

AHLATCI METAL RAFİNERİ A.Ş.
INDEPENDENT LIMITED ASSURANCE
REPORT PREPARED
IN ACCORDANCE WITH
INTERNATIONAL STANDARD ON
ASSURANCE ENGAGEMENTS ISAE 3000
AS OF 30 JUNE 2020

**Independent Limited Assurance Report on Ahlatcı Metal Refinery's Compliance Report
To the Board of Directors and Management of Ahlatcı Metal Refinery**

We were engaged by Ahlatcı Metal Rafineri A.Ş. ("Ahlatcı Metal Refinery or Ahlatcı Refinery") to provide limited assurance engagement on Ahlatcı Refinery DMCC's refiner's independent limited assurance report (the "Refiner's Compliance Report") for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Scope of our work

The assurance scope consists of the Refiner's Compliance Report, which includes a summary of the assessment procedures designed and implemented by Ahlatcı Refinery in accordance with requirement of the DMCC Rules for Risk Based Due Diligence in the Gold and Precious Metals Supply Chain Version 1.1/2017 (the DMCC Rules) and with the DMCC Review Protocol on Responsible Sourcing of Precious Metals Annex 3 to DMCC Rules (the "DMCC Review Protocol") both obtained from the DMCC website during 2019 and 2020.

Responsibilities

The management of Ahlatcı Metal Refinery are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Compliance Report in accordance with the DMCC's rules. This responsibility includes establishing appropriate risk management and internal controls from which the reported information is derived.

Our responsibility is to carry out a limited assurance engagement and 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 (ISAE 3000) issued by the International Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the guidance set out in the DMCC Review Protocol.

The extent of evidence gathering procedures performed in a limited assurance engagement is less than that for a reasonable assurance engagement, and therefore a lower level of assurance is provided.

Our report must not be recited or referred to in whole or in part in any other document nor made available, copied or recited to any other party, in any circumstances, without our express prior written permission. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Ahlatcı Metal for our work, for this report or for the opinions we have formed.

Limited 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:

- Review whether Ahlatcı Metal Refinery has established robust sustainable supply chain management systems like in the scope of company policy, assigning Compliance officer's duties and responsibilities, holding on training both their staff and local precious metal market players as detailed in and referring to Rule 1 of the DMCC guidance and fulfilling objectives of the review program as detailed in the DMCC review protocol.
- Review whether Ahlatcı Metal Refinery is able to identify and assess the risks in the supply chain as detailed in and referring Rule 2 of the DMCC Rules and fulfilling objectives of the review program as detailed in the DMCC review protocol.
- Inquiries of relevant staff at the corporate office responsible for the preparation of the Report.
- Review whether Ahlatcı Metal Refinery is has developed and implemented a risk mitigation and/or control plan referring Rule 3 of the DMCC Rules and fulfilling objectives of the review program as detailed in the DMCC review protocol.
- Assessing the suitability of the policies, procedures and internal controls that Ahlatcı Refinery has in place to conform to the Standard.
- Review of a selection of the supporting documentation.
- Enquiries of relevant staff responsible for supply chain management of Ahlatcı Döviz which is one of the main supplier of Ahlatcı Refinery and also a member of Ahlatcı Group of Companies.
- Review a sample of the underlying processes and controls which support the information in the Report.
- Review of the presentation of the Report to ensure consistency with our findings.
- Review whether the Ahlatcı Refinery is reporting annually on its measures implemented for responsible supply chain due diligence and that the measures being reported are consistent with the independent 3rd party audit review program findings as detailed in and referring to step 5 of the DMCC guidance and fulfilling objectives of the review program as detailed in the DMCC review protocol.
- Review Ahlatcı Metal's activities related to conducting due diligence for adherence to DMCC's Anti-Money Laundering and Combating Financing of Terrorism Policy (as the minimum acceptable standard for AML/CFT due diligence policy) as well as Financial Crimes Investigation Board in Turkey

Inherent limitations

Non-financial information, such as that included in the 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 absence of a significant body of established practice on which to draw allows for the selection of different but acceptable assessment techniques. The nature and methods used to determine such information, as well as the assessment criteria may change over time. It is important to read Ahlatcı Refinery's methodology described in the Report.

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. In conducting our engagement, we confirm that we satisfy the criteria for assurance providers as set out in the Audit Guidance to carry out the assurance engagement.

