
PRESS RELEASE

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Inspectorate UK Metals and Minerals Division of Bureau Veritas awarded the

***Investing in Integrity* Charter Mark**



***Investing in Integrity* (IiI)** is proud to announce that the UK Metals and Minerals business of Inspectorate (part of Bureau Veritas Commodities Division) has achieved accreditation under the IiI Charter Mark.

The IiI Charter Mark was founded in 2012 with the intention of providing reassurance that an accredited organisation has regard for ethical matters and that they ‘practice what they preach’. It is available to business units, as well as whole organisations.

Inspectorate carried out a comprehensive on-line self-assessment of their ethical policies, procedures and practices; once this was completed, they underwent an independent assessment, carried out by ***Investing in Integrity*** partner, GoodCorporation. This is a requirement of full accreditation and involved site visits, staff interviews, an employee survey and reviews of documentation.

Philippa Foster Back OBE, Director, Institute of Business Ethics said: “Inspectorate has worked hard to gain ***Investing in Integrity*** accreditation. It is especially challenging as they are part of a larger organisation, but they have demonstrated that they understand how doing business ethically enhances a company’s trustworthiness and reputation. ”

Richard Downs, Vice President Inspectorate (Global Metals and Minerals) said:

“Our business is built on accuracy, efficiency and integrity. We work continually at all these aspects and the entire business unit is fully committed to them. This award is a welcome recognition of the efforts we put in as a business and as individuals. We do not intend to rest on our laurels – we see this as a matter of continuous improvement and have a number of other technical assurance programmes underway.”

Simon Culhane FCSI, Chief Executive, Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment said: “Being able publicly to demonstrate a commitment to acting with integrity has never been

more valuable and we congratulate the UK Metals and Minerals Division of Inspectorate on the award of the IiI Chartermark”

Firms wishing to join the *Investing in Integrity* scheme should go to www.investinginintegrity.org.uk.

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Investing in Integrity (IiI) is a new initiative jointly developed by the Institute of Business Ethics (IBE) and the Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment (CISI). **More information from www.investinginintegrity.org.uk**

A summary of the *Investing in Integrity* accreditation process

Subscribers to the **IiI** process, which is available for whole organisations or business units in any sector, public or private, will have to carry out a comprehensive self-assessment of their ethical policies, procedures and practices. This is undertaken via an online submission, which generates a response showing their actual score, compared with a benchmark including other subscribers. This will be managed by our partner, GoodCorporation, recognised worldwide as one of the leading organisations working in the field of corporate responsibility and business ethics.

Once subscribers have completed the self-assessment, they are invited to request an independent assessment, which will be carried out by GoodCorporation and is a requirement of full accreditation. The assessment will involve site visits, staff interviews, an employee survey and reviews of documentation. The aim of this exercise is to ensure that responses that the subscriber gave to the self-assessment questions are supported in practice. This independent assessment must be undertaken within two years of completion of the self-assessment.

Full accreditation enables successful subscribers to display the *Investing in Integrity* charter mark for a period of five years, subject to an annual self-certification that there has been no material adverse change in the subscriber’s ethical policies, procedures and practices.

Investing in Integrity retains the right to remove or suspend the accreditation where a company’s actions demonstrate a failure to maintain its published standards.

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