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*On issue of the commemorative gold coins
“Snow Leopard” and “Eagle Owl”*

The National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan announces the issue, effective from 12 October 2012, of the commemorative gold coins of “proof” quality - “**Snow Leopard**” of the nominal value of KZT 100 and “**Eagle Owl**” with one diamond insert of the nominal value of KZT 500.

In the central part of the face (obverse) of the “**Snow Leopard**” commemorative gold coin there is the emblem of the Republic of Kazakhstan against the background of ornamental pattern. In the lower part there is a legend “500 TENGE”, which denotes the coin nominal value. On full-circle there is a legend “ҚАЗАҚСТАН ҰЛТТЫҚ БАНКІ” (KAZAKSTAN ULTTYK BANKI - NATIONAL BANK OF KAZAKHSTAN in the Kazakh language). In the left sector there is the trademark of Kazakhstan mint and legend “Au 999”, which denotes the metal of which a coin is made and its fineness, and in the right sector there is a legend “1,24 g”, which denotes its weight. There is protruding edge around the full-circle.

On the back side (reverse) of the coin there is an image of two snow leopards against the background of the stylized rugged mountains. To the right there is an inscribed number “2009” denoting the year of mintage. On full-circle there is a legend “BARYS” (Snow Leopard) in the state language, “UNCIA UNCIA” in the Latin language, which is a zoological name of the animal species, and protruding edge.

Images and legends on the obverse and reverse of the coin are relief.

Lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

The coin is made of gold of 999 fineness; weight is 1.24 g; diameter is 13.92 mm; “proof” quality; maximum mintage is 9.5 thousand pieces.



In the central part of the face (obverse) of the “**Eagle Owl**” commemorative gold coin there is the emblem of the Republic of Kazakhstan and legend below “500 TENGE” denoting the nominal value of the coin. On the full-circle there is a protruding edge and legend “REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN” in the English language; legend “1/4 oz Au 999”, which denotes the metal the coin is made of, its fineness and the number “2011” denoting the year of mintage. The legends and number are separated by dots. A diamond is inserted in one eyehole of an eagle owl. In the left and upper sectors, on the full-circle there is a legend “EAGLE OWL” in the English language, which is a species name. There is a protruding edge on the full-circle.

Images and legends on the obverse and reverse of the coin are relief.

Lateral surface (gurt) is grooved.

The coin is made of gold of 999 fineness; weight is 1/4 oz (7.78 g); diameter is 25 mm, with one insert of a diamond of the diameter of 1.2 mm; “proof” quality; maximum mintage is 5 thousand pieces.



Commemorative gold coins of the nominal values of KZT 100 and 500 are mandatory for acceptance at their face value throughout the Republic of Kazakhstan for all types of payments as well as for credit to the accounts, placement on deposits, for letters of credit and for money transfers; they are changed and exchanged without limitation in all banks of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

Comments of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan

These commemorative coins are made in accordance with the Agreement for Issue and Sale of Coins signed among the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan, the company “MDM MUNZHANDELSGESELLSCHAFT MbH DEUTSCHE MUNZE” and the Republican State Enterprise on the Right of Economic Management “Kazakhstan Mint of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan”.

Under this Agreement:

- “MDM MUNZHANDELSGESELLSCHAFT MbH DEUTSCHE MUNZE” shall buy the respective coins from the National Bank for distribution or sale outside the Republic of Kazakhstan;
- Kazakhstan Mint makes and delivers the coins;
- a part of the coins made (5 thousand of “Snow Leopard” coins and 3 thousand of “Eagle owl” coins) shall be reserved by the National Bank for sale thereof at the collection value in Kazakhstan domestic market.

Snow leopard (Latin *Uncia Uncia*) is extremely beautiful and strong animal resembling a small tiger. Snow leopard differs from other cats by its mottle, relatively short legs and long bushy tail.

Eagle owl (Latin *Bubo bubo*) is a nocturnal from the order of Strigiformes. Eagle owl is one of the large owls worldwide. Depending on the geographical location the size of male owls varies from 50 cm to 65 cm and a wingspan is 160 - 188 cm.

The coins are designed in accordance with the Concept of Design of Banknotes and Coins of the National Currency – Kazakhstani Tenge approved by the Decree No. 1193 of 25 September 2003 of the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

The commemorative coins of “proof” quality are produced in a souvenir package and are attached with a numbered certificate of quality of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan in the state, Russian and English languages.

Coins may be purchased in all branches of the National Bank of the Republic of Kazakhstan. In Almaty coins can be purchased at 98 Panfilov Street. Telephone for reference: (727) 273-83-98.

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