

## HERAEUS GROUP

GERMANY – HONG KONG – USA

### HERAEUS HOLDING GMBH – GERMANY

#### LOCATION

**Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH & Co. KG**, a wholly owned subsidiary of Heraeus Holding GmbH, is the world's largest privately-owned precious metals refiner and fabricator.

Its international headquarters is in Hanau, about 25 km east of Frankfurt.

Gold refining and the manufacture of Heraeus bars are undertaken at 4 locations:

Germany (Hanau)	Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH & Co. KG
China (Hong Kong)	Heraeus Limited Hong Kong
USA (Newark)	Heraeus Precious Metals North America LLC
Switzerland	Argor-Heraeus SA (associated company)

While these companies are responsible for the sale of refining services and industrial products, there are 4 associated companies that sell precious metal bars and other physical products, as well as offering an extensive range of trading services:

Germany (Hanau)	Heraeus Metals Germany GmbH & Co. KG
China (Hong Kong)	Heraeus Metals Hong Kong Ltd
USA (New York)	Heraeus Metals New York LLC
China (Shanghai)	Heraeus Metals (Shanghai) Co Ltd

The company also manufactures London Good Delivery silver bars (since 1972) and London Good Delivery platinum and palladium bars.

#### OWNERSHIP

Heraeus Holding GmbH has been privately owned since its establishment in 1851.

#### ACCREDITATION

1958	London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)
1974	CME Group - Market Contract: COMEX
1982	Tokyo Commodity Exchange (TOCOM)

#### BACKGROUND

##### Heraeus Holding GmbH

The company dates its formal origins to 1851 when Wilhelm Carl Heraeus (W. C. Heraeus) took over his father's "Unicorn Pharmacy" which had been established in Hanau in the 17th century.

In 1856, when he constructed the country's first platinum foundry, he was recognized as the "father" of the German platinum industry.

Over the past 160 years, Heraeus has grown into a global company with 76 production facilities and 25 development centres in 33 countries. It is still privately owned by the Heraeus family.



Heraeus has been associated with the refining of precious metals for more than 160 years.



The company was authorised to manufacture London Good Delivery 400 oz bars in 1958.



Kilobars are manufactured to a fineness of 995 and 999.9 for the international market.



Heraeus is divided into seven large business groups: Precious Metals, Materials and Technologies, Sensors, Biomaterials and Medical Products, Dental, Quartz Glass and Specialty Light Sources.

**Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH & Co. KG**

The company operates five divisions: Thick Film Materials, Chemicals, Conductive Polymers, Medical Components and Trading.

Although gold refining and bar manufacture have always taken place in Hanau, bars are also manufactured by its refineries in Hong Kong and the USA, and by its associated company, Argor-Heraeus SA, in Switzerland.

Apart from gold, Heraeus refines platinum group metals and silver, producing bars and many products for the platinum group metal and silver industries.

Number of employees: 13,300 (Group)

**GOLD SERVICES**

Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH & Co KG focuses on:

- (1) Gold refining and the recycling of scrap
- (2) Gold products for the jewellery industry
- (3) Gold products for the electronics and decorative industries
- (4) Gold products for the dental industry
- (5) Gold bars

**GOLD REFINING AND RECYCLING OF SCRAP**

The company normally accepts the following gold-bearing materials for refining to specified purities up to 999.9:

- Semi-refined bullion
- Mine doré: predominantly gold
- Mine doré: predominantly silver
- Electrolytic slimes: derived from copper
- Electrolytic slimes: derived from silver
- Precipitated gold slimes
- Loaded carbon
- Old jewellery
- Jewellery manufacturers scrap
- Dental scrap
- Old coins and medals

Gold refining methods include pyrometallurgical chlorination, wet chemical chlorination (aqua regia and chlorine gas), electrolysis, wet chemical parting, solvent extraction, cupellation and ion exchange.

Annual gold refining capacity worldwide is recorded at 400-500 tonnes.