Conclusion

In our opinion, in all material respects:

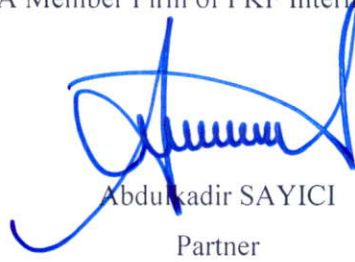
- i. The accompanying report by the directors describes fairly the level of general compliance of the refiner's with DMCC Practical Guidance for Market Participants in the Gold and Precious Metals Industry (the "DMCC Guidance"), and with DMCC Review Protocol on Responsible Sourcing of Precious Metals which collectively is now referred to as the DMCC Rules for Risk Based Due Diligence in the Gold and Precious Metals Supply Chain (the "DMCC Rules for RBD-GPM") Version 1. 0/2016 as at 30 June 2020.
- ii. Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the Ahlatcı Metal Refinery relevant structure, policies, procedures, processes, activities, due diligence and KYC/AML/CFT activities, do not generally conform to DMCC Practical Guidance for Market Participants in the Gold and Precious Metals Industry.

Conclusion (Cont'd)

- iii. The compliance controls that were tested, as set out in the attachment to this report, were operating with sufficient effectiveness for us to obtain limited, but not absolute, assurance that the related level of compliance were achieved in the period 01.07.2019 to 30.06.2020

Istanbul, Turkey, October 27, 2020

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REFINERY COMPLIANCE REPORT

TABLE 1: REFINERY INFORMATION

REFINERY NAME: Ahlatcı Metal Rafineri A.S.

LOCATION: Pinarçay OSB Mh. OSB 1 Cd. No: 60/1 Corum, Turkey

REPORTING PERIOD: 01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020

REPORT DATE: 02/07/2020

COMPLIANCE OFFICER RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS REPORT: Onur YOLYAPAR

REFINERY'S ASSESSMENT:

The tables and statements which are listed below are Ahlatcı Metal Refinery A.Ş.'s statement of compliance and explanations regarding its operations and applications in accordance with Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)'s "Practical Guidance for Market Participants in Gold and Precious Metals Industry" requirements.

TABLE 2: THE SUMMARY OF PERFORMED ACTIVITIES TO INDICATE COMPLIANCE

STEP 1: ESTABLISHING ROBUST COMPANY SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS

Compliance statement:

We declare to comply with the first step (Establishing robust company supply chain management systems).

Is there a company policy on gold supply chain assessment of the situation?

Compliance indicators and comments:

Ahlatcı Metal Rafineri A.Ş., within 01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020 reporting period, has continued to initiate previously developed Gold Supply Chain Company Policy in compliance with the model as set forth in Annex 2 of OECD Due Diligence Guidance, and commenced the initiation of such Guidance. In accordance with the principles of such policy, the control and monitoring of all supply chain through implementation of risk-based due diligence, assessment of risks and process for accepting the metals with gold content in compliance with the customer acceptance criteria have been performed.

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Has an appropriate management structure been established in order to support the Gold Supply Chain Due Diligence?

Compliance indicators and comments:

Ahlatci Metal Rafineri (AMR) developed internal management structure in compliance with Gold Supply Chain Company Policy. Compliance Officer has been assigned and appointed, a Compliance Department was also established, and a Compliance Committee was formed so as to perform internal auditing, and it was ensured to have convened periodically, and a direct reporting system was provided for the management after having established incompliance notification system, and activity and implementation chain compatible with the operation of the Compliance system was followed by providing suitable training for the staff.

Has a strong in-house internal system been devised to cover the due diligence in respect of transparency, control and traceability of the supply chain processes, and of describing all the actors in the supply chain?

Compliance indicators and comments:

A systematic structure was established for the purpose of following up the process in conformity with the system of reference/ID/lot order from customer and material acceptance to production and sales stage. Furthermore, according to AMR's risk assessment procedures, all specified documents must be received, reviewed and approved before conducting business and can be traced via our CRM system.

Do efforts exist in relation to compliance of vendors and customers to the company policies and procedures under Supply Chain Due Diligence Assessment?

Compliance indicators and comments:

The related documents, certificates and forms prepared in accordance with the directives of OECD under due diligence are shared with the customers, and their statements are obtained by executing compliance agreements with them, and determinations and evaluations are made in regards to supply chain processes and the compliance thereof through both customer interviews and on the-spot visits.

