AGA KIYMETLİ MADENLER A.Ş.
INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ON
ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS
(ISAE 3000)
AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2019



#### INDEPENDENT ASSURANCE REPORT

To the Board of Directors of Aga Kıymetli Madenler A.Ş.

We are authorized by the Board of Directors of Aga Kıymetli Madenler A.Ş. ("Company") to provide assurances on Company's Responsible Gold Supply Chain Compliance Report ("Compliance Report") dated 31 December 2019.

# Scope of Our Work

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 (OECD) Due Diligence Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas - Third Party audit guidance for ISAE 3000 auditors (the "Audit Guidance"). The scope of assurance consists of the Responsible Gold Supply Chain Compliance Report.

## Responsibilities

The Management of the Company is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of its compliance report in accordance with the requirements of The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)'s "Guidelines for Compliance with the Responsible Supply Chain Related to Minerals of Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas" has been published by the Borsa Istanbul (BIST). This responsibility includes establishing appropriate risk management and internal controls from which the reported information is derived. The criteria identified by the management as relevant for demonstrating compliance with the Guidance are the activities described within the Company's Compliance Report.

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 OECD / BIST Due Diligence Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas - Third Party Audit Guidance for ISAE 3000 Auditors (the "Audit Guidance").

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





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#### **Inherent Limitations**

Non-financial information, such as that included in the Company'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 Company to comply with the Guidance may differ. it is important to read the Company's independent Assurance Report in the frame of company's methodology and current Due Diligence Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas policy available on the Company's website: (www.agabullion.com)

# **Independence and Perfection Declaration**

We have complied with the Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants issued by the international Ethics Standards Board far Accountants, which includes independence and other requirements faunded on fundamental principles of integrity, objectivity, professional competence and due care, confidentiality and professional behaviour. in accordance with international Standard on Quality Control, we maintain a comprehensive system of quality control including documented policies and procedures regarding compliance with ethical requirements, professional standards and applicable legal and regulatory requirements. Our independent assurance report has been carried out by a team of experts who have expertise in reporting the Gold Responsibility Policies and the Gold Supply Chain system.

### **Opinion**

In our opinion, the Company's Compliance Report for the year ended 31 December 2019 and presented on 18 September 2020, 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 OECD / BIST Due Diligence Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

Arkan Ergin Uluslararası Bağımsız Denetim A.Ş. Member of JPA International

Nihat Yıldırım

İstanbul, 25 September 2020

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Enclosure:

- Responsible Gold Supply Chain Compliance Report



# Aga Kıymetli Madenler A.Ş. Responsible Gold Supply Chain Compliance Report

Responsible Gold Supply Chain Guidance has been prepared by Borsa İstanbul www.borsaistanbul.com (BIST) in parallel with OECD's Compliance Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas Compliance Guidance

This report analyses the activities and practices of the Aga Kıymetli Madenler A.Ş. (AGA) in compliance with the BIST "Responsible Gold Supply Chain Guide".

COMPANY INFORMATION	
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Report Date	18 September 2020
Responsible Management	DD Holding as Chairman of the Board being represented by Pelin Tarhanacı
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AGA, the compliance process has been analysed and assessed in terms of compliance under six main headings, identification and prevention of risks in the supply chain, establishment of strong company management systems to prevent these risks and auditing gold supply chain from third party.

- 1. Establishment of The Supply Chain Policy and Its Practices in The Operational Processes
- 2. Determination of The Risks in The Supply Chain and Implementation of the Strategies with A Risk-Based Approach
- 3. The implementation of the "Know Your Customer" principles
- 4. Appointment of the Compliance Officer, Activity and Activity Reports
- 5. Auditing and Reporting the Compliance Studies by Independent Third Parties
- 6. Responsible Top Management Compliance Statement

#### Establishment of the Supply Chain Policy and Its Practices in the Operational Processes

AGA, to establish a strong corporate governance system;

- The FATF Recommendations
- OECD's Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas Compliance Guidance
- **UN Council Decisions**
- **European Union Decisions**
- Adopted and implemented a company policy consistent with the regulations of the Turkish Financial Crimes Investigation Board (MASAK)

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Risk-based due diligence was conducted and all supply chain processes were applied in line with the Responsible Supply Chain Management Policy, the controls and transactions were monitored, the risks were analysed and evaluated, the 'know your customer' principles were applied and finally a strong company management system was fully established.

