



## PUBLIC NOTICE:

### SUSPECTED COUNTERFEIT GOLD BARS AND CERTIFICATES BEARING THE AL ETIHAD GOLD BRAND

Al Etihad Gold FZCO wishes to alert its customers, business partners and members of the public regarding suspected counterfeit gold bars and certificates bearing the Al Etihad Gold name and branding.

Following examination and testing of certain bars presented as Al Etihad Gold products, the company identified significant discrepancies:

- The serial numbers on the bars do not correspond with Al Etihad Gold's official production and issuance records.
- The stamps and other physical markings differ from those used on genuine Al Etihad Gold bars.
- Laboratory analysis indicated an approximate gold purity of 999.0, which is inconsistent with the purity of 999.9 stamped on the bars.

Based on these findings, Al Etihad Gold has not authenticated these bars as genuine products manufactured or issued by the company. The bars are therefore being treated as suspected counterfeit products pending further investigation.

Al Etihad Gold also warns that certificates accompanying gold bars may be forged, altered, reproduced or otherwise falsified. The presence of a certificate alone does not confirm that a bar is genuine.

When purchasing or acquiring any gold bar bearing the Al Etihad Gold brand, customers should:

- Ensure that the bar is accompanied by its corresponding certificate.
- Verify that the serial number, weight, purity and other identifying details on the certificate match those appearing on the bar.
- Purchase only from reputable and authorized sources.
- Contact Al Etihad Gold through its official communication channels to verify the bar and certificate against the company's records.

Anyone holding a bar or certificate whose authenticity is in question should:

- Avoid selling, altering or further circulating the bar or certificate until its authenticity has been verified.
- Retain the certificate and all related invoices, packaging, payment records, correspondence and supplier information.



- Contact Al Etihad Gold directly for verification and further guidance.
- Where fraud is suspected, report the matter to the relevant law-enforcement or regulatory authorities.

Al Etihad Gold takes the unauthorized use or imitation of its name, logo, stamps, serial numbers, certificates and product markings seriously. Authentication should be obtained only through Al Etihad Gold's official communication channels.

This notice is issued as a precautionary measure to protect customers, business partners and the integrity of the Al Etihad Gold brand. Al Etihad Gold reserves the right to take appropriate legal and regulatory action in relation to any unauthorized reproduction, alteration, misuse or misrepresentation of its bars, certificates, product markings or trademarks.

**For and Behalf of: Al Etihad Gold FZCO**