

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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# **RJC CERTIFIES BETTS METAL SALES**

LONDON - RJC announced today that Betts Metal Sales has achieved Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its manufacturing facility in Birmingham, UK. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Betts Metal Sales 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 Certification against the standard and warmly congratulate Betts Metal Sales," says Andrew Bone, RJC's Executive Director.

The successful verification assessment was led by Roshini Wickramasinghe from SGS United Kingdom Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Betts Metal Sales is delighted to have achieved the RJC certification. We are committed to providing excellent customer services and products with experience gained over 250 years, by adopting an ethical and responsible approach. These are also the core values we adopt when selecting our supply partners.," says Karen Martin, Operations Director & Group Sales Manager, Betts Metal Sales.

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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>

#### **About Betts Metal Sales**

Betts Metal Sales is part of the Stephen Betts Group of Companies which was formed in 1760. The company was launched in 1985 to complement the smelting and refining services that had already been established. It has recently acquired Sutton Tools and is able to offer a huge stocked range of precious metals and jewellery tools to the manufacturing jeweller.

Although part of an organisation that can claim over 250 years of experience in the jewellery trade, Betts Metal Sales employs technologies to ensure products and services are leading edge, the company is now managed by the ninth consecutive generation of the Betts family and customer service is still at the core of the business values.

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