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FRAUD AWARENESS AND TRANSACTION VERIFICATION

Sutton Consulting International Limited "The Company" and its subsidiary partner, Shinewithus Mineral Refinery "The Refinery" wishes to inform anyone wishing to conduct gold and other commodity purchases in Uganda to exhibit extreme caution when negotiating with parties in Uganda. The Ugandan Government has recently significantly reduced the number of licensed parties authorised to export gold and this has led to unscrupulous criminal individuals and groups soliciting business from foreign investors by fraudulently attempting to use the names and licenses of authorised companies.

Shinewithus Mineral Refinery is one of the registered and legitimate refineries in Uganda and holds an approved refinery and export license in Uganda.

The Company and The Refinery will only conduct business through formal and direct procedures and advises that legitimate contracts and transactions will have:

- Direct, in-person negotiation with authorised representatives; and
- · No intermediaries, brokers, or third-party agents; and
- Executive-level approval in person,
- Engagement of Sutton Consulting International's appointed bankers and attorneys; and
- Mutual exchange of verifiable Know Your Client (KYC) documentation; and
- Full adherence to all applicable local and international laws, regulations, and compliance standards in every relevant jurisdiction.

The Company and The Refinery will not solicit business and do not recognise or authorise any offer, invoice, letter, trade proposal, or representation by third parties, made on its behalf. Any document or communication that does not meet this standard is invalid and should be considered fraudulent.

We strongly advise all parties to verify the authenticity of any communication, representative, or offer before engaging in any commercial discussion or financial transaction to ensure that they are dealing with authorised representatives of licensed mineral refineries. Please contact us directly using our official communication channels. Verification can be done through using the official website's contact forms at: https://suttoninternational.net/contact-us/ or https://shinewithusmineralrefinery.net/contact/

We encourage all interested parties to confirm authenticity before proceeding with any transaction in Uganda which can only legally be done with an authorised and licensed refinery.

Disclaimer

The Company and the Refinery shall not be held liable for any loss, claim, payment, or damage suffered by any party who engages in transactions based on unauthorized and unverified documents, third-party representations, unverifiable communications, or dealings not personally negotiated and executed with both The Company and The Refinery. Only agreements directly negotiated and formally executed are binding.