

# Multimetallic Complexes Based on a Diphosphine-Dithiocarbamate “Janus” Ligand

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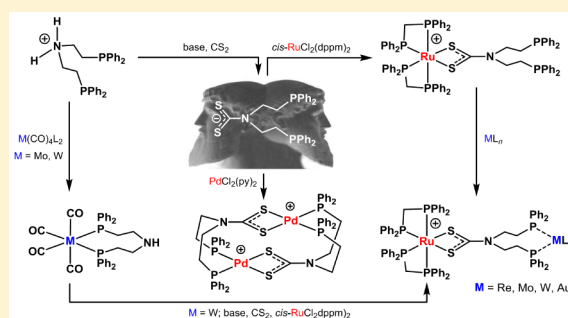
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## Supporting Information

**ABSTRACT:** The HCl salt of the amidodiphosphine ligand  $\text{HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  reacts with  $[\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ; pip = piperidine) to yield  $[\text{M}\{\kappa^2\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_4]$ . The molybdenum analogue readily loses a carbonyl ligand to form  $[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^3\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_3]$ , which was structurally characterized. The same ligand backbone is used to form the new bifunctional ligand,  $\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$ , which reacts with nickel and cobalt precursors to yield  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2]$  and  $[\text{Co}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_3]$ . Addition of  $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$  (tht = tetrahydrothiophene) to  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2]$  leads to formation of the pentametallic complex,  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2\text{-AuCl})_2\}_2]$ . In contrast, addition of  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$  ( $\text{py} = \text{pyridine}$ ) to  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2]$  does not lead to a trimetallic complex but instead yields the transmatalated cyclic compound  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2]$ , which was structurally characterized. The same product is obtained directly from  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$  and  $\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$ . In contrast, the same reaction with  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{N}(\text{CPh})_2)_2]$  yields the oligomer,  $[\text{Pt}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_n]$ . Reaction of  $\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  with  $\text{cis-}[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{dppm})_2]$  provides  $[\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{dppm})_2]^+$ , which reacts with  $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$  to yield  $[\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2\text{-AuCl})_2\}(\text{dppm})_2]^+$ . Addition of  $[\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  ( $\text{M} = \text{Mo}, \text{W}$ ) to the same precursor leads to formation of the bimetallic compounds  $[(\text{dppm})_2\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}\text{M}(\text{CO})_4]^+$ , while treatment with  $[\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_5]$  yields  $[(\text{dppm})_2\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_3]^+$ . Reaction of  $\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  with  $[\text{Os}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-4})\text{Cl}(\text{CO})(\text{BTD})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  (BTD = 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole) provides  $[\text{Os}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-4})\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ , but reaction with the analogous ruthenium precursor fails to yield a clean product.



## INTRODUCTION

Alongside thiolate compounds, dithiocarbamate complexes  $\text{MS}_2\text{CNR}_2$  feature at the forefront of S-ligand transition metal coordination chemistry. In the hundred years since the first report of a transition metal bearing the dithiocarbamate ligand,<sup>1</sup> a vast array of examples have been reported.<sup>2</sup> Although significant advances have been achieved in recent years,<sup>2e,3</sup> this versatility has often remained unexploited in terms of extending the ligand architecture beyond simple nitrogen substituents (ligands with  $\text{R} = \text{Me}, \text{Et}$  are commercially available).

The rationale for the construction of multimetallic assemblies through careful choice of bifunctional linkers was proposed over a decade ago.<sup>4a</sup> The pioneering work of Lang and co-workers,<sup>4b–k</sup> in particular, has demonstrated how bifunctional linkers such as  $\text{bpyC}\equiv\text{CH}$  and  $\text{HC}\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{PPh}_2\text{-4}$  allow the stepwise construction of compounds such as  $[(\text{dppf})\text{CpRu}(\text{C}\equiv\text{CC}_6\text{H}_4\text{PPh}_2\text{-4})\text{Au}\{\text{C}\equiv\text{C-bpyReCl}(\text{CO})_3\}]$ .<sup>4c</sup> Our recent contributions in this area have attempted to tap into this potential through manipulation of the  $\text{NR}_2$  substituents of

dithiocarbamate ligands (e.g., coordination to other metals,<sup>5–7</sup> alkene metathesis<sup>8</sup>) in order to address applications such as d-f hybrids with the potential for medical imaging.<sup>9</sup> For over a decade, renewed interest in dithiocarbamates has also focused on their use as surface units for gold nanoparticles.<sup>10</sup> Linked to this development, a number of reports have probed the potential of this method for placing metal units on the surface of gold nanoparticles.<sup>6,8c,9,11</sup>

Bifunctional linkers bearing dithiocarbamates have been employed in both multimetallic assemblies and metal-functionalized nanoparticles. Examples with additional dithiocarbamate,<sup>5a–d,6,12</sup> bipyridine,<sup>11a</sup> terpyridine,<sup>11b</sup> and porphyrin<sup>11c</sup> units have been demonstrated to allow incorporation of additional metal units beyond the dithiocarbamate unit itself. This can be achieved through generation of the second donor site after attachment of the first metal, as demonstrated by the treatment

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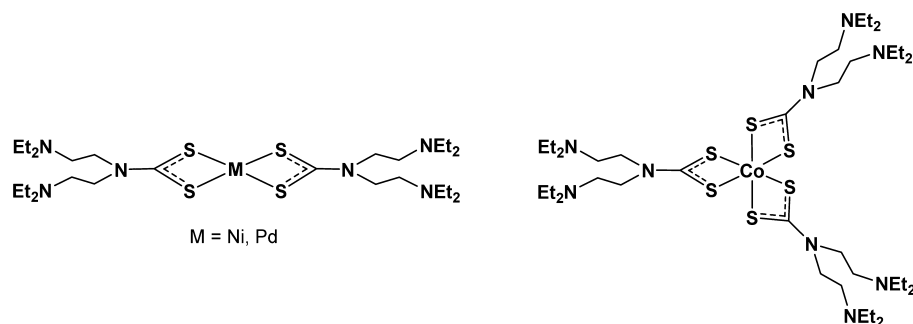


Figure 1. Examples of amine-terminated dithiocarbamate complexes.

of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNC}_4\text{H}_8\text{NH}_2)(\text{dppm})_2]^{2+}$  with base, carbon disulfide, and a metal to provide  $[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNC}_4\text{H}_8\text{NCS}_2\text{ML}_n)(\text{dppm})_2]^{m+}$ .<sup>5a,b,6a</sup> Alternatively, addition of further metals to the system can be achieved through the preference of the new metal (e.g., lanthanide ions) for the harder oxygen and nitrogen donors of a macrocycle.<sup>9</sup>

While bifunctional phosphine-thiol linkers have been used successfully to modify the surface of nanoparticles,<sup>13</sup> to our knowledge, no linker has been reported that bears both dithiocarbamate and diphosphine functionalities. Given the ubiquity of phosphine ligands in applications of transition metals, this linker was considered a promising route to multimetallic complexes with potential for roles in catalysis. Previous work by some of us has exploited bifunctional phosphine units for the preparation of large dendrimer<sup>14a</sup> and nanoparticle<sup>14b</sup> assemblies for application in this area. As described below, while the novel dithiocarbamate-diphosphine ligand described here proved to be a successful linker in a number of cases, unexpected coordination chemistry was also encountered. In discussing this reactivity, it is useful to draw upon the analogous amino-functionalized complexes reported in 2009 (Figure 1)<sup>5f</sup> and amine-phosphine complexes based on the same  $\text{RN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  backbone (vide infra).

## RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

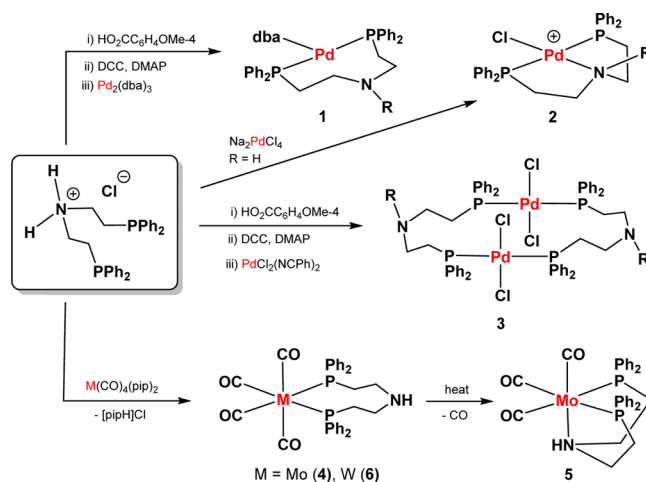
### Preparation of Amino-Diphosphine Compounds.

Chelates combining phosphine and amine (or amide) donors have been used widely in transition metal chemistry and have found particularly frequent application in catalysis.<sup>15</sup> Ligands of the type  $\text{RN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  show a range of coordination modes, which illustrate the flexibility of the ethylene bridges (Scheme 1). Bis[2-(diphenylphosphino)ethyl]amine is readily accessible from commercially available bis(2-chloroethyl)amine and diphenylphosphine in the presence of  $\text{KO}^t\text{Bu}$ . Acid workup is also often employed to furnish the hydrochloride salt,<sup>16</sup> which is a convenient starting point for further functionalization.<sup>17</sup>

With zerovalent palladium precursors such as  $[\text{Pd}_2(\text{dba})_3]$  (dba = dibenzylideneacetone), bidentate diphosphine chelates are observed (1), which are in equilibrium with the tridentate PNP donor combination in coordinating solvents.<sup>17</sup> With Pd(II) precursors, cationic complexes are isolated (2)<sup>18</sup> in which the phosphine ligands have been crystallographically determined to adopt a *trans* arrangement. A different, cyclic coordination mode (3) is observed on reaction of equimolar amounts of the diphosphine ligand and  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{NMe})_2]$ .<sup>17</sup>

In order to explore the coordination possibilities of this framework further and to establish the availability of the

### Scheme 1. Reactivity of the Aminophosphine Backbone Used in This Work<sup>a</sup>



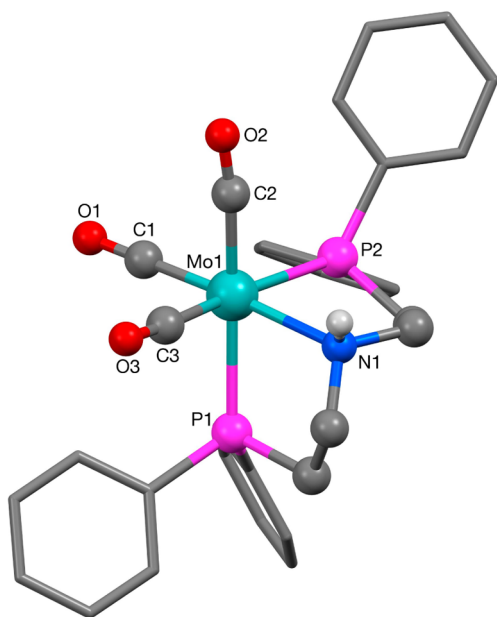
<sup>a</sup>dba = dibenzylideneacetone; pip = piperidine; DCC = dicyclohexylcarbodiimide; DMAP = *N,N*-(dimethylamino)pyridine; R = C(O)-C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>4</sub>OMe-4.

nitrogen unit for further functionalization, molybdenum and tungsten complexes were investigated (Scheme 1).

Treatment of the versatile zerovalent molybdenum precursor  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  (pip = piperidine) with 1 equiv of  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$  (prepared using the literature method<sup>16</sup>) led initially to bidentate coordination through the phosphines. The product was formulated as the tetracarbonyl species  $[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^2\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_4]$  (4) on the basis of the solid state infrared spectrum (absorptions between 1862 and 2013  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ) and a molecular ion in the mass spectrum at  $m/z$  650. In addition to a singlet in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at 19.8 ppm,  $^1\text{H}$  NMR analysis revealed resonances for the ethylene bridges at 1.66 and 2.71 ppm. The resonance at 4.25 ppm (integrating to single proton) was assigned as the amine proton, indicating that the piperidine ligands lost from the starting material had deprotonated the ammonium moiety.

Although some spectroscopic data could be obtained, isolating 4 proved to be challenging as spontaneous loss of a carbonyl ligand was found to occur even under mild conditions, leading to coordination of the nitrogen donor to give the tricarbonyl product  $[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^3\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_3]$  (5). The features displayed in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum did not change substantially; however, a simplification of the absorptions in the infrared spectrum was observed and a new resonance was noted in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at 39.2 ppm. This complex has been reported previously by Ellermann

and co-workers, whose data are in good agreement with those obtained in this work.<sup>19</sup> In order to provide structural data and to investigate the flexibility of the phosphine arms of the chelate, single crystals of **5** were successfully grown and a structural study was undertaken (Figure 2).



**Figure 2.** Molecular structure of  $[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^3\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_3]$  (**5**). Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg): Mo(1)–C(1) = 1.9491(15), Mo(1)–C(3) = 1.9497(15), Mo(1)–C(2) = 1.9772(15), Mo(1)–N(1) = 2.3340(12), Mo(1)–P(2) = 2.5292(4), Mo(1)–P(1) = 2.5400(4), O(1)–C(1) = 1.1635(19), O(2)–C(2) = 1.1580(19), O(3)–C(3) = 1.1680(18), C(1)–Mo(1)–N(1) = 174.97(5), N(1)–Mo(1)–P(1) = 77.22(3), N(1)–Mo(1)–P(2) = 78.31(3), C(1)–Mo(1)–P(2) = 100.19(5).

The complex adopts a distorted octahedral structure with *cis*-interligand angles in the range 77.22(3)–100.19(5)°. The N–P–N ligand is chelated in a *facial* manner through five-membered metallacycles, in which some degree of strain is evident, with the smallest angles between *cis* donors being the N–Mo–P angles. The facial coordination in this complex was inferred previously from spectroscopic data, in contrast to the chromium analogue which is thought to adopt a *mer*-arrangement.<sup>19</sup> Ellermann and co-workers also proposed interactions between the carbonyl ligands and the *ortho*-protons of the phenyl rings (in line with their previous work<sup>20</sup>). In the structure of **5**, the PNP ligand adopts a low symmetry arrangement such that the closest C–O approach to an *ortho*-phenyl proton attached to the P2 phosphorus is around 2.80 Å, whereas the closest interaction involving the protons of the aryl substituents attached to P1 is approximately 3.00 Å. In both cases the C–H...O hydrogen bonding interactions deviate substantially from the usual 180° angle, displaying angles of

123° and 106° for the interactions involving the substituents on the P2 and P1 atoms, respectively. More substantial interactions are observed between the N–H hydrogen and oxygen atoms in neighboring molecules. These are linked through the N–H hydrogen and the O3 carbonyl oxygen atom in a  $C_i$  related molecule (and vice versa) forming a dimer pair [the N...O distance is 3.085 Å and the H...O distance is 2.29 Å with the N–H angle of 148° and the bond distance set at 0.9 Å]. These interactions are illustrated in Figure S2 in the Supporting Information.

