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Global Osmium Governing Body in Discussion

Munich, 28th of January, 2019 - The international Osmium-Institutes are making progress on their way to establish an international governing body to advance regulations, customs duties, future trading platforms and the exchange of ideas as well as pricing.

First meeting of future members scheduled for March 2019 in Singapore.

Ever since the founding of the Osmium-Institute in Australia, it has been clear that there would be a lot to do concerning the world's rarest precious metal. The first tasks at the beginning were the attainment of customs guidelines with the governments of the importing countries. It was clear that with a new precious metal on the market, all the institutions that have existed around gold, silver and platinum for a long time had to emerge first. For osmium, the regulations, websites and teams to support the rapidly growing investment and jewelry market are yet to be established.

The initial member countries will be more than 10 European countries, complemented by the United States, China, Australia and further locations. All institute directors are aligned in their objective to ensure that osmium has a status equal to the other precious metals and support cooperation with other associations for this purpose.

Tasks of the new governing body

As already seen with the standardisation of the Osmium Identification Code or with the classification of Osmium Pearls, it is important that standards are not defined at the sole discretion of the Osmium-Institute Germany. Rather, a lively exchange of ideas and communication should form the basis of working together on the new growth challenges.

The new committee will also include seasoned external experts with demonstrated experience in other precious metal markets. These experts are not necessarily affiliated with an Osmium-Institute. Precious metal trading houses, internationally active consultants, lobbyists, stock exchange specialists and experts for customs and tax issues in international trade are all being considered.

Interested individuals will be given interesting tasks to advance osmium

Some of these members have already been identified. They all have international experience and already felt like ambassadors of the new precious metal after the first contacts. In the future they will speak at congresses, brief press representatives, disseminate scientific news and, to put it briefly, are the pinnacle of the market.

Above all, however, the main task of the association will be to push ahead with the standardization of trading processing, certification and distribution, and to coordinate with other associations in the precious metals industry. The first connections to other associations have already been established with first results being imminent.

It will also be important to build a trading platform so that investors can sell to a secondary market which does not solely comprise jewellers and jewellery manufacturers. The team has defined a time frame of five years to accomplish this.

As a first step, the new association will be an independent department within the Osmium-Institute Germany. The department is financially supported by the institute and should be able to work independently as soon as possible.

In order to take this important step, however, it will be necessary to be active in even more countries than today and to have founded institutes. By the end of 2020, expansion is planned in more than 100 countries with running institutes. Good international coverage is a priority.

It is clear to all participants that the importance of the current upswing in the osmium market cannot not be underestimated and that international structures must be quickly established for the new emerging markets.

About the Osmium-Institutes:

Tasks:

Osmium Institutes have the international task of introducing osmium into regional markets. They provide native-speaker support in the marketing of osmium as well as training for investment advisors, processors and organizations working with osmium.

Osmium is promoted as a jewelry and investment metal by osmium institutes and receives considerable support. This serves the purpose of providing information on high-temperature processing into jewellery and at the same time helping investors to check osmium for authenticity.

The current Swiss prices are published after each fixing via RSS feeds of the Osmium institutes in several currencies.

Purchase of osmium:

To purchase osmium, please contact retailers, financial institutions and wholesalers as well as jewellers who have received approval from osmium institutes for trade and distribution. These organisations have an obligation to have a profound knowledge of osmium.

Some of them are listed on the websites of the regional Osmium Institutes.

Process of osmium certification:

After being crystallized in Switzerland, all pieces of osmium are passed through the German Osmium Institute. After chemical analysis and scan, the crystal structures are entered as "fingerprints" of the osmium crystals in the international osmium database and the internationally valid number and letter code is assigned (hexadecimal code).

Manifestations:

Unlike osmium sponge, crystallized osmium is non-toxic and completely harmless. Its appearance differs in the crystal lattice structure and thus changes the chemical properties of osmium. The metal belongs to the group of platinum metals and, like any precious metal, has the properties of special resistance to reactors.

2D-geometries:

Osmium is supplied in flat structures with a layer thickness of approximately one mm. Almost any shape can be cut by wire erosion. The rectangular shape is common for bars, which can be imported duty-free in many countries and countries as an investment instrument.

Safety instructions of the Osmium Institutes apply for the cut. During processing, it is recommended that the regional Osmium Institute approves the desired cutting forms. Certified cutting companies can also be commissioned directly by the institutes. For these cuts, if ordered over an Osmium Institute, full insurance applies in the case of a false cut of the ordered form.

3D-geometries:

Osmium can be crystallized in structures up to 2cm in size on carbon cores. The core remains in the structure. It cannot be removed and in addition serves to the stability of the 3D surface. Only topologically monovalent forms are possible which do not have through holes. The shapes must merge smoothly. Sharp edges and corners are not possible.

Forms of trade for crystallized Osmium:

The most common trading forms are the osmium disc and osmium medium edged bars. They are called osmium semi-finished products and are duty-free in many countries. These bars are supplemented by osmium diamonds and osmium stars.

Special shapes are simple geometries, silhouettes and letters. 3D objects are only available in extremely small quantities and are rarely and usually produced on request.

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More information about Osmium may be found here:

1. Osmium.info

Basic information for when first getting in touch with Osmium.
Covers all important information to pass the examination.

2. Osmium-training.com

A short explanation of the virtual academy and therefore the online training.
More information about courses and further training.

3. Osmium-institute.com

Covers the tasks of the Osmium-Institute and its employees.
Here, all international institutes are listed by their region.

4. Osmium-onboarding.com

Explains cooperation with the Osmium-Institutes.
A platform where new partners can register. Choose your code of reference here.

5. Osmium-sales.com

Website covering the sales partner's settlement and basic information.
Explanation of the marketing plan / earnings. Password: bigbang

7. Osmium-academy.com

Multi-language online training for jewellers and sale partners.
Here you can take the online examination anytime you want.

8. Buy-osmium.com

Online shop to buy Osmium and Osmium-Jewellery. Access for sales partners.
Branded shops for each sales partner.

9. Osmium-TV.com

This channel covers topics about Osmium, introduces new jewellery and new partners.
All new information is broadcasted in high definition and 4k resolution.

10. Osmium-dlc.com

Platform for pictures, texts, short films, brochures, posters, interviews.
The latest press information and posters can be downloaded here.

11. Osmium-Jewelry.com

This website lists all jewellers trading with Osmium worldwide.
Information how to process Osmium and work with the material including a safety guide.

12. Osmium-Preis.com

This website covers the current price of Osmium and the related charts.
Essential is the 1gr (0,035 oz) price to determine the material price.

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