

CENDRES+MÉTAUX SA

GOLD BAR MANUFACTURER IN SWITZERLAND

Cendres+Métaux SA has its headquarters in Biel-Bienne in the canton of Berne, the traditional centre of the Swiss watch manufacturing industry, about 120 km east of Zurich.

Gold refining and bar manufacture take place in Biel-Bienne.

The company issues a standard range of 3 cast and 8 minted bars:

Cast: 400 oz, 1000 g, 500 g

Minted: 100 g, 50 g, 20 g, 10 g, 5 g, 2.5 g, 2 g, 1 g

Its bars, traded mainly in Europe, are available to the public through the company's sales offices in Biel-Bienne and Zurich.

A representative range is included in the Industry Collection.

BACKGROUND

The origins of the company date back to 1885, when Louis Aufranc established a small precious metal foundry in Biel-Bienne. In 1924, following the merger of Aufranc Ltd and Zanelli, the company was incorporated as Cendres & Métaux.

The use of the words "cendres" (ashes) and "métaux" (metals) emphasized the company's original focus on the recycling of precious metal scrap which involves the burning of waste material into ashes and the smelting of metals.

Apart from precious metal refining and bar manufacture, the company manufactures precious metal products for the jewellery, watch, dental and medical industries.

Internationally, it operates through subsidiary companies in Italy (since 1961), France (since 1970) and Spain (since 1987), as well as through representatives in more than 30 countries worldwide.

Annual gold refining capacity: confidential.

Number of employees: 370

Accreditation

1981 London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)

Website: www.cmsa.ch



Cendres+Métaux SA has its headquarters in Biel-Bienne, the capital of the Swiss watch industry.



The company has refined gold in Switzerland for more than 80 years.



London Good Delivery 400 oz bars have been issued since 1981.

 **CENDRES+
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TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Made	Serial Number System	System Introduced
400 oz	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	255 x 80 x 45 211 x 42 (base)	1980	Letter plus 4 numbers	1980
1000 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	110 x 47 x 10	1986	Letter plus 5 numbers	1986
500 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	85 x 38 x 9.8	1980	Letter plus 5 numbers	1980
100 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	50 x 28.8 x 3.7	1981	5 numbers	1981
50 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	50 x 28.8 x 1.87	1981	-	-
20 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	31.2 x 18.2 x 1.87	1981	-	-
10 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	25.7 x 15.5 x 1.3	1981	-	-
5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	23.4 x 14.1 x 0.8	1981	-	-
2.5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	22 x 13 x 0.8	1987	-	-
2 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	19 x 11.5 x 0.8	1987	-	-
1 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	15 x 8.6 x 0.778	1987	-	-

Source: Cendres+Métaux SA

Serial numbering system

400 oz, 1000 g and 500 g. Letter records the year date, starting "A" = 1980. Numbers record the bar serial number.

HISTORY OF GOLD BAR MANUFACTURE

Prior to 1981, industrial bars only had been manufactured, the weight of each bar relating to the amount of gold derived from the toll-refining of gold-bearing materials or scrap. For example, a bar could have weighed 631.5 g and would have been marked with the customer's lot number, the company's certification mark and a "1000" mark denoting a fineness above 999.9.

In 1980, 400 oz and 500 g bars were issued, together with 5 minted bars: 100 g, 50 g, 20 g, 10 g and 5 g.

In 1986, the 1000 g cast bar was issued, followed by the 2.5 g, 2 g and 1 g minted bars in 1987.

While the certification mark dates back to 1934, when it was registered with the Central Office of Precious Metal Control in Berne, the official stamps have only been used since 1981.



Gold granules for the international market.

OFFICIAL STAMPS



On cast bars since 1981.



On minted bars since 1981.

CERTIFICATION MARK



On bars manufactured by Cendres+Métaux SA since 1992.



EXAMPLES OF GOLD BARS



1000 g



100 g



50 g



10 g



London Good Delivery 400 oz bar.





Appropriate to its location in the Swiss watch capital, the company manufactures semi-finished and finished gold products for the watch industry.



The original headquarters in Biel-Bienne.
Cendres+Métaux SA was incorporated in 1924.

THE INDUSTRY COLLECTION OF GOLD BARS WORLDWIDE

The Industry Collection of Gold Bars Worldwide is a worldwide effort to create a unique collection of standard, innovative and unusual gold bars to support the promotion of gold.

Since 1993, manufacturers from across the globe have supported this international project by making their bars available. Founder was **N M Rothschild & Sons (Australia) Limited**, associated with N M Rothschild & Sons Limited, London. Custodian and Official Location is **The Perth Mint**, wholly owned by the Government of Western Australia.

Curator is **Grendon International Research Pty Ltd (GIR)**. Apart from acting as a consultant within the gold industry, GIR has published several reference books on gold, including *The Industry Catalogue of Gold Bars Worldwide*.

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