



The London Bullion Market Association

PRESS NOTICE

Zhongyuan Gold Smelter of Zhongjin Gold Corporation Limited and Gold Refinery of Zijin Mining Group Co. Ltd added to the LBMA's Gold Good Delivery List

The LBMA announces that the Zhongyuan Gold Smelter of Zhongjin Gold Corporation Limited in Sanmenxia City, Henan Province and the Gold Refinery of Zijin Mining Group Co. Ltd in Shanghang County, Fujian Province of the People's Republic of China have been added to its Good Delivery List for gold, with effect from 28th March, 2006. The addition of these two refiners brings the number of Chinese refiners to be accepted onto the LBMA's Good Delivery List for gold to seven.

Both refiners have met the LBMA's quantitative criteria of a minimum production level (10 tonnes p.a. of refined gold) and tangible net worth (at least £10 million equivalent). They have also passed the LBMA's exhaustive testing procedures, under which their gold bars were examined and assayed by independent referees, and their own assaying capabilities have been tested.

The Zhongyuan Gold Smelter is wholly owned by Zhongjin Gold Corporation Limited which is listed on the Shanghai Security Exchange. Zhongjin's main business is the mining of gold and non-ferrous metals, operating a gold concentrate refinery, and a gold and silver processing refinery together with international trading in such metals and their by-products.

Zijin Mining Group Co., Ltd is quoted on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange. Zijin is a comprehensive mining group engaged in the exploration, mining, processing and refining of gold, non-ferrous metals and other mineral resources and the sale of mineral products.

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 54 gold and 61 silver refiners.

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