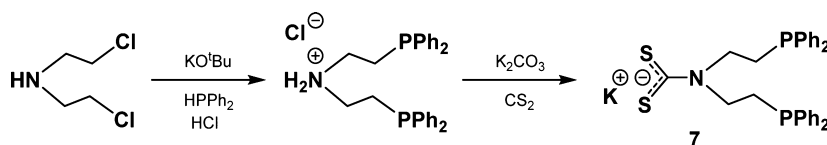
The tungsten analogue  $[\text{W}\{\kappa^2\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_4]$  (**6**) was also prepared by the same route from  $[\text{W}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$ . Similar spectroscopic data were observed for this compound as for **4**, apart from the presence of tungsten satellites ( $J_{\text{PW}} = 234.0$  Hz) in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum for the resonance at 2.9 ppm. The formulation was further supported by good agreement of elemental analysis with calculated values and a molecular ion in the mass spectrum at  $m/z$  738. The tungsten analogue of **5**,  $[\text{W}\{\kappa^3\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_3]$ , is known, although is prepared by a different route.<sup>19</sup> However, in contrast to the reaction shown by **4**, compound **6** showed no tendency to form this tricarbonyl product, allowing the reactivity of the pendant amine to be explored as an alternative route to multimetallic complexes.

Taken together, the structural diversity of these compounds established the reactivity of the phosphine donors and that of the bridgehead nitrogen in the  $\text{HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  ligand. The effect of transforming the nitrogen into a dithiocarbamate to provide a sulfur-phosphine donor combination in place of the PNP arrangement was then investigated.

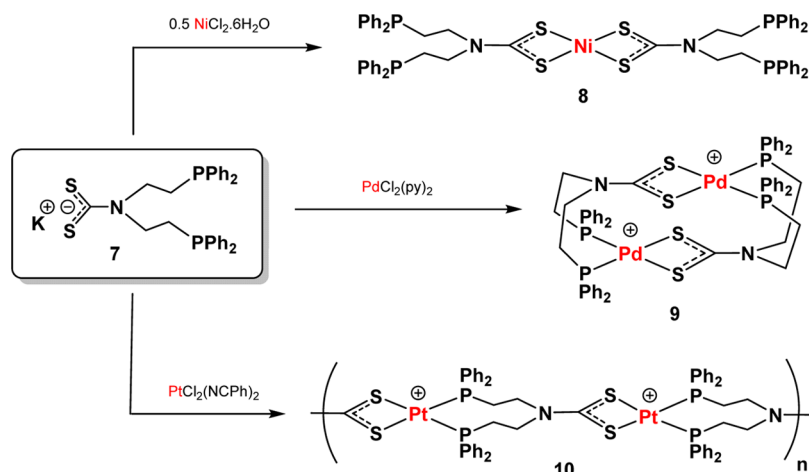
**Synthesis of Homonuclear Dithiocarbamate Complexes.** Various bases (KOH,  $\text{NET}_3$ , DBU) were explored for the deprotonation of the hydrochloride salt,  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$  in the presence of carbon disulfide; however, potassium carbonate in dry acetonitrile was found to be most effective. Using this approach,  $\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  (**7**) was isolated in 91% yield. A new singlet was observed in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at –20.1 ppm, while the ethylene protons appeared as multiplets at 2.48 and 4.11 ppm in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum. The presence of the  $\text{CS}_2$  unit was confirmed by a resonance at a typically downfield chemical shift<sup>2d</sup> of 211.5 ppm in the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum. In the electrospray mass spectrum, a  $[\text{M} + \text{H}_2\text{O}]^-$  ion was observed at  $m/z$  532. Good agreement of determined elemental analysis values with calculated values further supported the formulation of **7** shown in Scheme 2.

Nickel bis(dithiocarbamate) complexes occupy a reliable and well-established chapter in the library of dithiocarbamate complexes.<sup>2</sup> However, most known  $[\text{Ni}(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)_2]$  compounds possess  $\text{NR}_2$  units with unreactive substituents. In the project described here, it was not immediately obvious whether the reaction would be limited to the sulfur donors of **7**. Treatment of  $\text{NiCl}_2 \cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  with 2 equiv of **7** in methanol led to formation of a green product in good yield.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR analysis revealed a resonance at –20.4 ppm (cf., –20.1 ppm for

**Scheme 2.** Preparation of the Diphosphine Bis(dithiocarbamate) Ligand **7**



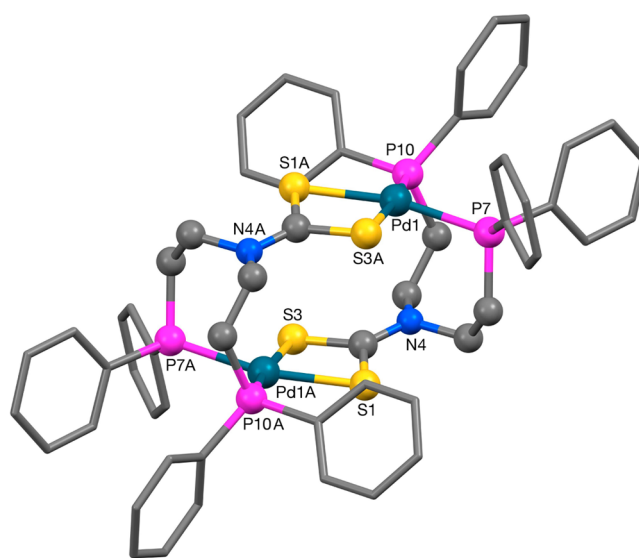
Scheme 3. Reaction of Bifunctional 7 with Chloride Compounds of Group 10



7), indicating that no reaction had taken place at the phosphines. A shift was observed in the ethylene resonances of 2.34 and 3.56 ppm in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum relative to the precursor. A displacement of the chemical shift of the  $\text{CS}_2$  resonance to 206.9 ppm was noted in the  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum. On the basis of these data as well as mass spectrometry and elemental analysis results, the product was formulated as  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2]$  (**8**), as shown in Scheme 3. These data agree well with the values recorded for the corresponding amine-terminated literature complex  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NEt}_2)_2\}_2]$ .<sup>5f</sup>

After the successful reaction of **7** with nickel(II) chloride, it was expected that the same reaction pathway would be followed on treatment of **7** with  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$ , as has been observed in the formation of the amino-derivative  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{NEt}_2)_2\}_2]$ .<sup>5f</sup> The reaction of **7** and  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$  in a 2:1 ratio yielded a yellow product in modest yield. The most informative technique was again  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectroscopy, which revealed a change of more than 28 ppm in the chemical shift values of the phosphorus nuclei to 8.2 ppm. The resonances for the  $\text{CH}_2$  bridges were found to be split into four separate resonances of equal intensity in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum between 3.13 and 4.93 ppm. Mass spectrometry and elemental analysis data were found to be consistent for a 1:1 metal/ligand complex rather than a ratio of 1:2. Slow evaporation of a solution of the complex in methanol yielded single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction. The structure was determined to reveal a cyclic formulation,  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2(\text{Cl})_2]$  (**9**), as shown in Figure 3.

The structural study revealed a square planar arrangement for this bimetallic dication (**9**) in which the two palladium centers are incorporated in a 14-membered ring. The sum of the bond angles around the palladium centers is  $359.2^\circ$ , indicating a relatively low level of distortion from an ideal square planar geometry. The *cis*-interligand angles are  $74.99(3)$ – $97.21(4)^\circ$  with the smallest angle being the  $\text{S}(1\text{A})\text{--Pd}(1)\text{--S}(3\text{A})$  angle and the largest that between the two phosphines. This angle and the bond lengths  $\text{Pd}(1)\text{--S}(1\text{A})$  [ $2.3371(10)$  Å] and  $\text{Pd}(1)\text{--S}(3\text{A})$  [ $2.3438(10)$  Å] are similar to comparable palladium dithiocarbamate compounds, such as  $[(\text{dppm})_2\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CNC}_4\text{H}_8\text{NCS}_2)\text{Pd}(\text{PPh}_3)_2](\text{BF}_4)_2$ .<sup>6a</sup> The  $\text{C}(2)\text{--N}(4)$  bond distance of  $1.327(5)$  Å is clearly multiple in nature, falling between typical distances for  $\text{C--N}$  and  $\text{C=N}$  lengths of 1.47 and 1.29 Å, respectively.<sup>21</sup> The synthesis of **9** was optimized

