



PRESS STATEMENT

Update on Gold Purchases

The Bank of Zambia has purchased 282.79 kilogrammes of gold since December, 2020 at a cost of K345.6 million. 195.95 kilogrammes was purchased from Kansanshi Copper Mining Plc at a cost of K241.8 million, while 86.84 kilogrammes was purchased from Zambia Gold company, a subsidiary of ZCCM – IH at a cost of K103.8 million.

The Bank plans to purchase around 25,200 ounces of London Good Delivery gold from Kansanshi Copper Mining Plc and 21,000 ounces of dore gold with a minimum of 88% purity from Zambia Gold Company per year. These estimates are based on the gold purchase agreements signed with Kansanshi Copper Mining Plc and Zambia Gold Company in December, 2020. The objective of this initiative is to shore up and diversify the international reserves. The viability and attractiveness of this venture is that the gold is being purchased in local currency.

The dore gold purchased from Zambia Gold Company will only reflect in international reserves after refining.

The purchase price of the commodity is not fixed and is determined by the **London Bullion Market Association** (LBMA). The LBMA, established in 1987, is the international trade association representing the global Over the Counter (OTC) bullion market, and defines itself as "the global authority on precious metals".

Gold Purchases month on month

London Good Delivery Gold from Kansanshi Copper Mining Plc

No	Month	Quantity Troy Ounces	Quantity Kgs
1	January 2021	2,100	65.32kg
2	February 2021	2,100	65.32kg
3	March 2021	2,100	65.32kg
	Total	6,300	195.95kg

Dore Gold from Zambia Gold Company

No	Month	Quantity Troy Ounces	Quantity Kgs
1	December 2020	1,541.95	47.97kg
2	February 2021	701.85	21.83kg
3	March 2021	548.11	17.05kg
	Total	2,791.90	86.84kg

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