



**LBMA RSG**  
**Independent Reasonable Assurance Report**  
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**Independent Reasonable Assurance Report to Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd. on its Refiner's Compliance Report 2024 for the London Bullion Market Association's Responsible Silver Guidance**

**To the Board of Directors of  
Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd.**

We were engaged by Refiner to provide reasonable assurance on its Refiner's Compliance Report for the year ended 31 December 2024. The assurance scope consists of the Refiner's Compliance Report.

### **Management's Responsibilities**

The management of Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd. is responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Refiner's Compliance Report in accordance with the *LBMA Responsible Silver Guidance* (v.2) (the "*Guidance*"). This responsibility includes establishing appropriate risk management and internal controls from which the reported information is derived. The criteria identified by management as relevant for demonstrating compliance with the *Guidance* are the activities described within the Refiner's Compliance Report.

### **Auditor's Responsibilities**

Our responsibility is to carry out a reasonable 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 Silver Programme - Third Party Audit Guidance for ISAE 3000 Auditors* (the "*Audit Guidance*").

This report has been prepared for Refiner for the purpose of assisting management in determining whether Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd. has complied with the *Guidance* and for no other purpose. Our assurance report is made solely to Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd. in accordance with the terms of our engagement. We do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd. for our work, or for the conclusions we have reached in the assurance report.

### **Summary of 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 Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd.'s processes and risk management protocols in place
- Enquiries of relevant staff responsible for the preparation of the Report



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- Site visits to the Refiner
- Assessing the suitability of the policies, procedures and internal controls that the Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd. has in place to conform to the *Guidance*
- Review of a selection of the supporting documentation, including gold and silver supplier counterparty due diligence file and transaction's documentation
- Test a selection of the underlying processes and controls that support the information in the Report
- Review of the presentation of the 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 the *Guidance* may differ. It is important to read the Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd.'s Silver Supply Chain Due Diligence Policy available on the website <http://www.wanyanggroup.cn/content/?948.html>

### **Independence and competency statement**

In conducting our engagement, we have complied with the applicable 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.

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.

### **Conclusion**

In our opinion, the Jiyuan Wanyang Smeltery Group Co., Ltd.'s Compliance Report for the year ended 31 December 2024, in all material respects, describes fairly the activities undertaken during the year to demonstrate compliance, and management's overall conclusion contained therein, is in accordance with the requirements of the *LBMA Responsible Silver Guidance* (v.2).

Bureau Veritas  
25 February 2025  
Jiyuan, China