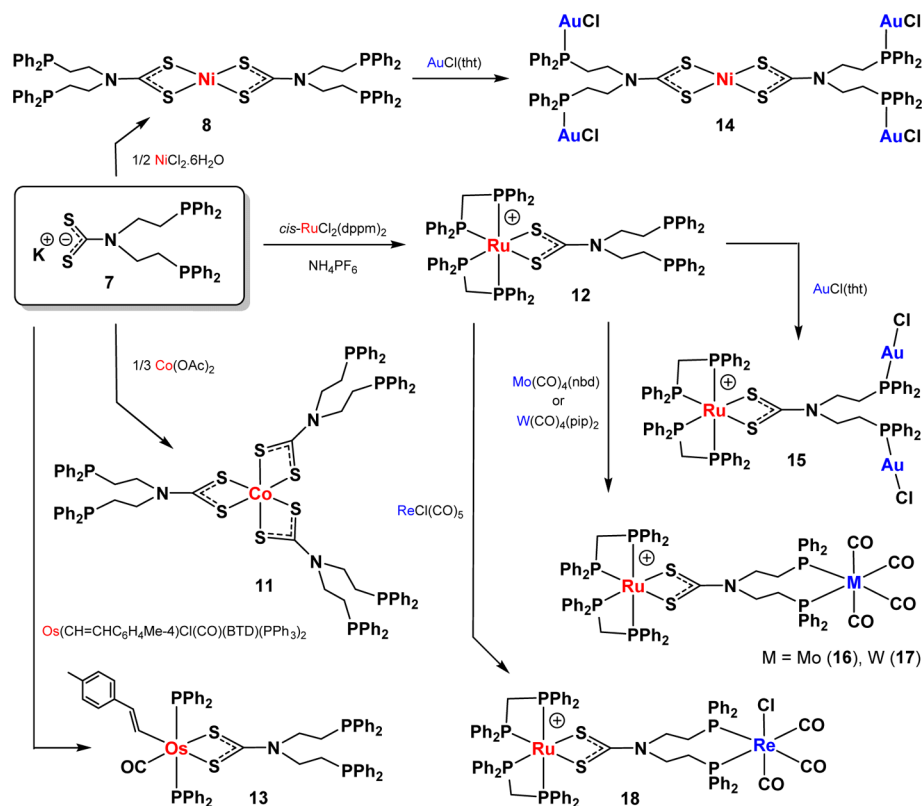


**Figure 3.** Molecular structure of the dication in  $[\text{Pd}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_2(\text{Cl})_2]$  (**9**) with the counteranions omitted for clarity. Selected bond lengths (Å) and angles (deg):  $\text{Pd}(1)\text{--P}(10) = 2.2702(10)$ ,  $\text{Pd}(1)\text{--P}(7) = 2.2978(11)$ ,  $\text{Pd}(1)\text{--S}(1\text{A}) = 2.3371(10)$ ,  $\text{Pd}(1)\text{--S}(3\text{A}) = 2.3438(10)$ ,  $\text{S}(1)\text{--C}(2) = 1.714(4)$ ,  $\text{S}(1)\text{--Pd}(1\text{A}) = 2.3372(10)$ ,  $\text{C}(2)\text{--N}(4) = 1.327(5)$ ,  $\text{C}(2)\text{--S}(3) = 1.725(4)$ ,  $\text{S}(3)\text{--Pd}(1\text{A}) = 2.3438(10)$ ,  $\text{P}(10)\text{--Pd}(1)\text{--P}(7) = 97.21(4)$ ,  $\text{P}(10)\text{--Pd}(1)\text{--S}(1\text{A}) = 95.97(4)$ ,  $\text{P}(7)\text{--Pd}(1)\text{--S}(3\text{A}) = 91.02(4)$ ,  $\text{S}(1\text{A})\text{--Pd}(1)\text{--S}(3\text{A}) = 74.99(3)$ ,  $\text{S}(1)\text{--C}(2)\text{--S}(3) = 111.9(2)$ .

from  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$  using only 1 equiv of ligand **7**. The same product was also obtained in attempts to add “ $\text{PdCl}_2$ ” units to **8** through reaction with  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$ .

This fascinating departure from the reactivity shown with nickel(II) chloride led to the same reaction being investigated with the platinum(II) chloride precursor  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{NCPh})_2]$ . This reaction resulted in the formation of a yellow precipitate, which proved insoluble in all common laboratory solvents at room temperature. However, after many attempts, NMR analysis did finally prove possible in deuterated dimethyl sulfoxide at  $80^\circ\text{C}$ . This revealed broad resonances in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum at 3.42 and 4.52 ppm for the ethylene units and a multiplet at 7.70 ppm for the aromatic protons. This was supported by infrared spectroscopy, which confirmed the presence of the  $[\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]^-$  ligand, while elemental analysis suggested



Scheme 4. Reaction To Form Mono-, Di-, Tri-, and Pentametallic Compounds<sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup>tht = tetrahydrothiophene, pip = piperidine, nbd = norbornadiene.

the ratio of 1:1 for the metal/ligand relationship. On the basis of these data and its insoluble nature, the product was formulated as a cationic oligomer  $[\text{Pt}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_n]^+$  (10). Repeated attempts to grow crystals suitable for a structural determination through layering separate solvents with the metal precursor and the ligand proved unsuccessful and only provided a fine powder.

In order to explore further geometries beyond 4-coordinate square planar arrangements, the reaction between cobalt(II) acetate and 3 equiv of 7 was investigated. Despite the use of a cobalt(II) precursor, oxidation to the trivalent product is universally observed in dithiocarbamate complexes of the type  $[\text{Co}(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)_3]$ .<sup>2d</sup> Coordination solely through the sulfur donors of the ligand was confirmed by  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectroscopy, while the ethylene bridges appeared as broad multiplets in the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum between 1.9 and 4.1 ppm. The formulation of the product was confirmed as  $[\text{Co}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}_3]$  (11) on the basis of an  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$  ion at  $m/z$  1630 in the mass spectrum (ES, positive mode) and good agreement of elemental analysis between determined and calculated values (Scheme 4).

Once the reactivity of the bifunctional linker 7 had been investigated in the preparation of homoleptic examples, the pendant phosphine groups were explored as a starting point for the generation of multimetallic compounds. Of the group 10 homoleptic compounds reported here, only 8 was found to exhibit pendant phosphines.

In order to expand precursor options, the complex  $[\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{dppm})_2]\text{PF}_6$  (12) was prepared from the versatile starting material  $\text{cis-RuCl}_2(\text{dppm})_2$ . The retention of the coordinated dppm ligands was confirmed by

resonances in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at  $-18.6$  and  $-5.7$  ppm showing mutual coupling of 34.4 Hz, while the presence of the pendant phosphines was indicated by a singlet at  $-21.3$  ppm.

The chelation of the dppm ligands in 12 afforded protection against further reaction of the pendant phosphine units with the metal center. However, the need for this precaution was probed using the triphenylphosphine vinyl complex  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-4})\text{Cl}(\text{CO})(\text{BTD})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  (BTD = 2,1,3-benzothiadiazole), which has been shown to readily react with dithiocarbamates<sup>5c,6a,8a,b</sup> and be susceptible to the loss of phosphines.<sup>22</sup> Reaction of 7 with the ruthenium vinyl precursor, when followed by NMR spectroscopy, led to relatively rapid substitution (within an hour in solution) of a  $\text{PPh}_3$  ligand and a mixture of products, possibly oligomeric in nature. However, the osmium analogue  $[\text{Os}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-4})\text{Cl}(\text{CO})(\text{BTD})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$ <sup>23</sup> possesses stronger M–P bonds and was considered likely to be more resistant to phosphine loss. The reaction between this compound and 7 led to the formation of  $[\text{Os}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me-4})\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  (13), which was isolated rapidly before further reaction could occur (Scheme 4). A new singlet resonance was observed in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum at 7.8 ppm alongside the resonances of the pendant phosphine units at  $-20.4$  and  $-21.3$  ppm. These environments were rendered inequivalent by the lower symmetry of the complex compared to 12. Retention of the vinyl ligand was indicated by typical features, such as multiplets for the  $\text{H}\alpha$  (dt) and  $\text{H}\beta$  (d) protons at 8.37 and 5.51 ppm, respectively. Mass spectrometry and elemental analysis data confirmed the overall composition of the compound.

