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Agreed -Upon Procedures Report of Factual Findings in Relation to the Monthly Verification of IPMB Bullion s.r.o. (Company) Gold Reserves to the Board of Directors IPMB Bullion s.r.o.

### **Purpose**

We have performed the procedures agreed with you and enumerated below with respect to the Gold Reserves held by the Company on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 as the backing asset to support the IPMB tokens (**IPMBs**) and GEM NFTs (**GEMs**) in circulation as at that time, as set forth in the Letter of Engagement (**LoE**) signed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 and the Addendum (**Addendum**) to that signed on the 21<sup>st</sup> of February 2024.

### Responsibilities of the Company

The Company has acknowledged that the agreed-upon procedures are appropriate for the purpose of the engagement and is responsible for the subject matter on which the agreed-upon procedures are performed.

## Our responsibilities

Our engagement was undertaken in accordance with the International Standard on Related Services (ISRS) 4400 (Revised), Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagements", issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board (IAASB). An agreed-upon procedures engagement involves our performing the procedures that have been agreed with the Company, and reporting the findings, which are the factual results of the agreed-upon procedures.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement is not an assurance engagement made in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards or procedures. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or assurance.

Had we performed additional procedures, or had we performed an audit in accordance with the generally accepted auditing standards, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

#### **Professional Ethics and Quality Control**

We have complied with the independence and all other ethical requirements of the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants, which is



founded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour.

Grant Thornton Cyprus Limited applies the International Standard on Quality Management 1, and accordingly maintains a comprehensive system of quality management including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements professional standards, and applicable legal and regulatory requirements.

# **Procedures and findings**

The procedures were performed solely to assist you in confirming the ownership of gold reserves by the Company and compare to the value of the IPMBs and GEMs the Company has in circulation, and are summarized as follows:

Scope as per LoE	Procedures performed by us – Grant Thornton Advisory (Cyprus) Ltd - as agreed in the LoE	Factual findings
Review quantities and quality of gold reserves that are held within certain establishments in the name of the Company as at the end of each reporting period which will be determined in advance of initiating any work.	Review gold deposit records to establish any additions or withdrawals of reserves during the period under review, and that these are owned by the Company.	A document titled Custodial Receipt with reference number: AGL/IPM140585/034/24+, was obtained from Asar Gold Company Ltd (Asar), a company licensed by Ghana's Precious Minerals Marketing Company (PMMC), the authorised body, legally permitted to grade, assay, value, process buy and sell precious minerals and to license agents in Ghana, confirming that, as of 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2024 and until the Report date, approx. 5,000kgs of gold Dore bars belonging to the Company are held by them in custody.
	Review gold deposit records to establish the weight, density and other attributes of the reserves added during the period.	The average minimum purity of these bars as per the Custodial receipt has been verified by Asar's lab technicians to be at 93.8% of 22+crt.
	Use sampling techniques to physically verify the above findings.	Sampling techniques were performed as described in the Addendum to the LoE to check the quantity and quality of gold reserves held in the name of the Company without any exceptions.
	Use the services of experts where necessary to verify the attributes of reserves physically	Local experts engaged by us, tested a sample of 52 (52kgs) of the stock of gold Dore bars belonging to the Company to confirm the quantity and quality. No exceptions were identified.  Their findings are published in a report addressed to us dated 29
		February 2024. These findings confirm Asar's claims as to both quantities and quality of gold Dore bars held in the name of the Company.
Ownership of gold reserves referred to above as at the end of each reporting period.	Review third party documents like certificates, reports, invoices, and receipts issued throughout the supply chain from mine to vault, to confirm that quantities of gold that are being reviewed as per point above, are owned by the company.	The Company has signed a Metals Purchase and Sales Feedstock Agreement with Asar Gold Co. Ltd (Asar), for the purchase, assaying, storage, and export of gold Dore bars from Ghana into Europe and other locations.



These documents would include some or all the below depending on the nature of the transaction:

1. Quality, Assay report from the smelter.

2. Quantity, smelter holdings of IOM gold.

3. Precious Metals & Minerals Commission of Ghana, PMMC, export invoice.

4. PMMC Export Certificate issued on royalties paid.

5. Bill of lading or Airway bill from KLM Cargo or Emirates Cargo or if private jet a pilot's and airport authority airway bill.

- 6. Customs clearance receipt.
- 7. Brinks or security courier receipt.
- 8. Receipt from refinery once thru refinery doors.
- 9. Assay and value report from refinery.
- 10. Refining invoice.
- 11. Stamping certificate.12. Brinks or security
- 12. Brinks or security courier note.
- 13. Sharps Pixley London (vault) delivery certificate.