**GOLD BARS**

A standard range of 6 cast bars and 13 minted bars.

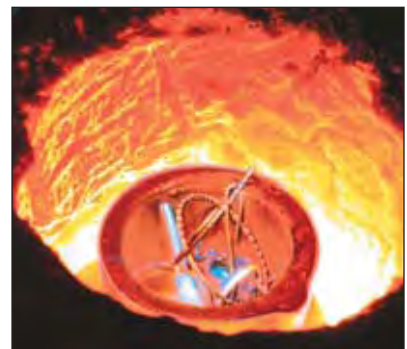
- Cast: 400 oz, 100 oz (USA only), 1000 g, 500g, 250 g, 100 g
- Minted: 1 g – 100 g, 1 oz (7 bars)
- Kinebars® : 1 g – 20 g, 1 oz (6 bars)

The kinebars® bear the stamps of Argor-Heraeus SA, but are issued in packaging under the name of Heraeus for distribution in Germany.

The company also manufactures bars weighing approximately 12.5 kg for fabricators.



Heraeus operates gold refineries in Germany, Hong Kong and the USA, and is a major shareholder of Argor-Heraeus (Switzerland).



Melting old gold scrap.

**OFFICIAL STAMPS**

HERAEUS EDELMETALLE  
HANAU

On cast and minted bars, 1000 g and less, since May 2011.

This stamp replaced a previous "hand-with-roses" version that had been in use from 1958<sup>Est</sup> until 2011.

**Heraeus**  
**HANAU**

On 400 oz bars since 1974.



**GOLD BARS – TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Made	Serial Number System*	System Introduced
400 oz	Cast	995+, 999.9	Rectangular	245 x 82 x 34 230 x 60 (base)	1962	Letter Plus 5 numbers Plus year date	1962*
100 oz	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	n.a.	1989	Letter Plus 5 numbers	n.a.
1000 g	Cast	995, 999.9	Rectangular	116.5 x 51.0 x 9.5	1995	Letter Plus 4 numbers	1995
500 g	Cast	995,999.9	Rectangular	91.0 x 41 x 7.6	1995	Letter Plus 4 numbers	1995
250 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	50.0 x 30.5 x 9.0	1995	Letter Plus 4 numbers	1995
100 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	44.0 x 26.0 x 4.5	2008	2 Letters Plus 4 numbers	2008
100 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	49.65 x 28.45 x 3.85	2001	6 numbers	2011
50 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	49.65 x 28.45 x 1.95	2001	6 numbers	2011
20 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	40.4 x 23.3 x 1.3	2001	6 numbers	2011
10 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	31.5 x 18.5 x 1.05	2001	6 numbers	2011
5 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	23.0 x 14.0 x 0.95	2001	6 numbers	2011
1 g	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	15.0 x 8.7 x 0.5	2001	6 numbers	2011
1 oz	Minted	999.9	Rectangular	40.4 x 23.3 x 1.75	2001	6 numbers	2011
20 g**	Kinebar®	999.9	Rectangular	40.5 x 23.4 x 1.3	1994	-	-
10 g	Kinebar®	999.9	Rectangular	31.6 x 18.6 x 1.05	1994	-	-
5 g	Kinebar®	999.9	Rectangular	23.1 x 14.1 x 0.95	1994	-	-
2 g	Kinebar®	999.9	Rectangular	19.15 x 11.55 x 0.55	1994	-	-
1 g	Kinebar®	999.9	Rectangular	15.1 x 8.8 x 0.5	1994	-	-
1 oz	Kinebar®	999.9	Rectangular	40.5 x 23.4 x 1.75	1994	-	-
1 g	Minted	999.9	Square – For MultiCards	10 x 10 x 0.6	2013	Letter Plus 5 numbers	2013

Source: Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH & Co KG \* Serial numbers for 1000 g, 500 g and 250 g bars have been applied sequentially since 1995. \*\* The 6 kinebars® bear the stamps of Argor-Heraeus SA – first made in 1994.