# 2. Determination of the Risks in the Supply Chain and Implementation of the Strategies with a Risk-Based Approach

AGA has been developed the Gold Supply Chain Policy and implemented in scope of The FATF Recommendations and OECD's Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas Compliance Guidance. In this policy, intelligence information has been collected about potential customers against the risks identified under the heading "High Risk Criteria in the Gold Supply Chain"; besides, differentiated questionnaires and similar methods of collecting information have been applied to the companies which are engaged in individual, institutional, precious metals and other fields.

The intelligence studies conducted on the customers have been updated periodically and additional information documents have been requested in extraordinary circumstances. Managing these processes within the scope of Customer Relations have been systematized, compilation and recording cf customer relations and all the interview notes, information and documents from the first interview of a customer to the current situation were recorded in the digital environment and a large amount of cumulative data was revealed. In this data, a reference account number (ID) is assigned for each customer / supplier and acceptance / rejection process as customer / supplier, systematic monitoring and analysis have been performed in the commercial processes following the acceptance.

The compliance officer regularly monitors, analyses, identifies and reports to the top management in spite of the risks identified under the heading "High Risk Criteria in the Gold Supply Chain". In the Company Policy, high risk incidents in the presence of risks or probabilities in the section entitled "High Risk Criteria in the Gold Supply Chain" are forwarded by the compliance officer to the Risk Committee for consideration.

The Risk Committee may refuse or accept the potential customer / supplier to work. Following the acceptance of the customer / supplier, due to the risks that may arise during the work process, a risk reduction plan to be managed by the compliance officer can be made and the results can be monitored, the trade can be suspended or terminated completely.

## 3. The Implementation of the "Know Your Customer" Principles

All relevant documentation concerning customers' / suppliers interview notes, risk analyses and customer identification documents and other documents are tracked and filed under the customer's ID and copies are stored in safe internet Cloud environments.

With the system we have, transactions are monitored on a customer basis, and depending on the type of activity they can be made passive, frozen or taken into the blacklist by the Risk Committees discretion.

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# 4. Appointment of the Compliance Officer, Activity and Activity Reports

AGA's compliance officers are responsible for implementing the Gold Supply Chain Policy within the framework of the FATF Recommendations and the OECD Guidelines for Compliance with the Responsible Supply Chain Related to Minerals of Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

In this context, our company has decided to form a Risk Committee to manage the Compliance process on 23 March 2019. With the decisions taken the initial members of Risk Committee have been appointed and tasked with firstly writing their own work policies then with the Compliance procedures of the company in general.

The first Risk Committee, which includes compliance officers, consists of the following 3 persons:

- 1. Chirag Sharma
- 2. Sarp Tarhanacı
- 3. Orhan B. Koseraif

The Risk Committee has successfully completed the following work by 15 July 2019.

- Has prepared its own policies and guidelines and had it approved by the Board
- Has prepared the Responsible Precious Metals policy and had it approved by the Board.
- Companies existing clients have been reviewed and göne through the proper documentation procedures to continue operations.

An e-mail address has been created <u>compliance@agabullion.com</u> to share opinions, information and findings about the Gold Supply Chain Policy and Compliance issues, and to share unexpected risks. The compliance officer is responsible for monitoring, evaluating and communicating information to the risk committee and top management when necessary.

## 5. Auditing and Reporting the Compliance Studies by Independent Third Parties

The FATF Recommendations and the Gold Supply Chain Policy, which is prepared in the framework of the OECD's Guidelines for Compliance with Responsible Supply Chain Regarding the Minerals of Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas.

Within the framework of these policies, Arkan Ergin Independent Auditing Services, which is an independent auditing company authorized for compliance assessment, has made an agreement with our company. The independent audit report is available in Turkish and English language options and on AGA's websites at <a href="https://www.agabullion.com/">www.agabullion.com/</a>. The English copy of the report will be available to review and download from this link: <a href="https://www.agabullion.com/compliance-audit.html">https://www.agabullion.com/compliance-audit.html</a>

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# Responsible Top Management Compliance Statement,

Our company's operational processes are fully matched at the identification and prevention of risks in the supply chain, the establishment of strong company management systems to prevent these risks, the "Responsible Supply Chain Management Policy" based on OECD's "Responsible Supply Chains of Minerals from Conflict-Affected and High-Risk Areas Compliance Guidance".

In the framework of our Consistent Gold Supply Chain Policy we are in the awareness of developing and improving ourselves and we are making effort to create this awareness our suppliers and our clients too.

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Istanbul 18 September 2020