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## **SPDR® Gold Shares Exceeds \$50 Billion in Assets**

**Singapore, June 30, 2010** — State Street Global Advisors, the investment management business of State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) and World Gold Trust Services, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the World Gold Council (WGC), today announced that assets in the SPDR® Gold Trust (Ticker GLD 10US\$) have surpassed US \$50 billion.

“With assets having increased by approximately 32 percent year-to-date (as of Friday, June 25, 2010)<sup>1</sup>, SPDR® Gold Trust has radically transformed the way in which a wide range of investors access the gold market,” said James Ross, senior managing director at State Street Global Advisors. “SPDR® Gold Trust is increasingly being used as part of a long-term diversification investment strategy within investors’ portfolios in a variety of market cycles currently playing out worldwide.”

Jason Toussaint, managing director, Investments, World Gold Trust Services, LLC commented: “Strategic asset allocation will continue to play a central role in investors’ portfolio performance moving forward, and this milestone for SPDR® Gold Trust underscores that investors have embraced gold as a viable core holding over the long-term.”

SPDR® Gold Trust was cross-listed on the Singapore Exchange in 2006 and on the Tokyo Stock Exchange and the Stock Exchange of Hong Kong in 2008.

“The cross listings and success of SPDR® Gold Trust reinforce SSgA’s leadership and commitment to ETFs in this region,” said Sheau-Yien Wang, Managing Director of State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited. “Gold has

traditionally been a popular asset in Asia, and through SPDR® Gold Trust we've been able to give Asian investors access to it in a way that is cost-effective, transparent, and flexible.”

SPDR® Gold Trust was launched in November 2004 by World Gold Trust Services and State Street to satisfy the growing need among investors for an Exchange Traded Fund (ETF) backed by physical gold. Recognizing that gold is a long-term investment which can stabilize wealth by mitigating the risk of falls in other asset classes, investors in SPDR® Gold Trust have made it one of the fastest growing ETFs globally. As of June 25, 2010, assets under management in the trust totaled more than \$53 billion, making it the second largest ETF by assets in the world<sup>2</sup>.

State Street Global Advisors is one of the largest ETF providers globally with assets under management for SPDR ETFs totaling more than \$204 billion as of March 31, 2010.<sup>3</sup>

### **About World Gold Trust Services, LLC.**

World Gold Trust Services, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the World Gold Council. World Gold Council's mission is to stimulate and sustain the demand for gold and to create enduring value for its stakeholders. It is funded by the world's leading gold mining companies. For further information visit [www.gold.org](http://www.gold.org)<sup>4</sup>

### **About State Street Global Advisors**

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<sup>1</sup> SSgA's Intermediary Business Group – Strategy & Research

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<sup>4</sup> These websites are not authorised by the Monetary Authority of Singapore (“MAS”) and they may contain information relating to the investment funds which are not authorised by MAS.

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The prospectus in respect of the Singapore offer of the shares (the “Shares”) in SPDR<sup>®</sup> Gold Trust (the “Trust”) is available and may be obtained upon request from State Street Global Advisors Singapore Limited (“SSgA”) (Co. Reg. No: 200002719D). Investors should read the prospectus of the Trust before deciding whether to purchase Shares. The value of Shares may fall as well as rise. Shares in the Trust are not obligations of, deposits in, or guaranteed by, World Gold Trust Services, LLC, SSgA or any of their affiliates. An investment in Shares is subject to investment risks, including the possible loss of the principal amount invested. Past performance figures of the Trust or of the gold market are not necessarily indicative of the future performance of the Trust.

The Shares are expected to reflect the price of gold, therefore the price of the Shares will be as unpredictable as the price of gold has historically been. You may wish to seek advice from a financial advisor before making a commitment to purchase Shares. In the event that you choose not to seek advice from a financial advisor, you should consider whether the Trust is suitable for you. Investors have no right to request the Sponsor to redeem their Shares while the Shares are listed. It is intended that holders of Shares may only deal in their Shares through trading on the SGX-ST. Listing of the Shares on the SGX-ST does not guarantee a liquid market for their shares.

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