**HISTORY OF GOLD BAR MANUFACTURE**

Although gold refining dates back to 1856, historical information on bar manufacture is limited, due mainly to the destruction of archives during the Second World War.

In 1958 (est), the company issued 3 cast bars: 1000 g, 500 g and 250 g, together with 4 minted bars: 100 g, 50 g, 20 g and 10 g.

In 1962, although Heraeus had been accredited to the London Gold Market since 1958, 400 oz bars were introduced.

In 1977, 5 g minted bars were launched, followed by 1 g bars (1981).

Over the period 1984-1988, 1 g bars were also issued with a diverse range of decorative designs on their reverse side.

In 1994, the kinebar® range (1 g – 20 g, 1 oz) was introduced.

In 1995, the dimensions of its small cast bars (1000 g, 500 g and 250 g) were changed, as well as two minted bars (20 g and 10 g). In 2001, the dimensions of all its minted bars were changed.



The company modified the dimensions of its 1000 g, 500 g and 250 g cast bars in 1995.



In 2008, 100 g cast bars were issued.

In 2011, the company modified the “hand-with-roses” official stamp and the positioning of some words on bars, 1000 g and less. In addition, a serial numbering system was applied to minted bars, and new packaging was introduced that includes an assay certificate.

In 2013, Heraeus MultiCards, containing 10 x 1 g and 5 x 1 g square minted bars, were introduced.

**TRADE COMMUNICATION**

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The company's international precious metals trading desk in Hanau.



Manufacturing blanks for minted bars.



Heraeus has issued small gold bars since the 1950s. Kilobars can be stamped either “Feingold” or “Fine Gold”.



Minting the blanks into gold bars.



EXAMPLES OF GOLD BARS



1000 g



500 g



100 g



Heraeus gold bars are available to investors in many countries.





100 g



50 g



20 g



10 g



Obverse



Reverse

10 g kinebar®



Heraeus MultiCards, containing square 1 g bars, were introduced in 2013.



1 oz

New packaging, which includes an assay certificate, was introduced in 2011.



**HERAEUS LIMITED – HONG KONG**

**LOCATION**

**Heraeus Limited**, a major gold refiner and bar manufacturer, has its headquarters in Hong Kong, at Fanling in the New Territories.

Gold refining and the manufacture of bars and other precious metal products take place in Fanling.

**OWNERSHIP**

Heraeus Limited is wholly owned by Heraeus Precious Metals GmbH & Co KG whose international headquarters are in Hanau, Germany.

**ACCREDITATION**

- 2006 London Bullion Market Association (LBMA)
- 1989 CME Group - Market Contract: COMEX
- 1999 The Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society, Hong Kong
- 2006 Dubai Multi Commodities Centre (DMCC)

The company also manufactures London Good Delivery silver bars (since 2010) and London Good Delivery platinum bars (since 2008) and palladium bars (since 2011).

**BACKGROUND**

Heraeus Limited traces its origins in Hong Kong to Pacific Platers Ltd (established 1974) and Zenith Refinery Ltd (established 1975), which became subsidiaries of Heraeus Pacific Ltd in 1982, and wholly owned in 1985. Heraeus Pacific Ltd, renamed Heraeus Limited in 1986, had been established in Hong Kong to service the extensive gold jewellery and bar markets in South East Asia.

The original refinery had been established in Kwun Tong by Zenith Refinery Ltd in 1974. In 1994, Heraeus relocated the refinery to Fanling.

Sales offices have been located in Singapore since 1985, and in Manila since 1986. Other important Heraeus group companies are in Shanghai (Heraeus Materials Technology Shanghai Ltd) in Singapore (Heraeus Materials Singapore Pty Ltd) and South Korea (Heraeus Oriental Hi Tech Co Ltd), as well as in Japan (Heraeus KK).

