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Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd.

Gold Ingots Produced at Toyo Smelter & Refinery Acquires Responsible Gold Certificate  
from LBMA

Sumitomo Metal Mining Co., Ltd. (SMM) has received certification from the London Bullion Market Association (LBMA) for the gold produced at its Toyo Smelter & Refinery as being conflict-free, and has taken receipt of its certificate.

SMM had previously been registered on the LBMA's "Good Delivery List" and maintained a high level of trust at the distribution level for the gold it supplied, but in order to stay on this list, it became necessary for a company's product to be certified as being free of conflict minerals. As such, SMM started operating in accordance with the "Responsible Gold Guidance" published by LBMA as of FY2012 and underwent an audit by a third-party agency with regards to its track record. An audit report indicating a pass was received on June 28 and an inspection based on this report was carried out by the LBMA, which resulted in the gold produced at the Toyo Smelter & Refinery acquiring the Responsible Gold Certificate in September.

This certificate allows customers to feel further assured of the trustworthiness of gold ingots produced by SMM. Henceforth, SMM shall continue to make thorough efforts towards management regarding conflict minerals, and shall continue to supply gold that are worthy of trust.