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SPDR® Gold Trust C/O World Gold Trust Services, LLC 685 Third Avenue, 27th Floor, New York, NY 10017, **United States of America** 

Dear Sirs,

**Re: COUNT OF GOLD BULLION** 

World Gold Trust Services, LLC has engaged Bureau Veritas Commodities UK Ltd to conduct two counts each year of the gold bullion stock held on behalf of the SPDR® Gold Trust (the "Trust") at the vault of HSBC Bank Plc (the "Custodian") in London. A complete bar count is conducted once per year and coincides with the Trust's financial year end on 30<sup>th</sup> September. The second count is a random sample count and is conducted at a date which falls within the same financial year.

It is with pleasure we submit our report to the Trust covering our random sample count for the record date of 29th March 2024.

In accordance with the agreed procedures, we hereby report the following:

Name of Account: Bank of New York Mellon - SPDR® Gold Trust

**Bullion Account No:** 18984

Material: London Good Delivery Gold Bars

Location: London Vault of HSBC - London Vault plc

Gold Inventory: As per the records of the Custodian at close of business 29th

> March 2024 this account held title to 30,963 London Good Delivery, large Gold Bars of a purity between 99.50% and 99.99% and a weight of 12,469,297.739 fine troy ounces of Gold.



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## Description of Activity:

We performed a statistically random count of 782 bars of gold, based upon the gold inventory as on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024. The audit was completed on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 at the Custodian's premises and performed certain procedures including but not limited to the following:

- The gold inventory records of Bank of New York Mellon (the "Trustee") were reconciled to the records of the Custodian.
- Each individual gold bar in the gold count was agreed to the records of the Custodian as being held in the name of the above-mentioned account. The bar number, refiner code and purity of each bar were checked against the records of the Custodian.
- A minimum of 2.5 % of the statistically random chosen gold bars held within the account, were Gross Check Weighed against the Bank of New York Mellon records (the "Trustee") and the records of the custodian.
- The 2.5 % of bars Gross check weighed were also tested for any potential foreign material inclusions using a Fischer Sigmascope B.
- The records of the Trustee on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were reconciled to the records of the Custodian at 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2024 being the last day of the gold count.

## Non-Conformities:

There were no administrative non-conformities identified in respect of the gold bars during the audit.

There were no physical non-conformities identified in respect of the gold bars during the audit.

This audit report reflects our findings at the Custodian's premises, as at the audit reference date only and hereby confirm our conformance to the agreed audit procedures.

For and on behalf of **Bureau Veritas Commodities UK Ltd.** 



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