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# UMICORE PRECIOUS METALS (THAILAND) LTD. ACHIEVES RJC CHAIN OF CUSTODY CERTIFICATION

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) today announced that Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd., a subsidiary of Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG has achieved certification against the RJC Chain of Custody (CoC) Standard.

"RJC is delighted to congratulate Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd. on achieving the fifth CoC Certification granted by RJC. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains. Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd's CoC Certification results from a successful verification assessment conducted by UL, an international auditing company accredited by RJC," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"The CoC certification within the framework of the RJC is a milestone in our efforts in social and environmental responsibility. Thailand is a centre of the global jewellery production and many international brands have their production sites located here. We are proud to provide assurance to our customers with this 3<sup>rd</sup> party audit complying fully with the Dodd Frank Act," says Andreas Tiefenbacher, Head of Asia Jewellery & Industrial Metals, Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd.

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#### About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 440 member companies. RJC and its Members are 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. This commitment aims to reinforce consumer and stakeholder confidence in diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery products. The RJC has developed the RJC Member Certification system which applies to all Members' businesses that contribute to the diamond, gold and platinum metals jewellery supply chain. All Certified Members of the RJC are audited by accredited, third party auditors to verify their conformance with the RJC's Code of Practices. A voluntary Chain-of-Custody Standard has also been developed for gold and platinum group metals. 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 Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd.

Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd., a wholly owned subsidiary of Allgemeine Gold- und Silberscheideanstalt AG und Asia hub of Umicore' s global Business Unit Jewellery & Industrial Metals, is well-established as a reliable and customer

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RJC Certification Information – Umicore Precious Metals (Thailand) Ltd.

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