

TR-1: NOTIFICATION OF MAJOR INTEREST IN SHARESⁱ

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| 1. Identity of the issuer or the underlying issuer of existing shares to which voting rights are attached: ⁱⁱ | Pearson PLC |
| 2 Reason for the notification (please tick the appropriate box or boxes): | |
| An acquisition or disposal of voting rights | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| An acquisition or disposal of qualifying financial instruments which may result in the acquisition of shares already issued to which voting rights are attached | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An acquisition or disposal of instruments with similar economic effect to qualifying financial instruments | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| An event changing the breakdown of voting rights | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please specify): | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 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 | 8 March, 2017 |
| 6. Date on which issuer notified: | 9 March, 2017 |
| 7. Threshold(s) that is/are crossed or reached: ^{vi, vii} | Voting rights attached to shares holding for BlackRock, Inc. has gone below 5% |

| 8. Notified details: | | | | | | | |
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| 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 |
| GB0006776081 | 41,834,699 | 41,834,699 | N/A | N/A | 37,288,255 | N/A | 4.53% |

| B: Qualifying Financial Instruments | | | | |
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| 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 |
| Securities Lending | N/A | N/A | 19,477,190 | 2.36% |

| C: Financial Instruments with similar economic effect to Qualifying Financial Instruments ^{xv, xvi} | | | | | | |
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| 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 | N/A | N/A | 1,081,200 | Nominal | Delta |
| | | | | | 0.13% | 0.13% |

| Total (A+B+C) | |
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| Number of voting rights | Percentage of voting rights |
| 57,846,645 | 7.03% |

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

See Annex 1

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:

Marc-Oliver Lesch

15. Contact telephone number:

020 7743 3650

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Deputy Company Secretary
Pearson plc

10 March 2017

Annex 1

| Name | % of voting rights if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | % of voting rights through financial instruments if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold | Total of both if it equals or is higher than the notifiable threshold |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| Trident Merger, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock Investment Management, LLC | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors | | | |
| BlackRock Institutional Trust Company, National Association | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 4, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 6, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock Delaware Holdings Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Fund Advisors | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd. | | | |
| BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock HK Holdco Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Cayco Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Trident Holding Company Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Japan Holdings GK | | | |
| BlackRock Japan Co., Ltd. | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |

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| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Group Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Advisors (UK) Limited | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd. | | | |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Limited | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Group Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Capital Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Advisors, LLC | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Australia Holdco Pty. Ltd. | | | |
| BlackRock Investment Management (Australia) Limited | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Group Limited | | | |

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| BlackRock Investment Management (UK) Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Asset Management Deutschland AG | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock (Singapore) Holdco Pte. Ltd. | | | |
| BlackRock Asia-Pac Holdco, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock HK Holdco Limited | | | |
| BlackRock Asset Management North Asia Limited | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Group Limited | | | |
| BlackRock (Netherlands) B.V. | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 3, LLC | | | |
| BlackRock Canada Holdings LP | | | |
| BlackRock Canada Holdings ULC | | | |
| BlackRock Asset Management Canada Limited | | | |
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| BlackRock, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Holdco 2, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock Financial Management, Inc. | | | |
| BlackRock International Holdings, Inc. | | | |
| BR Jersey International Holdings L.P. | | | |
| BlackRock Group Limited | | | |
| BlackRock International Limited | | | |
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