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TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTERESTS IN SHARES

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

ANTOFAGASTA PLC ORD

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 financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached: []

An event changing the breakdown of voting rights: []

Other (please specify): []

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

AXA S.A. 25 Avenue Matignon, 75008 Paris and its group of companies

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

N/A

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

30/03/2009

6. Date on which issuer notified:

31/03/09

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

5%

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
0045614	50,119,522	50,119,522

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
0045614	3,623,536	3,623,536	39,923,896	0.37	4.05

B: Financial Instruments

Resulting situation after the triggering transaction

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

Total (A+B)

Number of voting rights	% of voting rights
43,547,432	4.42%

9. Chain

Name of the Company/Fund	Number of Shares	% of issued share capital
Alliance Capital Management Direct	286,000	0.02901
AXA Direct	797,508	0.08089
AXA Financial, Inc Indirect	39,160,799	3.97125
AXA Framlington Indirect	15,250	0.00155
AXA France Indirect	77,847	0.007896381
AXA IM UK Direct	2,328,548	0.24
AXA IM UK Indirect	254,000	0.025764394
AXA Rosenberg Indirect	426,000	0.043211148
AXA Winterthur Direct	211,480	0.021451394
Total Direct	3,623,536	0.36755
Total Indirect	39,923,896	4.04967
TOTAL	43,547,432	4.41722

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:

N/A

14. Contact name:

Kyere Tabiri

15. Contact telephone number:

020 7003 1510