

PRESS NOTICE

Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG added to the LBMA's Silver Good Delivery List

The LBMA announces that Allgemeine Gold-und Silberscheideanstalt AG ("Allgemeine") has been added to its Good Delivery List for silver, with effect from 11th June, 2008.

Allgemeine has satisfied the LBMA as to its production capability and financial standing. It has also passed the LBMA's exhaustive testing procedures, under which its silver bars were examined and assayed by independent referees, and its own assaying capabilities have been tested.

Allgemeine's gold brand was added to the gold Good Delivery List on 8th April, 2008.

Allgemeine, which was founded in 1891, is now part of the international Umicore group, and is based in Pforzheim, Germany. Allgemeine and its subsidiaries act as a multi-regional one-stop-shop for the entire precious metals cycle, namely semi-finished precious metal products, precious metal refining and precious metal services.

Background

The London Good Delivery List of Acceptable Refiners of gold and silver is maintained by the LBMA, by whom it is copyrighted. It lists those refineries whose gold and silver bars have been found to meet the required standard for acceptability in the London bullion market when originally tested. The List now includes 59 gold and 65 silver refiners.

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