



Independent Assurance Report to the Directors of Rand Refinery (Proprietary) Limited

We were engaged by the directors of Rand Refinery (Proprietary) Limited (the “Company” or “Rand Refinery”) to perform an independent limited assurance engagement in respect of Rand Refinery’s Compliance Report for the London Bullion Market Association’s Responsible Gold Guidance (version 6, dated 14 August 2015) (“LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance”) for the year ended 31 August 2018. The assurance engagement was performed for Rand Refinery as a requirement to conduct an annual review of the gold supply chain management systems and practices as stipulated in Step 4 of the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance. This report is produced in accordance with the terms of our contract with the Company dated 13 August 2018.

Independence, Quality Control and Expertise

We have complied with the independence and other ethical requirements of the Code of Professional Conduct for Registered Auditors issued by the Independent Regulatory Board for Auditors (IRBA Code), which is founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. The IRBA Code is consistent with the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (Part A and B).

The firm applies the International Standard on Quality Control 1 and, accordingly, maintains a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

Scope and Subject Matter

The subject matter for our assurance consists of the assertions made by management to describe the activities undertaken during the period to demonstrate compliance, and management’s overall conclusion, in the Company’s Compliance Report, in accordance with the London Bullion Market Association’s (“LBMA”) Responsible Gold Guidance.

Respective responsibilities of the Directors and PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

The directors of Rand Refinery are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the assertions made in the Company’s Compliance Report in accordance with the Reporting Criteria, and to conduct an annual review of Rand Refinery’s gold supply chain management systems and practices as stipulated in Step 4 of the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance. The Reporting Criteria consists of the requirements set out within the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance, supplemented with the Company’s gold supply chain policy available on the Company’s website (http://www.randrefinery.com/products_responsible.htm). The responsibility includes establishing appropriate risk management and internal controls from which the reporting information is derived and the establishment of such internal controls as the directors determine necessary to enable preparation of the Company’s Compliance Report that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Our responsibility is to form an independent conclusion, based on our limited assurance procedures, on whether anything has come to our attention to indicate that management’s assertions contained in the Company’s Compliance Report, and management’s overall conclusion, has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

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This report, including the conclusion, has been prepared solely for the directors of the Company as a body, to assist the directors in determining whether the Company has complied with the Guidance, and for no other purpose. We permit the disclosure of this report on the Company's website, to enable the directors to demonstrate they have discharged their related governance responsibilities by commissioning an independent assurance report for the year ended 31 August 2018. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the directors as a body and the Company for our work or this report save where terms are expressly agreed and with our prior consent in writing.

Assurance work performed

We conducted our limited assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000 (Revised): Assurance Engagements other than Audits and Reviews of Historical Financial Information issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the guidance set out in the LBMA Responsible Gold Programme – Third Party Audit Guidance for ISAE 3000 Auditors (the Audit Guidance). This ISAE 3000 (Revised) standard requires that we comply with ethical requirements and that we plan and perform the assurance engagement to obtain limited assurance on the subject matter as per the terms of our engagement.

Our work included examination, on a test basis, of evidence relevant to the subject matter information. It also included an assessment of the significant estimates and judgements made by the directors in the preparation of the subject matter information. We planned and performed our work so as to obtain all the information and explanations that we considered necessary in order to provide us with sufficient evidence on which to base our conclusion in respect of the subject matter information.

Our limited assurance procedures primarily comprised:

- Enquiries of management to gain an understanding of Rand Refinery's processes and risk management protocols in place;
- Enquiries of relevant staff responsible for the preparation of the Report;
- A site visit to Rand Refinery;
- Assessing the suitability of the policies, procedures and internal controls that Rand Refinery has in place to conform to the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance;
- Obtaining and understanding of the processes and controls that support the information in the Company's Compliance Report;
- Testing a selection of the supporting documentation, including gold supplier counterparty due diligence files and transaction documentation; and
- Reviewing the presentation of the Company's Compliance Report to ensure consistency with our findings.

A limited assurance engagement is substantially less in scope than a reasonable assurance engagement under ISAE 3000 (Revised). Consequently, the nature, timing and extent of procedures for gathering sufficient appropriate evidence are deliberately limited relative to a reasonable assurance engagement, and therefore less assurance is obtained with a limited assurance engagement than for a reasonable assurance engagement.

The procedures selected depend on our judgement, including the assessment of the risk of material misstatement of the assertions made in the Company's Compliance Report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the Company's preparation of the Compliance Report in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances.



We believe that the evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our conclusion.

Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures performed, as described above, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that Rand Refinery's Compliance Report for the year ended 31 August 2018, did not in all material respects, describe fairly the activities undertaken during the year to demonstrate compliance, and management's overall conclusion contained therein, in accordance with the Reporting Criteria.

Other Matters

The maintenance and integrity of the Rand Refinery's website is the responsibility of Rand Refinery's directors. Our procedures did not involve consideration of these matters and, accordingly we accept no responsibility for any changes to either the information in the Compliance Report or our independent assurance report that may have occurred since the initial date of presentation on Rand Refinery's website.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.
Director: Jayne Mammatt
Registered Auditor

Johannesburg
8 October 2018