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**SPDR® GOLD TRUST**

**SPONSORED BY WORLD GOLD TRUST SERVICES, LLC**

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**SPDR® Gold Trust Consent Solicitation    Sponsored by World Gold Trust Services, LLC**

**Record Date:** June 9, 2014

**Vote Cut-off Date:** August 29, 2014, adjourned to October 17, 2014

**Additional Materials:**

- Item 1.** Spdrgoldshares.com consent solicitation update notice    US, Singapore and Mexico pages.
- Item 2.** Spdrgoldshares.com consent solicitation update notice    Hong Kong page.
- Item 3.** Spdrgoldshares.com consent solicitation update notice    Japan page.
- Item 4.** Adjournment mailer to US shareholders.
- Item 5.** Adjournment mailer to shareholders in Singapore and notice filed on SGX and in Mexico.
- Item 6.** Adjournment mailer to shareholders and notice filed on HKEX -Hong Kong.
- Item 7.** Adjournment mailer to Japanese shareholders.
- Item 8.** Tdnet adjournment notice filed on the TSE    Japan.

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**Your vote is important.**

**Please click [HERE](#) to view the Consent Solicitation Statement.**

**If you are a shareholder and would like to register your vote online, please click [HERE](#).**

**If you have any questions about this Consent Solicitation, please contact our solicitation agent Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., toll-free at +1 (855) 601 2254. Please note that you will be subject to toll charges if you are calling from outside the US, Canada or Mexico.**

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**World Gold Trust Services, LLC**

**510 Madison Avenue, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor**

**New York, NY 10022**

August 29, 2014

Dear GLD<sup>®</sup> Shareholder:

**I am writing to you about an important matter concerning your investment in GLD.**

Our records indicate that you have not yet voted your shares for two investor proposals put forth in the Consent Solicitation that you have already received.

**YOUR VOTE IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. PLEASE CAST YOUR VOTE AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE.**

You can vote online, by telephone or by signing and returning the enclosed proxy card, which also includes voting instructions. In order to allow you sufficient time to respond, we have extended the voting date to October 17, 2014.

Since we last wrote to you, more than 85 percent of the GLD shareholders who have already voted supported the proposals. This is in line with Institutional Shareholder Services Inc. (ISS) and Glass, Lewis & Co., LLC, two leading, independent proxy advisory firms focused on protecting shareholder interests that recently recommended GLD shareholders to vote **FOR** these proposals.

While more than 93 million votes have already been cast in favor of the two proposals, we need an additional 40 million votes to enact them, which is why every vote counts and why your vote is so important. Your consent will help us better serve your investment.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed proxy card or need assistance in voting, please contact Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., at 1-855-601-2254, who are handling the proxy administration on our behalf.

As Sponsor of the SPDR<sup>®</sup> Gold Trust, we greatly appreciate and value you being a shareholder.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Aram Shishmanian

Chief Executive Officer

World Gold Trust Services, LLC



- \* Please note that although the shareholder voting period has been extended to October 17, 2014, it is subject to the early termination of this Consent Solicitation, including if the consent of Shareholders holding 51% of the Trust's outstanding Shares has been received for the two proposals, or the extension of the voting period at the discretion of the Sponsor.

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World Gold Trust Services, LLC

as Sponsor of GLD

29 August 2014

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**IMPORTANT: This document is important and requires your immediate attention. If you are in doubt or have questions about the contents of this document, you should seek independent professional advice.**

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**SPDR® GOLD TRUST**

**(the Trust )**

*(A collective investment scheme authorised under*

*Section 104 of the Securities and Futures Ordinance (Cap. 571) of Hong Kong<sup>1</sup>)*

**(Stock Code: 2840)**

**NOTICE OF AMENDMENT TO THE TRUST INDENTURE AND**

**PROPOSAL AND SOLICITATION FOR CONSENT**

**TO AMEND THE TRUST INDENTURE OF THE TRUST**

Please note that the voting period has been extended to October 17, 2014. (and may be further extended at the discretion of the Sponsor). The voting period may also be subject to early termination if the consent of Shareholders holding 51% of the Trust's outstanding Shares has been received for the two proposals. Hong Kong shareholders will be given a minimum of three days notice prior to the definitive implementation date for the two proposals. The record date has not been changed and remains as 9 June 2014. Please refer to the consent solicitation statement dated 19 June 2014 for more information.

Terms not otherwise defined in this notice shall have the meanings defined in the trust indenture, as amended, of the Trust.

Dear Shareholder:

**We are writing to you about an important matter concerning your investment in the Trust.**

Our records indicate that some of you have not yet voted your shares for two investor proposals put forth in the Consent Solicitation that you have already received.

