



We have recently become aware that the Perth Mint Certificate Program (PMCP) has been used as the basis of an identity theft scam aimed at getting people to reveal personal information, including passport and bank account details. The promoters of this fraudulent scheme have been sending emails purporting to come from The Perth Mint, in which people are encouraged to claim assets from deceased estates which are held by the Mint.

In keeping with the confidentiality provisions of the *Gold Corporation Act 1987* as well as Australian Anti-Money Laundering and Privacy regulations, The Perth Mint does not contact or indeed, deal with, any third parties or apparent beneficiaries of a deceased estate other than a duly –appointed Executor or Trustee. Should you receive any correspondence apparently originating from The Perth Mint, that suggests that you might be the beneficiary of assets held in respect of a deceased estate, I recommend that you report it to the Australian Federal Police or other appropriate body.

I would like to take this opportunity to reassure all PMCP clients that their account details are securely maintained and that the robust security arrangements surrounding client accounts have not been threatened or compromised in any way.

In the event that you have further queries on this matter, I recommend that you contact a PMCP Approved Dealer (http://www.perthmint.com.au/investment_certificate_approved_dealers.aspx) or The Perth Mint directly on pmds@perthmint.com.au .

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