Has an in-house communication system been established with the participation of all company employees including workers in respect of describing of risks in all processes of gold supply chain and of notifying the incompliances to the management?

Compliance indicators and comments:

Compliance transition points are formed for the purpose of notifying the incompliances detected during the gold supply chain process, and in-house communication system has been established for putting into practice an early risk diagnosis and preventive/corrective activity implementation by instituting a fast communication system (mevzuatuyum@ahlatci.com.tr) which will enable direct access to managers and compliance department on the existing internet network.



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STEP 2: IDENTIFYING AND ASSESING THE RISKS IN THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Compliance statement:

We declare to comply with the second step (Identify and assess risks in the supply chain).

Does the Refiner have a process to identify risks in the supply chain?

Compliance indicators and comments:

The Risk Management Plan and Customer Acceptance Policy is established with respect to identifying and preventing the risks involved in the gold supply chain process, and to preventing the recurrence of similar risks by implementing corrective actions to this effect.

Is there a company policy on gold supply chain assessment of the situation?

Compliance indicators and comments:

A supply chain due diligence system and precautions are put into practice, starting from the phase of acceptance of the customer and precious metals in accordance with DMCC's Practical Guidance for Market Participants in Gold and Precious Metals Industry and OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains.

All procedures which shall ensure the control and inspection of the system including monitoring of all operations in respect of transportation routes and processes through high level risk due diligence in connection with the gold from high risk zones inflicted by conflicts where human rights are violated further to the institution of risk-based due diligence process starting from the source of gold.

AMR only source from recycled and mined gold supply chains. Recycled gold sources are only from established jewelers of Turkey and mined gold sourced only from Koza Gold Mines in 2019-2020.

Is risk assessment reported to the management?

Compliance indicators and comments:

A Compliance Committee has been formed with regards to the supply chain compliance process and is ensured to convene once in every three months. The Committee evaluate risks, decide and the decisions reported to the management in the same period.



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STEP 3: DEVELOPING AND IMPLEMENTING A RISK MITIGATION/CONTROL PLAN

Compliance statement:

We declare to comply with the third step (Developing and implementing a risk mitigation/control plan)

Has an appropriate risk management strategy been determined such as terminating the employment contract, mitigating the risks involved through suspension of trade or mitigating risks during trading with respect to the course of action and risk management in case of occurrence of risks?

Compliance indicators and comments:

All clients and suppliers are regularly assessed by our compliance department in guidance of our AMR-C- 005 Gold supply chain risk management plan.

In high risk circumstances, the courses of action and the principles of risk management is determined by the management, whether by using risk covering methods such as terminating the trading contract, or mitigating the risks involved through suspension of trade.

STEP 4: CARRYING OUT INDEPENDENT THIRD-PARTY AUDITS OF GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS COMPANY'S DUE DILLIGENCE PRACTICES

Compliance indicators and comments:

PKF Istanbul has been performing independent audits of AMR regarding supply chain due diligence since 2016.

STEP 5: REPORTING ANNUALLY ON RESPONSIBLE SUPPLY CHAIN DUE DILLIGENCE

Compliance statement:

We declare to comply with the fifth step (Reporting annually on responsible supply chain due diligence).

AMR policies and procedures of supply chain prepared in accordance with LBMA policy and procedures have been shared with all parties and customers involved in the process, and efforts were made for their compliance with the process and annual refinery reports were published to share the indicators in respect of compliance with third parties. Please visit www.ahlatcimetal.com.tr for further details.



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OVERALL RESULTS

TABLE 3: REVIEW OF THE BOARD


Is the Refiner in compliance with the requirements of the LBMA Responsible Gold Guidance for the reporting period 01/07/2019 - 30/06/2020? YES

As set out in the statements and comments in table 2 hereinabove, a robust management system has been implemented so as to follow an effective compliance process through implementation of policies and procedures by fulfilling the requirements of with DMCC's Practical Guidance for Market Participants in Gold and Precious Metals Industry for the report period ended June 30th, 2020.

Risk assessments have been made in compliance with the AMR policy and procedures under compliance process and corrective actions were planned and implemented by having processed the detected incompliance notifications.

TABLE 4: OTHER COMMENTS

Please send email for your comments regarding the report to mevzuatuyum@ahlatci.com.tr


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