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RJC RE-CERTIFIES ALLGEMEINE GOLD – UND SILBERSCHEIDEANSTALT AG

LONDON - RJC announced today that Allgemeine Gold – und Silberscheideanstalt AG (Agosi) has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing, refining and laboratory facilities in Austria, Germany, The Netherlands, Thailand and Canada. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Agosi has been certified against the 2013 COP. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. We are thrilled to see Members achieving Re-Certifications against the standard and warmly congratulate Agosi," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

The successful verification assessment was done by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent thirdparty auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are very pleased that Agosi's successful RJC Re-Certification has once again highlighted a key ambition of our business - to combine commercial success with social responsibility and a commitment to environmental protection. As one of the major European refiners for precious metals, Agosi has always put special emphasis on offering attractive and secure working facilities for its employees. We are proud that the RJC Certification once again honours our efforts in this field and are grateful for the opportunity to support the ethical guidelines set out by the RJC," says Dietmar Becker, CEO Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG (Agosi).

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About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 600 Member companies that span the jewellery supply chain from mine to retail. RJC Members commit to and are independently audited against the RJC Code of Practices – an international standard on responsible business practices for diamonds, gold and platinum group metals. The Code of Practices addresses human rights, labour rights, environmental impact, mining practices, product disclosure and many more important topics in the jewellery supply chain. RJC also works with multi-stakeholder initiatives on responsible sourcing and supply chain due diligence. The RJC's Chain-of-Custody Certification for precious metals supports these initiatives and can be used as a tool to deliver broader Member and stakeholder benefit.

The RJC is a <u>Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance</u> – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit <u>www.responsiblejewellery.com</u>

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About Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG (Agosi)

Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt (Agosi) is part of the Umicore Group, Brussels, which focuses on application areas where its expertise in materials science, chemistry and metallurgy makes a real difference. Umicore's overriding goal of sustainable value creation is based on an ambition to develop, produce and recycle materials in a way that fulfils its mission: materials for a better life. Its social commitment and innovative environmental approach have made Umicore one of "World's Most Ethical Companies" (Etisphere 2012). For more details: www.umicore.com

With its affiliated companies in Austria, The Netherlands, Switzerland, Thailand and the Americas, Agosi is the core organization of the Umicore business unit Jewellery and Industrial Metals serving the precious metals industries as a closed loop provider of precious metals services, products and refining. Its Pforzheim, Vienna and Bangkok locations have the RJC CoC-status and offer CoC-conform, responsibly produced fine metals. For more details: <u>www.agosi.de</u>

RJC Certification Information – Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG (Agosi)

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