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- <sup>1</sup> Securities and Futures Commission's authorization is not a recommendation or endorsement of a scheme nor does it guarantee the commercial merits of a scheme or its performance. It does not mean the scheme is suitable for all investors nor is it an endorsement of its suitability for any particular investor or class of investors.

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**Additional Information**

If you are in doubt or have questions about the contents of this notice, or if you would like additional information, please contact the solicitation agent, Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., at +1-855-601-2254 (which is toll-free if you are calling from the United States, Canada or Mexico; otherwise you will incur a telephone call toll charge) or State Street Global Advisors Asia Limited (as the Hong Kong Representative of the Trust (the **Hong Kong Representative** )) at 68/F Two International Finance Centre, 8 Finance Street, Central, Hong Kong or by calling +852 2103 0100.

The Trust Indenture, the proposed amendments to the Trust Indenture and the U.S. consent solicitation statement will be available for inspection, free of charge, at the office of the Hong Kong Representative. The Sponsor accepts full responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in this notice and confirms, having made all reasonable enquiries, that to the best of its knowledge and belief, there are no other facts the omission of which would make any statement misleading.

As Sponsor of the SPDR® Gold Trust, we greatly appreciate and value you being a shareholder.

Thank you in advance for your timely consideration of this matter.

World Gold Trust Services, LLC

as Sponsor of the Trust

29 August 2014

[Translation]

September 2014

To beneficial owners

World Gold Trust Services, LLC

### URGENT REQUEST

#### Please cooperate by voting for the amendment to the Trust Indenture

Dear Sirs & Mesdames,

By now, you should have received proxy voting instruction materials in the mail regarding an important Consent Solicitation for the SPDR® Gold Trust, for which the voting period has been extended to October 17, 2014 (Friday), subject to early termination of this Consent Solicitation, including if the consent of Shareholders holding 51% of the Trust's outstanding Shares has been received for the two proposals, or the extension of the voting period at the discretion of the Sponsor. We are sorry for troubling you, but we most appreciate it if many of you would cooperate for going to the trouble to vote, no matter the size of your holdings, by the said date.

We would appreciate you immediately filling-in (a circle indicating for, against or abstention) in the proxy voting instructions (post card) enclosed in the proxy voting instruction materials originally sent to you in July, and putting it in a post box **without a postage stamp**. Although the post card states that it is valid until July 18, 2014, that validity has been extended, so **please put the card in a post box to arrive at our office by October 17, 2014 (Friday)**.

We apologize for any inconvenience if you have already sent the proxy voting instructions.

If you have any questions, please contact:

(Share-handling service agent)

Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank, Limited, Stock Transfer Agency Department

8-4, Izumi, 2-Chome

Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan

(Transfer Agency business center)

Post Code: 168-0063

Toll-free Phone Number: 0120-782-031 (Weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.)

[Translation]

**Notification of Extension of the Voting Deadline  
regarding Amendments to the Trust Indenture of a Listed Investment Trust**

Date submitted: August 29, 2014

To All Persons Concerned,

Name of Management Company	World Gold Trust Services, LLC  (Company Code Number: 13264) Name: John Adrian Pound
Name and Title of Representative	Title: Chief Financial Officer Nishimura & Asahi
Address of Attorney-in-Fact	Ark Mori Bldg  12-32, Akasaka 1-chome  Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan Name: Kei Ito
Name of Attorney-in-Fact	Attorney-at-Law Nishimura & Asahi
Contact Information for Inquiries	Name: Tomoko Yanase  Attorney-at-Law  Telephone Number: (03)5562-8500

Pursuant to the Notification of Amendments to the Trust Indenture of a Listed Investment Trust and Record Date Regarding Voting of Beneficial Owners dated May 30, 2014, we gave notice of the voting deadline in the U.S. (July 18, 2014) regarding the consent solicitation (the Consent Solicitation) for amendments to the trust indenture of SPDR® Gold Trust (the Trust) dated November 12, 2004 between us, as Sponsor, and The Bank of New York Mellon, as Trustee, as amended, regarding SPDR® Gold Shares (Code Number: 1326; the Shares) (for which we act as the Sponsor and the Management Company). In addition, We gave notice of extension of the voting deadline in the U.S. to August 29, 2014.

We hereby give notice to extend the voting deadline in the U.S. once again regarding amendments to the trust indenture as below. Accordingly, the voting deadline for the beneficial owners in Japan has also been extended to the same date, subject to early termination of this Consent Solicitation, including if the consent of the shareholders holding 51% of the Trust's outstanding Shares has been received for the two proposals, or the extension of the voting period at the discretion of the Sponsor. We would like all of the beneficial owners in Japan to fill out the proxy voting



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instructions (post card) and post it so that it arrives no later than the extended deadline. Although the post card states that it is valid until July 18, 2014, it can still be posted after that date.

Voting Deadline in U.S. (extended)

October 17, 2014