2007.

ON 11 OCTOBER 2007, SEVERE STUDERE FOUNDATION (ITSELF CONTROLLED BY JEAN-PAUL LUKSIC) ACQUIRED CONTROL OF AUREBERG ESTABLISHMENT AND, ACCORDINGLY, ACQUIRED CONTROL OF THE ORDINARY SHARES HELD BY IT.

THERE HAS BEEN NO CHANGE TO THE SHAREHOLDING OR VOTING RIGHTS IN ANTOFAGASTA PLC HELD BY AUREBERG ESTABLISHED DIRECTLY (AND ULTIMATELY CONTROLLED BY JEAN-PAUL LUKSIC) SINCE 19 JUNE 2006.

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