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INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE REPORT

Shenzhen Zhonghenglong Industrial Co., Ltd.

LBMA Responsible Gold/Silver Sourcing Assurance Engagement

10 – 13 February 2025



1. REPORT SUMMARY

Assurance firm	RCS Global Ltd. 1 Bartholomew Lane, EC2N 2AX, London UK. contact@rcsglobal.com
Type of assessment	LBMA ISAE 3000 Limited Assurance Assessment
Refiner	Headquarters address: Room 5701, Block C, Minzhi Gufen Commercial Center, Beizhan Community, Minzhi Sub-district, Longhua District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, China Refining site: No. 9, Yuhu Road, Bihu Avenue, Wulian Village, Fenggang Town, Dongguan City, Guangdong Province, China Gold receiving office: Floor 8, Block A, Teli Jewellery Building, Shuibei No. 2 Road, Luohu District, Shenzhen City, Guangdong Province, China
Assurance engagement date	10-13 February 2025
Assurance period	1 January 2024 – 31 December 2024

2. INTRODUCTION

We were engaged by Shenzhen Zhonghenglong Industrial Co., Ltd. ("The Refiner") to provide limited assurance on its Refiner's Compliance Report for the year ended 31 December 2024.

The assurance scope consists of the Refiner's Compliance Report.

3. REFINER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Compliance Officer of the Refiner is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Refiner's Compliance Report in accordance with the *LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance Version 9* and *LBMA Responsible Silver Guidance Version 2*. This responsibility includes establishing appropriate risk management and internal controls from which the reported information is derived. The criteria identified by the Refiner as relevant for demonstrating compliance with *the Guidance* are the activities described within the Refiner's Compliance Report and the Refiner's Supply Chain Policy.

4. ASSURANCE PRACTITIONER RESPONSIBILITIES

Our responsibility is to carry out a limited assurance engagement in order to express a conclusion based on the Refiner's activities described within the Refiner's Compliance Report. Within the scope of our engagement, we did not perform an audit on external sources of information or expert opinions, referred to in the Refiner's Compliance Report. Our assignment is limited to the historical information that is presented and does not cover future-oriented information.

The procedures performed depend on our judgment as assurance practitioners, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement in the Refiner's Compliance Report, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we consider internal control relevant to the

preparation of the Refiner's Compliance Report in order to design procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the internal control of the Refiner.

We conducted our assurance engagement in accordance with International Standard on Assurance Engagements *ISAE 3000 Assurance Engagements other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information* issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the guidance set out in the *LBMA Responsible Sourcing Programme – LBMA Third Party Audit Guidance Version 2 (the Audit Guidance)*.

This report has been prepared for the Refiner for the purpose of assisting the Compliance Director in assessing the suitability of the assurance criteria, and hence the Refiner's supply chain policy and management systems and for no other purpose. Our assurance report is made solely to the Refiner in accordance with the terms of our engagement. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Refiner for our work, or for the conclusions we have reached in the assurance report.

5. INHERENT LIMITATIONS

Non-financial information, such as that included in the Refiner's Compliance Report, is subject to more inherent limitations than financial information, given the more qualitative characteristics of the subject matter and the methods used for determining such information. The methods used by Refiners to comply with *the Guidance* may differ. It is important to read the Refiner's gold and silver supply chain policy available on their website [https://www.zhlsy.com/zygg/info_17_itemid_99.html]. Such information and methods do not fall within the scope of *the Audit Guidance*, and we have not undertaken any assessment in this regard.

6. INDEPENDENCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

In conducting our engagement, we confirm that we satisfy the criteria for assurance providers as set out in out in the Audit Guidance to carry out the assurance engagement.

We confirm that we are independent of the Refiner in accordance with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants (IESBA), and that we have maintained our independence throughout the engagement.

In addition, our company applies International Standard on Quality Management 1 (ISQM 1) and 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.

7. SUMMARY OF THE PROCEDURES PERFORMED

Our procedures included, but were not limited to:

- Reviewing the Refiner's responsible sourcing policy, due diligence processes, and management systems.
- Testing key controls over supplier onboarding, risk assessment, and transaction traceability over the reporting period.
- Examining a sample of due diligence records and transaction documents.
- Assessing the implementation of the OECD Five-Step Framework and LBMA requirements.
- Performing site visits and interviews with relevant personnel
- Reviewing the completeness and accuracy of the Country of Origin Annex.

8.CONCLUSION

Based on the limited assurance procedures performed, as described above, nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that the Refiner's Compliance Report and Country of Origin Annex for the year ended 31 December 2024, does not in all material respects, describe fairly the activities undertaken during the year to demonstrate compliance, and management's overall conclusion contained therein, is not in accordance with the requirements of *the Guidance*.

Signature	Kevin Wei
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Date	18 February 2025
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