



## NEWS RELEASE

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### ITALIAN REFINER, PROGOLD SPA, ACHIEVES DUAL RJC CERTIFICATION

LONDON - RJC announced today that Progold SpA has achieved Certification against RJC's two standards, the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) and the Chain-of-Custody (CoC) at its refiner facility in Trissino, Italy.

"It is a pleasure to announce Progold SpA has achieved dual RJC Certification. The provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain while CoC Certification provides a mechanism for Members to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains. We are delighted to see Members achieving Certification against both the standards and warmly congratulate Progold SpA," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Simone Olmo from Bureau Veritas Italia, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Product excellence is closely linked to the need to make ethical, social and environmental choices. The entire business activity of Progold SpA is based on this premise, thus taking account of human rights, the traceability of materials and compliance with all aspects of legislation. This attitude is not just a sales strategy for Progold SpA, another "augmented product" device to present to customers and the market, but rather a credo involving the very identity of the company. This is why we are proud that once again we have gained imperative RJC Certification in accordance with both its Code of Practices and Chain-of-Custody standards, an achievement that gives value to what we produce, how we produce it but, above all, what we are," says Damiano Zito, CEO at Progold SpA.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit standards and certification organisation. It has more than 700 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 [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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**About Progold SpA**

Progold SpA is founded on a willingness to share its passion for metallurgy with the market and to search for new and innovative solutions. The result is a company which, over twenty years, has built up a credible image and is well regarded for the production of alloys and master alloys for gold and jewellery. Progold SpA is a specialist company with a high level of expertise and with an internal Research and Development laboratory that can ensure technologically advanced production processes and excellent product quality. Attention to quality means in-depth analysis and monitoring of the metals that are checked and inspected before each shipment. In 2015, Progold SpA's aptitude for innovation led to the creation of Progol3D™, the first direct 3D printing service for precious metals. A challenge that is an important stimulus for the company and for the entire market.

For further information visit <http://www.progold.com/>

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