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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 20, 2008**

**SPDR<sup>®</sup> GOLD TRUST**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**001-32356**  
(Commission File Number)

**81-6124035**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**c/o World Gold Trust Services, LLC, 444 Madison Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
New York, New York 10022**  
(Address of principal executive offices; zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(212) 317-3800**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report): **streetTRACKS<sup>®</sup> Gold Trust**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01 Other Events.**

On May 16, 2008, the sole member of World Gold Trust Services, LLC adopted resolutions authorizing and approving the change of the name of the streetTRACKS<sup>®</sup> Gold Trust and the streetTRACKS<sup>®</sup> Gold Shares (symbol: GLD) (the “Shares”) to the SPDR<sup>®</sup> Gold Trust and the SPDR<sup>®</sup> Gold Shares, respectively. The name change became effective on May 20, 2008.

On May 20, 2008, World Gold Trust Services, LLC and State Street jointly issued a press release announcing the name change. The press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this report and incorporated herein by reference.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.****(d) Exhibits:**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press release dated May 20, 2008

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## SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 20, 2008

SPDR<sup>®</sup> GOLD TRUST  
(Registrant)\*

By: World Gold Trust Services, LLC  
as the Sponsor of the Registrant

By: /s/ James Burton  
Name: James Burton  
Title: Managing Director

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\* As the Registrant is a trust, this report is being filed on behalf of the Registrant by World Gold Trust Services, LLC, only in its capacity as the sponsor of the Registrant. The identified person signing this report is signing in their capacity as an authorized officer of World Gold Trust Services, LLC.

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

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**Document** — EX-99.1  
**Description** — Press Release

# STATE STREET GLOBAL ADVISORS PRESS RELEASE

May 20, 2008

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**State Street and World Gold Trust Services  
Announce Name Change of streetTRACKS® Gold Trust to  
SPDR® Gold Trust**

**BOSTON — May 20, 2008** — State Street Global Advisors (State Street), the investment management arm of State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT) and World Gold Trust Services, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the World Gold Council, today announced a change of name for the streetTRACKS® Gold Trust (NYSE: GLD). Effective at the opening on May 21, 2008, the exchange traded security will trade as SPDR® Gold Shares under the re-named SPDR® Gold Trust, the ticker symbol GLD will remain unchanged. A full prospectus will be available at [www.spdrgoldshares.com](http://www.spdrgoldshares.com).

The name change reflects a re-branding initiative launched by State Street in 2007 that consolidated the firm's exchange traded fund offerings under the singular umbrella of SPDR®s to make it easier for investors to identify the firm's ETFs in a rapidly growing market. Less than two years after this initiative was announced, "SPDR ETFs" was named the Most Recognized ETF Brand in the Americas at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Global ETF Awards Dinner in April 2008.

"Given the success of our recent re-branding, State Street is very pleased that GLD is now trading under the SPDR Gold Trust name," said James Ross, senior managing director at State Street Global Advisors. "This name change helps further strengthen State Street's position as a leader in exchange traded products."

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Launched by World Gold Trust Services in November 2004, GLD, the first US commodity based exchange traded security, has emerged as one of the fastest growing exchange traded products. State Street Global Markets, LLC serves as marketing agent for GLD. As of April 30, 2008, assets under management in GLD totaled approximately \$16.4 billion, making it the sixth largest US ETF by assets.

“The brand equity in the SPDR name, which can be traced back to the world’s first ETF, will benefit the SPDR Gold Trust,” says James Burton, managing director of World Gold Trust Services. “As the first US exchange traded product to provide access to the benefits of gold, the SPDR Gold Trust has undoubtedly helped change the way many financial advisors and investors approach portfolio diversification.”

State Street is one of the largest ETF providers in the United States and abroad with more than \$159 billion of ETF assets under management.\* Today, State Street’s family of SPDR Exchange Traded Funds allows investors to choose from more than 66 ETFs globally. For more information on SPDR exchange traded funds, visit [www.spdretfs.com](http://www.spdretfs.com).

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

World Gold Trust Services, LLC is a wholly owned subsidiary of the World Gold Council (WGC) which is a commercially-driven marketing organization that is funded by the world’s leading gold mining companies. A global advocate for gold, the WGC aims to promote the demand for gold in all its forms through marketing activities in major international markets. For further information, visit [www.gold.org](http://www.gold.org).

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

State Street Global Advisors, the investment management arm of State Street Corporation (NYSE: STT), delivers investment strategies and integrated solutions to clients worldwide across every asset class, investment approach and style. With \$2 trillion in assets under management at March 31, 2008, State Street Global Advisors has investment centers in Boston, Hong Kong, London, Montreal, Toronto, Munich, Paris, Singapore, Sydney, Tokyo and Zurich, and offices in 27 cities worldwide. For more information, visit State Street Global Advisors at [www.ssga.com](http://www.ssga.com).

## Note to Editors: SPDR® Exchange Traded Funds

SPDR ETFs are a comprehensive family of exchange-traded funds spanning an array of international and domestic asset classes. SPDR ETFs provide professional investors with the flexibility to select investments that are precisely aligned to their investment strategy. Recognized as the industry pioneer, State Street—in partnership with the American Stock Exchange—created the first ETF in 1993 (SPDR S&P 500® – Ticker SPY). Since then, we’ve sustained our place as an industry innovator through the introduction of many ground-breaking products, including first-to-market successes with gold, international real estate, international fixed income and sector ETFs.

\* As of March 31, 2008

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The value of the SPDR® Gold Shares relates directly to the value of the gold held by the SPDR® Gold Trust (less Trust expenses) and fluctuations in the price of gold could materially adversely affect an investment in the Shares. Investors should be aware that there is no assurance that gold will maintain its long-term value in terms of purchasing power in the future. In the event that the price of gold declines, the SPDR® Gold Trust expects the value of an investment in the Shares to similarly decline.

Shareholders of the SPDR® Gold Trust will not have the protections associated with ownership of shares in an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or the protections afforded by the Commodity Exchange Act of 1936. The SPDR® Gold Trust is not registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 and is not required to register under such act. Neither World GoldTrust Services, LLC nor the Trustee of the SPDR® Gold Trust is subject to regulation by the CFTC. Shareholders will not have the regulatory protections provided to investors in CEA-regulated instruments or commodity pools.

The SPDR® Gold Trust has filed a registration statement (including a prospectus) with the SEC with respect to the SPDR® Gold Shares to which this communication relates. Before you invest in SPDR® Gold Shares, you should read the prospectus in that registration statement and other documents the Issuer has filed with the SEC for more complete information about the Issuer and SPDR® Gold Shares. You may get these documents for free by visiting EDGAR on the SEC website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Alternately, the Issuer or any Authorized Participant in respect of the SPDR® Gold Shares will arrange to send you the prospectus if you request it by calling toll free at 1-866-320-4053 or contacting State Street Global Markets, LLC, One Lincoln Street, Attn: SPDR Gold, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boston, MA 02111.

The prospectus contains material information about the SPDR Gold Trust and its Shares which is material and/or which may be important to you. You should read the entire prospectus, including “Risk Factors” before making an investment decision about the Shares.

**Investors in SPDR® ETFs should consider the investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses of the fund carefully before investing. A prospectus that contains this and other information about the fund may be obtained by calling 1-866-320-4053. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.**

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