Apart from gold, the company refines silver, platinum, palladium, also providing bars and other products for the platinum, palladium and silver industries.

Number of employees: 152

**GOLD SERVICES**

Heraeus Limited focuses on:

- (1) Gold refining and the recycling of scrap
- (2) Gold products for the jewellery industry
- (3) Gold products for the electronic industry
- (4) Gold products for the decorative industry
- (5) Gold bars

**GOLD REFINING AND RECYCLING OF SCRAP**

The company normally accepts the following gold-bearing materials for refining to specified purities up to 999.9:



Heraeus Limited was established in 1986, although its origins in Hong Kong date back to 1974.



Kilobars are manufactured to a fineness of 995, 999.9 and 999.99 for the international market.



The company's 400 oz bars have been accepted as London Good Delivery since 2006.



- Semi-refined bullion
- Mine doré: predominantly gold
- Mine doré: predominantly silver
- Electrolytic slimes: derived from copper
- Electrolytic slimes: derived from silver
- Precipitated gold slimes
- Old jewellery
- Jewellery manufacturers scrap
- Electronic scrap
- Dental scrap
- Old coins and medals
- Plating solutions

Gold refining methods include wet chemical chlorination (aqua regia), electrolysis and wet chemical parting.

Sources of gold-bearing material is mainly from Asia and Asia-Pacific including Hong Kong, China, Indonesia, Philippines, Singapore, Australia and New Zealand.

Annual gold refining capacity is approximately 200 tonnes.

**GOLD BARS**

A standard range of 5 cast bars: 400 oz, 1000 g, 10 tola, 5 tael (two versions).

**TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions mm	First Made	Serial Number System	System Introduced
400 oz	Cast	995+	Rectangular	255 x 85 x 35 235 x 65 (base)	2006	2 letters Plus 4 numbers Plus year date	2006
1000 g	Cast	995	Rectangular	104 x 51.5 x 10	1986	Letter Plus 5 numbers	1986
1000 g	Cast	999.99	Rectangular	109 x 50 x 10	2005	Letter Plus 5 numbers	2005
1000 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	116 x 51 x 9.2	2012	Letter Plus 6 alphanumeric	2012
10 tola	Cast	999	Rectangular	44.5 x 24.5 x 5.5	1986	-	-
5 tael	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	79.5 x 21.5 x 6.5	1986	-	-
5 tael*	Cast	99	Rectangular	79 x 21 x 6.5	2002	-	-

Source: Heraeus Ltd \* 5 tael bars accredited to The Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society, Hong Kong.

**Serial Numbering Systems**

400 oz: Letters “GA” plus 4 numbers. Sequential alphanumeric since their launch in January 2006.

1000 g: If 999.9 purity: Letter “H” plus 6 alphanumeric. If 995 purity: Letter “B” plus 5 numbers. If 999.99 purity: Letter “C” plus 5 numbers. The numbers are sequential since their launch. Over time, a bar may have the same numbers as an historical bar.



Manufacturing kilobars at the company's large refinery in Fanling.

**OFFICIAL STAMP**



On 400 oz bars issued under the name of Heraeus Limited, since 2006.





**HISTORY OF GOLD BAR MANUFACTURE**

Heraeus Limited launched 3 cast bars in 1986: 1000 g, 10 tola and 5 tael.

In 2002, the company was authorised by The Chinese Gold & Silver Exchange Society to produce 5 tael cast bars that also incorporate approved Exchange Society stamps.

In 2005, 1000 g bars with a millesimal purity of 999.99 were launched. Although this high purity gold is produced in irregular forms and shapes for industrial customers by several accredited refiners, Heraeus Ltd is understood to be the first to issue a standard rectangular bar with precise dimensions at 999.99 purity.

In 2006, London Good Delivery “400 oz” bars were manufactured for the first time.

**TRADE COMMUNICATION**

Enquiries by gold dealers and industrial customers should be directed to the companies in Hong Kong.

