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#### Preamble

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- 1. Yes. A company can **increase** the percentage of voting shares that it owns in an original entity even if it started out with no voting shares.
- 2. Subparagraph 124-780(2)(a)(ii) requires that the arrangement result in the company which is the acquiring entity increasing the percentage of voting shares that it owns in the original entity. The subparagraph therefore requires a comparison between the ownership of voting shares before the arrangement and after it commences. If the acquiring entity owns no voting shares in the original entity before the arrangement but as a result of the arrangement owns voting shares in the original entity, the acquiring entity will have increased the percentage of voting shares it owns in the original entity. In terms of subparagraph 124-780(2)(a)(ii), the arrangement will result in the acquiring entity increasing its percentage ownership of voting shares in the original entity.

# **Example**

3. B Co is a wholly owned subsidiary of A Co. B Co makes a takeover offer for all of the shares in T Co. Before the takeover B Co owned no shares in T Co. After the takeover B Co owns 85% of the shares in T Co. The takeover has resulted in B Co increasing the percentage of voting shares that it owns in T Co to 85%.

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