

## Disclosure of shareholdings

**Zurich, Switzerland, 31 August 2010:** Pursuant to Art. 10 and 21 of the SESTO-FINMA, Adecco S.A. discloses the following:

1. Name of the listed company:

Adecco S.A.

2. Proportion of voting rights held by Adecco S.A. (total holdings in percent): see table under item 5.

#### 3. Identity of those involved:

Group consisting of Deutsche Bank AG (direct and indirect shareholder), Theodor-Heuss-Allee 70, DE-60486 Frankfurt am Main, and subsidiaries (direct shareholders):

- Deutsche Asset Management Investmentgesellschaft mbH, Mainzer Landstr. 178-190, DE-60327
   Frankfurt am Main (direct)
- Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc., 345 Park Avenue, US-New York, NY 10154 (direct)
- Deutsche Asset Management (Japan) Limited, 2-11-1 Sanno Park Tower, Nagata-cho, Chiyoda-ku, JP-Tokyo (direct)
- DWS Investment S.A., Luxembourg, 2 Boulevard Konrad Adenauer, LU-1115 Luxembourg (direct)
- DWS Investment GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 178-190, DE-60327 Frankfurt am Main (direct)
- Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., 60 Wall Street, US-New York, NY 10005-2858 (direct)
- Sal Oppenheim JR & CIE KGaA, Unter Sachsenhausen 4, DE-50667 Köln (direct)
- Deutsche Asset Management International GmbH, Mainzer Landstr. 178-190, DE-60327 Frankfurt am Main (direct)
- DWS Investments (Spain) S.G.I.I.C.S.A., Paseo de la Castellana 18, ES-28046 Madrid (direct)
- Deutsche Asset Management (Korea) Company Limited, 33 Seorin-dong, Jongno-gu (19/F Young Poong Building), KR-Seoul (direct)
- Deutsche Bank Trust Companies America, 60 Wall Street, US-New York, NY 10005-2858 (direct).

### 4. Nature of the agreement:

#### **Group of companies**

#### 5. Number and type of shares/rights:

Type of rights	Number of rights	Number of voting rights	Percentage of voting rights (%)
I. Purchase positions			
I.1. Equity securities (Adecco registered shares) 1)	6'572'691	6'572'691	3.47
I.2. Conversion rights etc. 2), 3)			
I.2.1. Conversion rights and share purchase rights	100'767'980	2'005'125	1.06
I.2.2 Granted (written) share sale rights	33'002'588	33'481'229	17.69
Total category I.2.		35'486'354	18.75
I.3. Financial Instrument that provide			
for or permit cash settlement, etc. 2), 3)			
I.3.1. Acquisition rights	126'700	5'600	0.00
I.3.2. Granted (written) share sale rights	70'000	7'000	0.00
Total category I.3.		12'600	0.00
Total category I.		40'071'645	22.22



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II. Sale positions 3)			
II.1. Share sale rights	33'344'777	34'344'777	18.21
II.2. Granted (written) conversion rights and share purchase rights	85'700	14'566	0.01
Total category II. 4)		34'359'343	18.22

1) Securities lending and comparable transaction in equity securities:

From the above mentioned equity securities (I.1. above), the following part is held due to securities lending and comparable transactions (Art. 21 para. 2b SESTO-FINMA and Art. 14 SESTO-FINMA)

Type of rights	Number of rights	Proportion of voting rights	Nature of the legal transaction	Agreed date of return, transfer or, if there is a right to choose, whether this applies to the contracting party subject to the obligation to notify or to the counterparty
Registered shares	4'248'614	2.24%	Stock Borrows	Counterparties' right to recall

2) Securities lending and comparable transaction in financial instruments:

From the above mentioned financial instruments (I.2. and I.3. above), the following part is held due to securities lending and comparable transactions (Art. 21 para. 2b SESTO-FINMA and Art. 14 SESTO-FINMA)

Type of rights	Number of rights	Proportion of voting rights	Nature of the legal transaction	Agreed date of return, transfer or, if there is a right to choose, whether this applies to the contracting party subject to the obligation to notify or to the counterparty
Acquisition rights	67'800'000	1'118'812	Stock Borrow	Counterparties' right to recall

- 3) Further details are available from the Adecco contact as indicated at the end of this notification and from the Adecco S.A. webpage: www.adecco.com or http://ir.adecco.com (Investor Information).
- 4) Total of voting rights from underlying shares (entire shareholding): 18.69%.
- 6. Time (date) of acquisition, sale or understanding through which the shareholding reached, exceeded or fell below the percentage threshold: 23 August 2010,

Change to the composition of the group

7. Representative of the Group members: **Dirk Young**,

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