

Date: 23rd March 2023 Inspectorate Reference: - 23002091

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 vaults of ICBC Bank plc (the "Custodian") in London. A complete bar count is conducted once per year and coincides with the Trust's financial year end at 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2023.

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

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

**Bullion Account No:** 18984

Material: London Good Delivery Gold Bars

Location: London Vaults of ICBC Bank plc

Gold Inventory: As per the records of the Custodian at close of business 24th

> February, 2020 this account held title to 7,674 London Good Delivery, large Gold Bars of a purity between 99.50% and 99.99% and a weight of 3,061,796.164 fine troy ounces of Gold.

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## Description of Activity:

We performed a statistically random count of 203 bars of gold, based upon the gold inventory as at 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023. The audit was completed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 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 at 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 2023 were reconciled to the records of the Custodian at 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2023 being the last day of the gold count.
- The Auditor returned on the 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 with KPMG & Ernst & Young present to perform the Sigma Scope Testing.

Anomalies:

Three bars K01877, ZE 4885 & H028823 were above the weight tolerance so were increased by 0.025 Tr. OZ, these changes were made while the Auditor was present. Further details are available on the SPDR - BV BAR LIST - ICBC Updated spreadsheet. The new figure is 3,061,796.238 fine troy ounces of Gold.

For and on behalf of Bureau Veritas Commodities UK Limited



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