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**EXAMPLES OF GOLD BARS**



5 tael



10 tola



Refined gold sponge.



1000 g



**HERAEUS PRECIOUS METALS NORTH AMERICA LLC – USA**

**LOCATION**

Gold refining and the manufacture of bars and other precious metal products take place in Newark (New Jersey).

**OWNERSHIP**

Heraeus Precious Metals North America LLC is owned by Heraeus Holding GmbH & Co. KG, whose international headquarters are in Hanau, Germany.

**ACCREDITATION**

1989 CME Group – Market Contract: COMEX

**BACKGROUND**

Heraeus is a globally active precious metal and technology Group based in Hanau, near Frankfurt, and with deep roots in Germany. The company has been family-owned for more than 160 years. Our business groups cover precious metals, materials and technologies, sensors, biomaterials, medical, dental, and pharmaceutical products, quartz glass, and specialty light sources.

The Heraeus Group has been active in North America since 1903, when it acquired a substantial shareholding in an important precious metals company, Baker & Co. This company was managed by Charles Engelhard, founder of the Engelhard group and brother-in-law of Dr. Wilhelm Heraeus, Head of the Heraeus Group at that time.

The company’s Newark (New Jersey) refinery was opened in 1989.

Apart from the Newark refinery, Heraeus Precious Metals North America LLC operates manufacturing facilities in Conshohocken (Pennsylvania) and a platinum group metal refinery in Santa Fe Springs (California).

Number of employees: 1,850

**GOLD SERVICES**

Heraeus Precious Metals North America focuses on:

- (1) Gold refining and the recycling of scrap
- (2) Gold products for the jewellery industry
- (3) Gold products for the electronics industry
- (4) Gold bars

**GOLD REFINING AND RECYCLING OF SCRAP**

Heraeus Precious Metals North America LLC normally accepts the following gold-bearing materials for refining to specified purities up to 999.9:

- Semi-refined bullion
- Mine doré: predominantly gold
- Mine doré: predominantly silver
- Precipitated gold slimes
- Loaded carbon
- Old jewellery
- Jewellery manufacturers scrap
- Electronic scrap
- Dental scrap
- Old coins and medals



Heraeus Incorporated opened its refinery in Newark in 1989.



The company manufactures kilobars to a fineness of 999.9.



Gold granules for the jewellery industry.



Gold refining method: electrolysis.

**GOLD BARS**

Two cast bars: 1000 g and 100 oz

**GOLD BARS – TECHNICAL DESCRIPTION**

Weight	Type	Fineness	Shape	Dimensions	First Made	Serial Number System	System Introduced
1000 g	Cast	999.9	Rectangular	110 x 48 x 10 mm	1989	Letter Plus 5 numbers	1989
100 oz	Cast	999.5, 999.6, 999.7, 999.8, 999.9	Rectangular	5.7/16" x 2.7/8" x 3/4"	1991	Letter Plus 5 numbers	1989

Source: Heraeus Precious Metals North America LLC

**Serial numbering system**

1000 g: Letter “E” plus 5 numbers. Sequential since their launch in 1989. Over time, a bar may have the same numbers as an historical bar.

1000 g bars were first manufactured by Heraeus Incorporated in 1989. The bars incorporate the international official stamp of the Heraeus group which depicts a hand holding a bouquet of flowers. The serial numbering system has remained the same since 1989.

**TRADE COMMUNICATION**

Enquiries relating to trading of precious metals should be directed to the company’s trading division in New York:

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Website: www.heraeus.com



Heraeus 100 oz bars have been COMEX Good Delivery since 1989.



Heraeus Group minted bars range from 1 g to 100 g.





Gold bonding wire.

The Heraeus Group is a major manufacturer of gold products for the jewellery, electronics and decorative industries worldwide.



In addition to gold bars, the Heraeus Group manufactures London Good Delivery silver, platinum and palladium bars, alongside an extensive range of smaller bars.



**Heraeus**

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