

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **RJC CERTIFIES SAAMP**

LONDON - RJC announced today that SAAMP, the French gold refiner, has achieved Certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC.

"RJC warmly congratulates SAAMP on its Certification," says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was conducted by Marguerite Whitwham from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"SAAMP is proud to have achieved the RJC Certification. This accomplishment confirms our company's commitment to responsible and ethical business practices. The acquisition of this International Certification marks the confirmation of SAAMP historic commitment in the business of precious metals and allows it to become the first RJC certified French refiner and semi-finished producer," says Jean-Luc Escard, CEO, SAAMP (Société d'Affinage et Apprêts de Métaux Précieux).

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## **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 500 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>

### **About SAAMP**

# French leader refining

SAAMP has been specialized in precious metals refinement for over 70 years. And thanks to our expertise, our ability and experience, we are the leader in this fields, in France. Giving its refining is matter of trust that is why SAAMP offers you services to meet your demands. SAAMP recovers all types and forms of precious metals (gold, silver, platinum, and palladium).

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#### Alloys, semi-finished products, Solder, gold bar.

SAAMP develops alloys of high metallurgical qualities and manufactures semi-finished products for all types of customers including some of the most prestigious jewelers. The characteristics of our products precisely meet our clients' needs. To meet our customers' demand our priorities are the quality, responsiveness and service. The production is entirely local, it is based in Limonest.

#### Analysis & Control: Trade tester, OCA, Hallmarking, Analysis.

Our laboratory will analyze your samples and will notify you the results in a short time notice. Our laboratory has the OCA approval (accredited control authority) and works in compliance with the standards of calibration and testing laboratories. This approval provides a guarantee on the technical and organizational skills of our laboratory.

### Trading and metal management

SAAMP brings its experience in the management of precious metals to meet your expectations and in order to give you confidence. With over 50 experienced staff members, our company assures you of a rapid, transparent and secure service. For more information about SAAMP visit <a href="https://www.saamp.com">www.saamp.com</a>

**RJC Certification Information –SAAMP** 

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