**Synthesis of Heteronuclear Complexes.** Treatment of **8** with 4 equiv of  $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$  (tht = tetrahydrothiophene) led to displacement of the thiacycle to form the yellow-green pentametallic compound,  $[\text{Ni}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2\text{AuCl})_2\}_2]$  (**14**) in good yield (Scheme 4). A dramatic shift of the singlet resonance in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum by over 40 ppm from the precursor value to 23.9 ppm indicated that metalation of the phosphorus donors had been achieved. Relatively little change was observed in the  $^1\text{H}$  nuclear magnetic resonances of the ethylene bridges. A reasonably abundant ion corresponding to loss of one chloride ( $[\text{M-Cl}]^+$ ) was found at  $m/z$  1983 in the electrospray mass spectrum (positive mode).

Addition of  $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$  to **12** also yielded the aurated product  $[\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2\text{AuCl})_2\}(\text{dppm})_2]\text{PF}_6$  (**15**), which was characterized on the basis of multinuclear NMR and infrared spectroscopy as well as analytical data. Compound **12** was used as a starting point for the addition of metals from groups 6 and 7 of the Periodic Table. Treatment of **12** with  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  or  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{nbd})]$  (nbd = norbornadiene) under nitrogen provided  $[(\text{dppm})_2\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4]\text{PF}_6$  (**16**) in good yield. A significant shift in the resonance for the pendant phosphines in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR to 31.2 ppm was observed, and new activity was observed in the solid state infrared spectrum in the typical region for terminal carbonyl absorptions (1874–2018  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ ). In the electrospray mass spectrum (positive mode), a molecular ion was seen at  $m/z$  1594 confirming the overall composition of the compound. The tungsten analogue  $[(\text{dppm})_2\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}\text{W}(\text{CO})_4]\text{PF}_6$  (**17**) was prepared in the same way, though requiring longer stirring (17 h) to achieve full reaction (Scheme 4). This yellow complex was found to show similar spectroscopic features to the molybdenum compound apart from the presence of tungsten satellites ( $J_{\text{WP}} = 244.0$  Hz) associated with the singlet resonance at 17.5 ppm in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectrum.

Due to the difficulty in isolating  $[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^2\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_4]$  (**4**) before spontaneous coordination of the nitrogen donor to the metal, the reactivity of the nitrogen donor toward carbon disulfide could not be investigated. However, the tungsten analogue (**6**) does not undergo the bidentate to tridentate transformation, even after many hours in solution. Accordingly, an alternative route to **17** was attempted through sequential treatment of **6** with  $\text{K}_2\text{CO}_3$ ,  $\text{CS}_2$ , and  $\text{cis-}[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{dppm})_2]$ . Although this did yield **17** in modest yield, additional products were also obtained. This is possibly due to the dithiocarbamate generated then coordinating to unreacted **6**. Zerovalent dithiocarbamate examples  $[\text{W}(\text{S}_2\text{CNR}_2)(\text{CO})_4]^-$  are known.<sup>24</sup>

Stirring **12** with  $[\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_5]$  under nitrogen led to the formation of  $[(\text{dppm})_2\text{Ru}\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}\text{ReCl}(\text{CO})_3]\text{PF}_6$  (**18**) in 84% yield to provide a heterobimetallic example combining metals from groups 7 and 8 of the transition series. The presence of the rhenium unit was indicated by the presence of new absorptions in the solid state infrared spectrum between 2036 and 1960  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ , while a new singlet was observed at 31.7 ppm in the  $^{31}\text{P}$  NMR spectrum.

## CONCLUSIONS

The new bifunctional diphosphine-dithiocarbamate “Janus” ligand,  $\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  (**7**), has been prepared in good yield in only two steps from commercially available bis(2-chloroethyl)amine. Ligand **7** reacts preferentially through the sulfur donors to yield nickel, ruthenium, cobalt, and osmium

complexes with pendant phosphines, which were then used to synthesize bi-, tri-, and pentametallic complexes incorporating the metals Mo, W, Re, Ru, Ni, Pd, Pt and Au. This reactivity was well controlled in heteroleptic assemblies, allowing multimetallic complexes to be constructed in a stepwise manner. However, for homoleptic arrangements, monomeric (**8**), cyclic (**9**), or oligomeric (**10**) examples were observed. This reactivity shows the potential for **7** in the stepwise construction of multimetallic assemblies but also illustrates the pitfalls that exist when using such bifunctional linkers.

## EXPERIMENTAL SECTION

**General Comments.** Unless otherwise stated, all experiments were carried out in air. The complexes obtained appear stable toward the atmosphere, whether in solution or in the solid state. Reagents and solvents were used as received from commercial sources. Petroleum ether is the fraction boiling in the 40–60 °C range. The following compounds were prepared as described elsewhere:  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$ ,<sup>16</sup>  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$ ,<sup>25</sup>  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{N}(\text{CPh})_2)_2]$ ,<sup>26</sup>  $\text{cis-}[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{dppm})_2]$ ,<sup>27</sup>  $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$ ,<sup>28</sup>  $[\text{M}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  (M = Mo, W),<sup>29</sup> and  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{nbd})]$ .<sup>30</sup> Electrospray (ES) and Fast Atom Bombardment (FAB) mass data were obtained using Micromass LCT Premier and Autospec Q instruments, respectively. 3-Nitrobenzylalcohol (nba) was used as a matrix in some measurements. Infrared data were obtained using a PerkinElmer Spectrum 100 FT-IR spectrometer. Selected data are included and characteristic triphenylphosphine-associated infrared features are not reported. NMR spectroscopy was performed at 25 °C using Varian Mercury 300 and Bruker AV400 spectrometers in  $\text{CDCl}_3$ , unless stated otherwise. All coupling constants are in Hertz. Resonances in the  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  NMR spectra due to the hexafluorophosphate counteranion were observed where the formulation indicates but are not included below. Elemental analysis data were obtained from London Metropolitan University. Solvates were determined by integration of the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum in each case. The procedures given provide materials of sufficient purity for synthetic and spectroscopic purposes.

$[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^2\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_4]$  (**4**).  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  (15 mg, 0.040 mmol) and bis[2-(diphenylphosphino)ethyl]amine hydrochloride (19 mg, 0.040 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (10 mL) and methanol (5 mL) and stirred for 10 min. The solvent was removed and diethyl ether (10 mL) was added. Ultrasonic trituration yielded a yellow-brown product, which was washed with cold methanol (2 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) before being dried. Yield: 16 mg (62%). IR (solid state): 2950, 2803, 2734, 2013  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1906  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1887  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1862  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1821, 1790, 1592, 1459, 1433, 1307, 1028, 827, 739, 692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  1.66 (m, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ), 2.71 (m, 4H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 4.25 (s(br), 1H, NH), 7.19–7.58 (m, 20H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  19.8 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES negative)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 650 (11)  $[\text{M}]^+$ . Analysis: Could not be obtained due to the spontaneous loss of carbon monoxide from the complex.

$[\text{Mo}\{\kappa^3\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_3]$  (**5**).  $[\text{Mo}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  (25 mg, 0.066 mmol) and  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$  (32 mg, 0.067 mmol) were dissolved in degassed dichloromethane (10 mL) and stirred at reflux under nitrogen for 3 h. Methanol (10 mL) was added and the solvent volume was reduced until precipitation of a yellow solid was complete. This was washed with methanol (10 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) and dried. Yield: 33 mg (81%). IR (solid state): 3290, 3240, 1911  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1816  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1793  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 638  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  2.32, 2.44 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ), 2.91, 3.12 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 4.15 (s(br), 1H, NH), 6.91, 7.13, 7.39, 7.77 (m  $\times$  4, 20H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  39.2 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 622 (20)  $[\text{M}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{31}\text{H}_{29}\text{MoNO}_3\text{P}_2$ : C, 59.9; H, 4.7; N, 2.3%. Found: C, 60.2; H, 4.8; N, 2.1%.

