



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **ALLGEMEINE GOLD-UND SILBERSCHNEIDANSTALT AG CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL**

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Allgemeine Gold-und Silberschneideanstalt AG, the German precious metals refiner, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC warmly congratulates Allgemeine Gold-und Silberschneideanstalt AG on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing (STRRS), one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification System," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Sustainability, integrity and respect of the law are indispensable essentials of Allgemeine's business strategy and practice worldwide in all sites and regions. The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) Code of Practice represents a complete view on all relevant business processes from HR to Finance and from Sales & Supply to Operations. In its clear ethical approach it perfectly adds to our internal Umicore group Code of Conduct. We therefore feel honored and proud of achieving the highly regarded RJC certificate. It officially confirms the fair and transparent business practice and culture of Allgemeine and its sites in Pforzheim/GER, Amsterdam/NL, Vienna/A, Bangkok/TH, Foshan/CN and Toronto/CDN," says Dietmar Becker, CEO, Allgemeine Gold-und Silberschneideanstalt AG.

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#### **About RJC**

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 350 member companies committed to promoting responsible ethical, human rights, social and environmental practices in a transparent and accountable manner throughout the jewellery industry from mine to retail. Their commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery products. The Council has developed the RJC Member Certification System, a certification system, which will apply to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum group metals jewellery supply chain. All Commercial Members of the RJC are required to be audited by accredited, third-party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices and become certified under the RJC Member Certification System. A full list of its Members can be found on the web at [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

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## **About Allgemeine Gold-und Silberscheideanstalt AG**

Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG, Pforzheim/Germany, is well-established as a reliable and customer focussed supplier of complete precious metals cycle offerings including precious metals refining, trade services and customized products. It continually develops its market position as one of the leading precious metal refineries and suppliers in Europe and - close to its key customers - also expands in other relevant regions of the world. With its expertise, Allgemeine services to various precious metal applying industries including the lifestyle and jewellery business.

Passing successfully the RJC certification process and various other certifications is a good example for Allgemeine's Continuous Improvement Process that keeps the entire business set up in a state of constant optimization.

More information: [http://www.allgemeine-gold.de/download\\_en.html](http://www.allgemeine-gold.de/download_en.html)

## **[RJC Certification Information – Allgemeine Gold-und Silberscheideanstalt AG](#)**

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