



UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

DIVISION OF  
CORPORATION FINANCE

Mail Stop 3233

May 11, 2017

Via E-mail

Axel Merk  
President and Chief Investment Officer  
VanEck Merk Gold Trust  
Merk Investments LLC, Sponsor  
44 Montgomery St, #3730  
San Francisco, California 94104

**Re: VanEck Merk Gold Trust  
Registration Statement on Form S-3  
Filed May 2, 2017  
File No. 333-217600**

Dear Mr. Merk:

This is to advise you that we have not reviewed and will not review your registration statement.

Please refer to Rules 460 and 461 regarding requests for acceleration. We remind you that the company and its management are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of their disclosures, notwithstanding any review, comments, action or absence of action by the staff.

Please contact me at (202)551-3585 with any questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Stacie D. Gorman

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