$[\text{W}\{\kappa^2\text{-HN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})_4]$  (**6**).  $[\text{W}(\text{CO})_4(\text{pip})_2]$  (60.0 mg, 0.129 mmol) and  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$  (62.0 mg, 0.130) were dissolved in degassed dichloromethane (20 mL) and stirred at reflux under nitrogen for 21 h. The resulting solution was filtered through Celite and then methanol (20 mL) was added. The solvent volume

was reduced to approximately 5 mL, and the solution was stored at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  until precipitation of a pale yellow solid was complete. This was washed with cold methanol (5 mL) and diethyl ether (10 mL) and dried. Yield: 70 mg (74%). IR (solid state): 3059, 2959, 2817, 2008  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1899  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1874  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1850  $\nu(\text{CO})$ , 1433, 1280, 1090, 913, 799, 740, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  2.48 (m, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ), 2.72 (m, 4H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 3.77 (s(br), 1H, NH), 7.36–7.54 (m, 20H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ).  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  2.9 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ,  $J_{\text{PW}} = 234.0\text{ Hz}$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 738 (100)  $[\text{M}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{32}\text{H}_{29}\text{NO}_4\text{P}_2\text{W}\cdot\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$ : C, 48.2; H, 3.8; N, 1.7%. Found: C, 48.3; H, 4.1; N, 1.9%.

$\text{KS}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2$  (**7**). A mixture of  $[\text{H}_2\text{N}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2]\text{Cl}$  (1.00 g, 2.10 mmol) and potassium carbonate (2.31 g, 16.72 mmol) in dry, degassed acetonitrile (25 mL) was treated with carbon disulfide (0.127 mL, 2.11 mmol). The resultant mixture was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The pale yellow solution was filtered, and all solvent was removed under reduced pressure. The crude solid was dissolved in the minimum amount of dichloromethane and filtered through Celite. All solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield the product as a yellow foamy solid which was dried under a vacuum overnight. Yield: 1.06 g (91%). IR (solid state): 1478, 1432, 997, 731, 692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  2.48 (m, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ), 4.11 (m, 4H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.27, 7.43 (m  $\times$  2, 20H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ) ppm.  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  211.5 ( $\text{CS}_2$ ), 138.1 (d, *ipso*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 12.0\text{ Hz}$ ), 132.8 (d, *o*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 18.6\text{ Hz}$ ), 128.6 (s, *p*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ), 128.5 (d, *m*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 6.7\text{ Hz}$ ), 51.0 (d,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 25.4\text{ Hz}$ ), 25.7 (d,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 14.0\text{ Hz}$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  -20.1 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 532 (100)  $[\text{M} + \text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{KNP}_2\text{S}_2$ : C, 62.7; H, 5.1; N, 2.5%. Found: C, 63.0; H, 5.2; N, 2.4%.

$[\text{Ni}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2)_2]$  (**8**). A solution of  $\text{NiCl}_2\cdot 6\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (21.2 mg, 0.089 mmol) in degassed methanol (2 mL) was added to a solution of **7** (100 mg, 0.180 mmol) in degassed methanol (4 mL), and the was reaction stirred at room temperature for 2 h leading to the formation of a green precipitate. All solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the solid was dissolved in the minimum amount of dichloromethane and filtered through Celite. The solution was concentrated to approximately 2 mL and methanol (10 mL) was added. The flask was kept at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  overnight, and the resulting green product was filtered, washed with methanol (10 mL) and hexane ( $2 \times 5\text{ mL}$ ) and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 70 mg (72%). IR (solid state): 3048, 2913, 1480, 1432, 998, 737, 694  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  2.34 (m, 8H,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ), 3.56 (m, 8H,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ), 7.24–7.50 (m, 40H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ).  $^{13}\text{C}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  206.9 ( $\text{CS}_2$ ), 136.8 (d, *ipso*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 10.6\text{ Hz}$ ), 132.6 (d, *o*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 17.5\text{ Hz}$ ), 129.4 (s, *p*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ), 128.7 (s(br), *m*- $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ), 47.0 (d,  $\text{PCH}_2$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 20.4\text{ Hz}$ ), 25.9 (d,  $\text{NCH}_2$ ,  $J_{\text{CP}} = 14.8\text{ Hz}$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  -20.4 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 1321 (21)  $[\text{M} + 2\text{K} + \text{nba}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{56}\text{N}_2\text{NiP}_4\text{S}_4$ : C, 63.8; H, 5.2; N, 2.6%. Found: C, 63.6; H, 5.3; N, 2.5%.

$[\text{Pd}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2)_2(\text{Cl})_2]$  (**9**).  $[\text{PdCl}_2(\text{py})_2]$  (70.0 mg, 0.209 mmol) was added to a solution of **7** (116 mg, 0.209 mmol) in dry, degassed dichloromethane (15 mL). The yellow mixture was stirred at reflux under  $\text{N}_2$  for 2 h. The resulting yellow precipitate was filtered, dissolved in methanol, and filtered through Celite. All solvent was then removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting yellow solid was washed with dichloromethane (10 mL), water (10 mL), and acetone (10 mL) before drying under a vacuum. Yield: 195 mg (71%). IR (solid state): 1496, 1483, 1432, 1132, 1125, 890  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (methanol- $d_4$ ):  $\delta$  3.13, 3.53 (m  $\times$  2, 8H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.27, 4.93 (m  $\times$  2, 8H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 7.57–7.16 (m, 40H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  (methanol- $d_4$ ):  $\delta$  8.2 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 1245 (5)  $[\text{M}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{58}\text{H}_{56}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_2\text{P}_4\text{Pd}_2\text{S}_4$ : C, 52.9; H, 4.3; N, 2.1%. Found: C, 52.8; H, 4.0; N, 2.2%.

$\{[\text{Pt}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2)\text{Cl}]_n\}$  (**10**).  $[\text{PtCl}_2(\text{NCPH}_2)_2]$  (25 mg, 0.053 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (3 mL) was added to a solution of **7** (29 mg, 0.052 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (3 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 1 h. The yellow precipitate formed was filtered, washed with dichloromethane (10 mL), water (10 mL), and acetone (10 mL), and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 32 mg (81%). IR

(solid state): 1506, 1498, 1434, 1390, 1323, 1187, 1098, 1028, 998, 930, 810, 740, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ , 353 K):  $\delta$  3.42, 4.52 (m(br)  $\times$  2, 8H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.70 (m, 20H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  (DMSO- $d_6$ , 353 K):  $\delta$  15.1 (s(br),  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 1541 (6)  $[2\text{M} + 3\text{K}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{29}\text{H}_{28}\text{ClNP}_2\text{PtS}_2$ : C, 46.6; H, 3.8; N, 1.9%. Found: C, 46.3; H, 3.5; N, 2.0%.

$[\text{Co}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2)_3]$  (**11**). A solution of ligand **7** (100 mg, 0.180 mmol) and  $[\text{Co}(\text{OAc})_2]\cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (15 mg, 0.060 mmol) in degassed methanol (3 mL) was stirred at room temperature for 2 h. All solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting residue was dissolved in a minimum volume of dichloromethane and filtered through Celite. The solution was concentrated to approximately 2 mL and pentane (10 mL) added to precipitate the dark brown product, which was dried under a vacuum. Yield: 66 mg (68%). IR (solid state): 1478, 1431, 999, 735, 692  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$ :  $\delta$  1.9–4.1 (m(br), 24H,  $\text{CH}_2$ ), 7.06–7.84 (m, 60 H,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$ :  $\delta$  -20.4 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %): 1630 (20)  $[\text{M} + \text{Na}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{87}\text{H}_{84}\text{CoN}_3\text{P}_6\text{S}_6$ : C, 65.0; H, 5.3; N, 2.6%. Found: C, 65.3; H, 5.2; N, 2.7%.

