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PERTH MINT WELCOMES AUSTRALIA'S PREMIER PRECIOUS METALS SYMPOSIUM TO PERTH

As the major sponsor of the Precious Metals Investment Symposium (PMIS) 2018, The Perth Mint is delighted to welcome the 9th annual event to the city of Perth for the first time.

Held at the Pan Pacific Hotel on Wednesday and Thursday, 3 and 4 October, followed by a dedicated day to discuss gold and the digital markets on Friday, 5 October, PMIS is expected to be bigger than ever with the move to Australia's largest gold producing State, Western Australia, according to Symposium Managing Director Kerry Stevenson.

"PMIS began in Sydney and we've recently held the event in Melbourne but we simply couldn't discount the overwhelming requests from the industry and investors to bring the event across the country," Ms Stevenson continued.

The Perth Mint and the Gold Industry Group, together with a complement of sponsors, speakers, exhibitors and delegates, have come together in support of the Australian precious metals industry and to further raise the profile of the sector across the globe.

As champions of the industry and the yields it produces, both The Perth Mint's Chief Executive Officer and Chairman will share the stage along with an impressive line-up of international and Australian precious metals experts and commodity specialists.

Chief Executive Officer Richard Hayes will officially open the event before Chairman and inaugural PMIS Hall of Fame awardee Don Mackay-Coghill presents the first keynote address ***Gold: A barbarous relic or a life raft in a turbulent sea***. Later in the week, Mr Hayes will return to present ***Golden Gigabytes: Modern investing in the world's oldest precious metal***.

Heading up the leadership team at one of the world's most prestigious precious metals businesses, Messrs Hayes and Mackay-Coghill have each cultivated eminent careers within the industry to become thought leaders on gold and the global markets.

Despite the complexities and uncertainties of the markets, their advice to the industry and to the investor is simple – gold remains the ultimate store of wealth and safe haven against geopolitical and economic uncertainty and turbulence.

"The markets are dynamic and volatile by nature so embrace these conditions and remain adaptable to change," Mr Hayes said.

"For the industry, this will allow you to anticipate the needs of investors and stay at the forefront of the competitive landscape; and for the investor, this will help you to appreciate that complacency is never an option because safeguarding your wealth is investing in your future.

"It is at conferences such as PMIS that you will learn how to navigate the evolutions and revolutions of the markets, understand how modern technologies are impacting precious metals investment, and empower you to confidently manage your asset portfolio."

Everyone who attends PMIS 2018 will have the opportunity to celebrate the achievements of one of Australia's most important sectors, create business and investment opportunities by engaging with industry experts, and have the chance to win gold nuggets, Perth Mint gold coins and \$150,000 in cash.

Learn more about PMIS 2018 at www.symposium.net.au or telephone toll free 1300 910 389 and visit The Perth Mint team at booth 19.

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The Perth Mint

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Operating the largest refinery and the only facility in Australia accredited for gold and silver by the London Bullion Market Association, the Mint holds endorsements from commodity trading centres in London, New York, Tokyo, Shanghai and Dubai.

The Perth Mint exports in excess of AUD18 billion worth of bullion bars and coins to institutional and private investors in more than 130 countries each year and issues an array of legal tender commemoratives for collectors. Offering the only government guaranteed precious metals investment and storage program, the Mint also manages some AUD3 billion worth of metal held on behalf of some 34,000 clients.

Still operating in its original premises, founded in 1899, The Perth Mint is also a premier tourist destination and home to the largest coin in the world – the Australian Kangaroo One Tonne Gold Coin.