

Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch

LBMA Forced Labour Compliance

Independent Limited Assurance Report

The year ended 31st December 2024

Independent Limited Assurance Report to Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch

We were engaged by Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch to provide limited assurance on the Forced Labour compliance management stated in its Refiner's Compliance Report for the year ended 31st December 2024.

The assurance scope consists of the Forced Labour compliance management of facilities and gold supply chain of Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch in its Refiner's Compliance Report.

Responsibilities

The directors of Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Refiner's Compliance Report in accordance with the LBMA Forced Labour compliance requirements. This responsibility includes establishing appropriate risk management and internal controls from which the reported information is derived. The criteria identified by the directors as relevant for demonstrating compliance with the Forced Labour compliance requirements are the activities described within the Refiner's Compliance Report.

Our responsibility is to carry out a limited assurance engagement in order to express a conclusion based on the work performed. 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 - Third Party Audit Guidance (the Audit Guidance)*.

The extent of evidence-gathering procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement is less than that for a reasonable assurance engagement, and therefore a lower level of assurance is provided.

This report has been prepared for Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch for the purpose of assisting the directors in determining whether Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch has complied with the Forced Labour compliance requirements and for no other purpose. Our assurance report is made solely to Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch in accordance with the terms of our engagement. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch for our work, or for the conclusion we have reached in the assurance report.

Limited assurance procedures performed

We planned and performed our work to obtain all the evidence, information and explanations considered necessary in relation to the above scope. These procedures included:

- Enquiries of management to gain an understanding of Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch's processes and risk management protocols in place
- Enquiries of relevant staff responsible for the preparation of the Refiner's Compliance Report
- Site visits to staff workplace and living space
- Assessment of the suitability of the policies, procedures and internal controls that Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch has in place to conform to the Forced Labour compliance requirements
- Review of a selection of the supporting documentation, including Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch's human resource related files and documentation, such as recruitment management, workload management, leave management, compensation and benefits, and etc.
- Test of a selection of the underlying processes and controls that support the information in the Refiner's Compliance Report
- Review of the presentation of the Refiner's Compliance Report to ensure consistency with our findings

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 Forced Labour compliance requirements may differ. It is important to read the Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch's Forced Labour compliance related policies which can be reached from the contact of Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch.

Independence and competency statement

We have complied with the independence and 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.

Our firm applies *International Standard on Quality Management (ISQM) 1, "Quality Management for Firms that Perform Audits or Reviews of Financial Statements, or Other Assurance or Related Services Engagements"*, 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.

Conclusion

Based on the limited assurance procedures performed, as described above, nothing has come to our attention that would lead us to believe that Zijin Mining Group Gold Smelting Co., Ltd. Shenzhen Branch's Refiner's Compliance Report for the year ended 31st December 2024, did 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 LBMA Forced Labour compliance.

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