$[\text{Ru}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2)(\text{dppm})_2]\text{PF}_6$  (**12**). A yellow solution of ligand **7** (50 mg, 0.090 mmol) and *cis*- $[\text{RuCl}_2(\text{dppm})_2]$  (83.4 mg, 0.089 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (20 mL) was treated with a solution of ammonium hexafluorophosphate (29.0 mg, 0.178 mmol) in degassed methanol (10 mL). The solution was heated at reflux for 10 min followed by stirring at room temperature for 4 h. All solvent was removed under reduced pressure to yield the yellow crude product, which was dissolved in a minimum volume of dichloromethane and filtered through Celite to remove KCl. All solvent was again removed before ultrasonic trituration in diethyl ether (25 mL). The yellow product was washed with diethyl ether (10 mL), then filtered, and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 85 mg (62%). IR (solid state): 1748, 1484, 1435, 1370, 1292, 1188, 1098, 1000, 836 ( $\nu_{\text{PF}}$ ), 695  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$  ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\delta$  1.97, 2.16 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.31, 3.78 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 4.58, 4.90 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{P}$ ), 6.47 (m, 4H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ -dppm), 6.93–7.08, 7.18–7.65,  $-\times$  1.6,  $-\times$  5.7 ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\delta$  -21.3 (s,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ),  $-\times$  18.6,  $-\times$  5.7 (pseudotriplet  $\times$  2, dppm,  $J_{\text{PP}} = 34.4\text{ Hz}$ ) ppm. MS (MALDI positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %) 1422 (100)  $[\text{M} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{79}\text{H}_{72}\text{F}_6\text{NP}_7\text{RuS}_2$ : C, 62.0; H, 4.7; N, 0.9%. Found: C, 61.8; H, 4.6; N, 1.0%.

$[\text{Os}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me}-4)\{\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)_2\}(\text{CO})(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  (**13**). Ligand **7** (25 mg, 0.045 mmol) and  $[\text{Os}(\text{CH}=\text{CHC}_6\text{H}_4\text{Me}-4)\text{Cl}(\text{CO})\text{-(BTD)}(\text{PPh}_3)_2]$  (45 mg, 0.044 mmol) were dissolved in dichloromethane (5 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 1 min. The solution was filtered through Celite, and then all solvent was removed. Petroleum ether (10 mL) was added, and a cream solid was obtained by trituration in an ultrasound bath. The product was filtered and washed with petroleum ether (10 mL) and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 28 mg (46%). IR (solid state): 1901 ( $\nu_{\text{CO}}$ ), 1573, 1547, 1507, 1481, 1433, 1348, 1278, 1186, 1158, 1116, 1091, 999, 848, 740  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$  ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\delta$  1.70, 1.91 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 2.21 (s, 3H, Me), 2.71, 3.12 (m  $\times$  2, 4H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 5.51 (d, 1H, H $\beta$ ,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 17.1\text{ Hz}$ ), 6.47, 6.83 (AB, 4H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_4$ ,  $J_{\text{AB}} = 8.0\text{ Hz}$ ), 6.92–7.53 (m, 50H,  $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5$ ), 8.37 (dt, 1H, H $\alpha$ ,  $J_{\text{HH}} = 17.1\text{ Hz}$ ,  $J_{\text{HP}} = 2.2\text{ Hz}$ ) ppm.  $^{31}\text{P}\{^1\text{H}\}$  ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\delta$  -21.3, -20.4 (s  $\times$  2,  $\text{PPh}_2$ ), 7.8 (s,  $\text{OsPPh}_3$ ) ppm. MS (ES positive)  $m/z$  (abundance %) 1412 (3)  $[\text{M} + 2\text{H}_2\text{O}]^+$ . Analysis: Calculated for  $\text{C}_{75}\text{H}_{67}\text{NOOsP}_4\text{S}_2$ : C, 65.4; H, 4.9; N, 1.0%. Found: C, 65.6; H, 5.0; N, 1.0%.

$[\text{Ni}(\text{S}_2\text{CN}(\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{PPh}_2)\text{AuCl})_2]$  (**14**). A solution of  $[\text{AuCl}(\text{tht})]$  (200 mg, 0.624 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (5 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of **8** (150 mg, 0.137 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (5 mL), and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. Under reduced pressure, the solvent volume was concentrated to approximately 2 mL and diethyl ether (10 mL) added leading to the precipitation of a yellow solid. The solid was left to settle at  $-20\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  overnight, then filtered, and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 200 mg (72%). IR (solid state): 1751, 1482, 1436, 1410, 1353, 1285, 1177, 1104, 998, 742, 690  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ . NMR  $^1\text{H}$  ( $\text{CD}_2\text{Cl}_2$ ):  $\delta$  3.03 (m, 8H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 3.93 (m, 8H,  $\text{PCH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{N}$ ), 7.50, 7.69 (m  $\times$  2, 40



H, PPh<sub>2</sub>) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 23.9 (s, PPh<sub>2</sub>) ppm. MS (LSIMS positive) *m/z* (abundance %) 1983 (30) [M - Cl]<sup>+</sup>. Analysis: Calculated for C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>56</sub>Au<sub>4</sub>Cl<sub>4</sub>N<sub>2</sub>NiP<sub>4</sub>S<sub>4</sub>: C, 34.5; H, 2.8; N, 1.4%. Found: C, 34.9; H, 3.0; N, 1.5%.

[Ru{S<sub>2</sub>CN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>AuCl)<sub>2</sub>}(dppm)<sub>2</sub>PF<sub>6</sub> (15). A solution of [AuCl(tht)] (42 mg, 0.131 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (3 mL) was added dropwise to a solution of 12 (100.0 mg, 0.065 mmol) in degassed dichloromethane (3 mL), and the resulting solution was stirred at room temperature for 1 h. All solvent was removed under reduced pressure, and the resulting precipitate dissolved in the minimum amount of dichloromethane and filtered through Celite. The solution was concentrated to approximately 2 mL, and diethyl ether (5 mL) was added causing a yellow solid to precipitate. The product was filtered and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 100 mg (77%). The product was recrystallized by layering a dichloromethane solution of the complex with diethyl ether. IR (solid state): 1737, 1484, 1436, 1365, 1189, 1102, 999, 836 (ν<sub>PF</sub>), 739, 691 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR <sup>1</sup>H (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 2.31, 2.49 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.33, 3.71 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.42, 4.82 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>P), 6.38 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-dppm), 6.82–7.71 (m, 56H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ -17.4, -6.0 (pseudotriplet × 2, dppm, J<sub>PP</sub> = 34.4 Hz), 25.4 (s, AuPPh<sub>2</sub>) ppm. MS (MALDI positive) *m/z* (abundance %) 1853 (28) [M]<sup>+</sup>. Analysis: Calculated for C<sub>79</sub>H<sub>72</sub>Au<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NP<sub>7</sub>RuS<sub>2</sub>·4CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 42.7; H, 3.5; N, 0.6%. Found: C, 42.7; H, 3.4; N, 0.9%.

