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PERTH MINT ANNOUNCES 'SELL OUT' GOLD SETS

Two spectacular pure gold coin sets released by The Perth Mint in the first quarter of this year have sold out, reflecting burgeoning worldwide interest in the quality of its legal tender issues.

All 1,000 sets from the 90th Anniversary of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps 1915 – 2005 series have been sold. Struck by The Perth Mint from 99.99% pure gold as part of a joint Australian and New Zealand commemorative program, the two proof quality coins in each set portray moving scenes of remembrance for those lost at Gallipoli.

The five-coin set from the 2005 Proof Issue of the 99.99% pure gold Australian Nugget has also sold out. Worldwide collector interest in this series was heightened by the Mint's announcement that the 20th annual release, the first featuring a coloured 'kangaroo' reverse design, would be the last for this popular Australian legal tender series.

General Manager Minted Products, Veronica Maguire, said collectors trusted the Mint's guarantee of purity and the strict mintage limits it imposed on each program. "The Mint's ability to mark significant anniversaries and Australian themes with outstanding design is also an extremely important part of its sales success," she said.

The Perth Mint was founded in 1899 to produce sovereigns from the increasing amounts of gold being discovered in Western Australia. Now the home of the Australian Precious Metals Coin Program, it designs, manufactures and markets legal tender investor and collector coins for world markets under a unique agreement with the Australian Federal Treasury.

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