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Gold for Colorado Capitol dome back from Italy



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DENVER, CO- MARCH 4: This is 65 Troy ounces of 24 karat gold in the hands of Ron Largent, Executive Vice President of AngloGold Ashanti on March 4, 2013. This gold was donated to the state by AngloGold Ashanti and Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company to be used to re-gild the State Capitol in Denver. A total of 75 Troy ounces of this gold, valued at approximately \$120,000, was mined and refined from the Cripple Creek and Victor. It will be heading to Italy for it's transformation into gold leaf that will eventually cover the State Capitol dome. In Italy, 140,000 sheets of gold leaf will be made from these 75 ounces of pure gold. When it arrives back in Denver, the 24 karat gold leaf will be on rolls of waxlike paper 7 inches wide and 63 yards long. It will be laid carefully on the surface of the dome and then burnished inch by inch with tiny cotton balls. A painstaking process they expect will take over 2 months to complete. The dome has been laid with gold leaf in 1908, 1950, 1980 and 1991.

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DENVER—The gold that will be used to replace the gilding on the state Capitol dome is back in Colorado after being transformed into gold leaf in Italy.

Gov. John Hickenlooper accepted the gold during a ceremony Tuesday morning at the Capitol.

About \$120,000 worth of donated gold was mined from the Teller County Mine in Cripple Creek and shipped to Florence, Italy, in March.

Sixty-five ounces will be used to re-gild the Capitol dome. Ten more ounces will be held in reserve for future touchups.

The gold originally put on the dome over a century ago was also mined in Colorado.

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