
PRESS NOTICE

HERAEUS Limited, Hong Kong added to the LBMA's Good Delivery List for Gold

The LBMA announces that Heraeus Limited in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China has been added to its Good Delivery List for gold, with effect from 23rd January, 2006. The company is the fifth Chinese refiner to be accepted onto the LBMA's Good Delivery List for gold.

Heraeus Limited has met the LBMA's quantitative criteria of a minimum production level (10 tonnes p.a. of gold) and tangible net worth (at least £10 million equivalent). It has also passed the LBMA's exhaustive testing procedures, under which its gold bars were examined and assayed by independent referees, and its own assaying capability has been tested.

Heraeus Limited is wholly owned by W C Heraeus GmbH (whose international headquarters are in Hanau, Germany), which in turn is wholly owned by Heraeus Holding GmbH, which has been privately owned since its establishment in 1851. Heraeus Limited is based in Fanling in the New Territories.

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 currently includes 52 gold and 61 silver refiners.

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