We have evidenced a safekeeping receipt (SKR) from Asar confirming having custody of the Company's gold reserves, also acknowledging the ownership of gold held in custody by the Company.

As at the Report date, and further to the physical verification performed, it is noted that the total quantity of gold reserves as per the gold reserves reports noted above were held at Asar's premises.

control by Company of the wallets where IPMBs not in circulation are held as at the end of each reporting period.

Ownership and

For all digital assets, the Company communicates all associated public keys, and we verify that those public keys were used in transactions written to the blockchain.

The goal of the

Procedures is to verify the ownership of those public keys, that is, to verify all or some of the following assertions:

1. The Entity has access to the private keys paired to the public keys and can, in theory, control the digital asset associated to the public keys.

2. The Entity can use the

The following addresses were confirmed as being controlled by the Company, and the IPMBs therein confirmed by the Company directors as not being in circulation.

	Balance 29/02/2024
0x0dCAB1793d599f19181029F9e0f76b872e2385ce	111,738,999
0x4741215fd74BEA6fD714461559f645A3BaDE348f	3,878,439
0xF6f4522CAcBB9C2b9BadD06898BaD2DCa48F610E	40,000,000
0x8fa4B29dFa566908E799fe14bFcBa45746698f73	20,000,000
0x8c6C8131e7A3F189DCACDCaBB83E6EDFF26E9002	19,500,000
0xc8DDd3eFBa589Eb85f96FF5D741c990cff45a9B2	249,999
0xd2692834E05C4EBf1A5a73b488532A8bB0067e03	250,000
0xFf38ca75de00C9dabac2Bd0A43047b04cBBe32E9	43,760
0x59193208D3649cb34fb0f9c1E172c42116e27B50	500,000
TOTAL "LOCKED"	196,161,197
ISSUED	200,000,000
IN CIRCULATION	3,838,803



	private keys and the blockchain technology to control the digital asset in practice.  3. The Entity is the sole Entity able to control the digital asset.	No exceptions were noted.  The Company is scheduled to lock the founders' wallets in a token vesting smart contract in March '24.
	In this case, the Procedures are typically as follows: i. we privately create a unique message. ii. we communicate the unique message only to the Entity. iii. The Entity communicates back the message, signed with the corresponding private key(s). iv. we verify the message was signed correctly using the public key(s) under verification. Points 1-3 assume that no fraudulent activity is present.	
Number and type of GEMs the Company has created as at the end of each reporting period.	Every time a GEM is minted, an 'event' is broadcasted with the details for that NFT (eg. weight). The same will happen when an NFT is burned.  These 'events' are public, and each reporting period they are checked by us on a public explorer for confirmation.	Based on the work performed, we have not identified that any GEMs were created by the end of the period under review.
Reconciliation between the amount of	Confirm that the total number of IPMBs created was 200 million.	Total supply of IPMBs confirmed at 200m from below address: https://polygonscan.com/token/0xFF22c94FFb6bB5d1DF18bEb5fd1dFE7583D3B214



IPMBs and GEMs in circulation to the physical quantities of gold (in grams) held in reserve as per calculations above.

Confirm the number of IPMBs held in "locked" wallets and any movements in those wallets during the period under review and deduct from the total supply of 200 million to identify IPMBs in circulation.

Important to note that the assets are not "locked" through Smart Contract functionality and can be accessed by those controlling the private keys at any given time.

Confirm the number and type of GEMs issued as at the Report date.

Perform following reconciliation to identify any variance:

IPMBs (in circulation) + GEMs (Total weight in grams of gold) = PHYSICAL GOLD in vaults (grams) Based on our work above, the amount of IPMBs not "locked" and therefore in circulation was <u>3,838,803</u> as at the report date.

The number of GEMs in circulation at the Report date was  $\underline{\text{NIL}}$ .

As the amount of gold held within third party establishments in the name of the Company at that date was approx. 5,000,000 grams, this indicates that the gold reserves supporting the IPMB and its ecosystem exceed the amount of issued tokens, ensuring a surplus of collateral in gold reserves.

## Other significant matters

This report relates only to the items specified above and does not extend to any financial statements of IPMB Bullion s.r.o. taken as a whole. This report does not provide any assurance or comfort in respect to the existence of any weaknesses in the Company's internal control systems which may result in fraud.

We stress that our report is confidential and prepared for the addressee only. It should be noted that if it is circulated for any other purpose or to any other party, we owe no duty of care to any such party and cannot accept any responsibility for reliance by them in acting or refraining from acting on the contents of the report.

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