[(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Ru{S<sub>2</sub>CN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>}PF<sub>6</sub> (16). Compound 12 (80 mg, 0.052 mmol) and [Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(nb<sub>4</sub>)] (18 mg, 0.060 mmol) were dissolved in degassed dichloromethane (15 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 2 h under nitrogen. The solution was filtered through Celite, and all solvent was then removed. Petroleum ether (20 mL) was added, and an orange solid was obtained by trituration in an ultrasound bath. The product was filtered and washed with petroleum ether (10 mL) and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 63 mg (70%). Similar yields are obtained using [Mo(CO)<sub>4</sub>(pip)<sub>2</sub>] as the starting material in the same procedure. IR (solid state): 2018 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1918 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1874 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1605, 1483, 1434, 1317, 1293, 1259, 1243, 1189, 1174, 1163, 1098, 1085, 1063, 1029, 997, 911, 827 (ν<sub>PF</sub>), 812 cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR <sup>1</sup>H (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 2.41 (m, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.51, 3.81 (m × 2, 2H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.46, 4.92 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>P), 4.94 (m, 2H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 6.49 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-dppm), 6.85–7.71 (m, 56H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ -17.9, -5.4 (pseudotriplet × 2, dppm, J<sub>PP</sub> = 34.3 Hz), 31.2 (s, MoPPh<sub>2</sub>) ppm. MS (ES positive) *m/z* (abundance %) 1594 (62) [M]<sup>+</sup>. Analysis: Calculated for C<sub>83</sub>H<sub>72</sub>F<sub>6</sub>MoNO<sub>4</sub>P<sub>7</sub>RuS<sub>2</sub>: C, 57.3; H, 4.2; N, 0.8%. Found: C, 57.1; H, 4.3; N, 0.8%.

[(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Ru{S<sub>2</sub>CN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>W(CO)<sub>4</sub>}PF<sub>6</sub> (17). Compound 12 (35 mg, 0.023 mmol) and [W(CO)<sub>4</sub>(pip)<sub>2</sub>] (13.4 mg, 0.029 mmol) were dissolved in degassed dichloromethane (8 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 17 h under nitrogen. The solution was filtered through Celite, and all solvent was then removed. Petroleum ether (20 mL) was added, and a yellow solid was obtained by trituration in an ultrasound bath. The product was filtered and washed with petroleum ether (10 mL) and dried under vacuum. Yield: 29 mg (69%). IR (solid state): 2008 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1867 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1829 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1358, 1309, 1289, 1261, 1186, 1094, 1026, 1000, 833 (ν<sub>PF</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR <sup>1</sup>H (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ 2.64, 2.53 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.51 (m, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.49, 4.87 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>P), 6.49 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-dppm), 6.89–7.74 (m, 56H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H} (CD<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>): δ -18.2, -5.2 (pseudotriplet × 2, dppm, J<sub>PP</sub> = 33.9 Hz), 17.5 (s, WPPPh<sub>2</sub>, J<sub>PW</sub> = 244.0 Hz) ppm. MS (ES positive) *m/z* (abundance %) 1682 (31) [M]<sup>+</sup>. Analysis: Calculated for C<sub>83</sub>H<sub>72</sub>F<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>4</sub>P<sub>7</sub>RuS<sub>2</sub>W·CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>: C, 52.8; H, 3.9; N, 0.7%. Found: C, 53.0; H, 3.5; N, 0.8%.

[(dppm)<sub>2</sub>Ru{S<sub>2</sub>CN(CH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>PPh<sub>2</sub>)<sub>2</sub>ReCl(CO)<sub>3</sub>}PF<sub>6</sub> (18). Compound 12 (40 mg, 0.026 mmol) and [ReCl(CO)<sub>3</sub>] (9.5 mg, 0.026 mmol) were dissolved in degassed dichloromethane (10 mL) and stirred at room temperature for 15 h under nitrogen. The solution was filtered through Celite, and all solvent was then removed. Petroleum ether (20 mL) was added, and a yellow solid was obtained by trituration in an ultrasound bath. The product was filtered and washed with petroleum ether (10 mL) and dried under a vacuum. Yield: 40 mg (84%). IR (solid state): 2036 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1990 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1960 (ν<sub>CO</sub>), 1719, 1483, 1434, 1356, 1285, 1184, 1096, 832 (ν<sub>PF</sub>) cm<sup>-1</sup>. NMR <sup>1</sup>H: δ 2.38 (m, 4H,

PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 3.59, 4.09 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>CH<sub>2</sub>N), 4.64, 5.03 (m × 2, 4H, PCH<sub>2</sub>P), 6.53 (m, 4H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>-dppm), 6.82–7.96 (m, 56H, C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>) ppm. <sup>31</sup>P{<sup>1</sup>H}: δ -18.1, -5.5 (pseudotriplet × 2, dppm, J<sub>PP</sub> = 33.4 Hz), 31.7 (s, RePPh<sub>2</sub>) ppm. MS (ES positive) *m/z* (abundance %) 1692 (8) [M]<sup>+</sup>. Analysis: Calculated for C<sub>82</sub>H<sub>72</sub>ClF<sub>6</sub>NO<sub>3</sub>P<sub>7</sub>ReRuS<sub>2</sub>: C, 53.6; H, 4.0; N, 0.8%. Found: C, 53.4; H, 3.9; N, 0.8%.

**Crystallography.** Crystals of 5 were grown by slow diffusion of hexane into a solution of the complex in dichloromethane. Data were taken from this sample on a Bruker SMART APEX CCD diffractometer using graphite-monochromated Mo-Kα radiation (λ = 0.71073 Å) at 150 ± 2 K. Data reduction and integration was carried out with SAINT+ and absorption corrections applied using the program SADABS. The structures were solved by direct methods and developed using alternating cycles of least-squares refinement and difference-Fourier synthesis. All non-hydrogen atoms were refined anisotropically. Hydrogen atoms were placed in calculated positions and their thermal parameters linked to those of the atoms to which they were attached (riding model). Structure solution and refinement used the SHELXTL PLUS V6.10 program package.<sup>30</sup>

Crystals of compound 9 were grown by slow evaporation of a solution of the complex in methanol. Data were collected using an Oxford Diffraction Xcalibur 3 diffractometer, and the structures were refined based on F<sup>2</sup> using the SHELXTL and SHELX-97 program systems.<sup>31</sup>

**Crystal data for 5.** C<sub>31</sub>H<sub>29</sub>MoNO<sub>3</sub>P<sub>2</sub>, M = 621.43, triclinic, P $\bar{1}$  (No. 2), a = 9.1979(5), b = 9.4053(5), c = 16.4401(9) Å, α = 99.193(1), β = 91.308(1), γ = 100.745(1)°, V = 1377.3(1) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2, D<sub>c</sub> = 1.498 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo-Kα) = 0.626 mm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 150 K, yellow blocks, Bruker Smart Apex diffractometer; 6328 independent measured reflections (R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0124), F<sup>2</sup> refinement, R<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0212, wR<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.0541, 6134 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [I(F<sub>o</sub>) > 4σ(I(F<sub>o</sub>))], 2θ<sub>max</sub> = 57°, 347 parameters. CCDC 1017334.

**Crystal data for 9.** [C<sub>58</sub>H<sub>56</sub>N<sub>2</sub>P<sub>4</sub>Pd<sub>2</sub>S<sub>4</sub>](Cl)<sub>2</sub>·2H<sub>2</sub>O·1.5MeOH, M = 1400.96, monoclinic, P<sub>2</sub>/n (No. 14), a = 11.4321(3), b = 17.1025(5), c = 15.3940(5) Å, β = 100.016(3)°, V = 2963.93(16) Å<sup>3</sup>, Z = 2 [C<sub>i</sub> symmetry], D<sub>c</sub> = 1.570 g cm<sup>-3</sup>, μ(Mo-Kα) = 0.993 mm<sup>-1</sup>, T = 173 K, yellow blocks, Agilent Xcalibur 3E diffractometer; 6482 independent measured reflections (R<sub>int</sub> = 0.0604), F<sup>2</sup> refinement, R<sub>1</sub>(obs) = 0.0501, wR<sub>2</sub>(all) = 0.1077, 4736 independent observed absorption-corrected reflections [I(F<sub>o</sub>) > 4σ(I(F<sub>o</sub>))], 2θ<sub>max</sub> = 57°, 334 parameters. CCDC 1017335.

## ■ ASSOCIATED CONTENT

### 📄 Supporting Information

Crystallographic data and anisotropic displacement ellipsoid plots for the structures of 5 and 9. This material is available free of charge via the Internet at <http://pubs.acs.org>.

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