

Verification Statement

TÜV Rheinland (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. under LBMA accreditation, according to the requirements of LBMA responsible sourcing program, carried out LBMA audit in March 10-11 by our auditors Ms. Wu Xiao and Mr. Ji Guohuan on Shandong Gold Melting Co., Ltd. 2025 in 888 Longbu Village, Jincheng Town, Laizhou City, Shandong Province of P.R. China.

According to the **International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000** by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB) and the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance of LBMA Responsible Sourcing Programme TÜV Rheinland (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. carried out the audit. The audit term covered 8,350 transactions, and the sampling size accounted for 20% of total transactions. There were 69 suppliers subject to the audit and 40% of total suppliers were sampled. No findings show there were force labor among the suppliers. Our audit covered the responsible sourcing management system and the relevant operation records. No findings show that during the audit period, Shandong Gold Melting Co., Ltd. failed to maintain the effective the responsible sourcing system.

For detailed information please refer to the audit documents: An Independent Reasonable Assurance Report LBMA ISAE3000_Gold&Silver_Shandong Gold Smelting Co., Ltd., Additional Limited Assurance Report LBMA_Gold&Silver_ShandongGold Smelting Co., Ltd._ China, and the Management report ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY.

