

# **NEWS RELEASE**

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### RJC RE-CERTIFIES EUROCANTERA S.A. DE C.V

LONDON - RJC announced today that Eurocantera S.A. de C.V has achieved Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its headquarters and mining facility in Honduras. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Eurocantera S.A. de C.V has been Re-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 these Certifications against the standard and warmly congratulate Eurocantera S.A. de C.V," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Sara Lomeli from UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"Consumers and luxury brands are becoming more and more sensitive to the distinction between responsible sources of gold, and gold tarnished by its association with environmental damage and negative impacts on communities. The RJC's Certification is a welcome affirmation of my family's business continued efforts to produce alluvial gold in partnership with local communities, with no harmful chemicals, and working to the highest environmental, social and governance standards. Our sustainability performance is driven by our strong corporate values to treat our neighbours, our environment and our employees with respect and care. This achievement is one we will celebrate with great pride," says Giuseppe Colaiacovo, CEO of Eurocantera S.A.

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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>

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#### About Eurocantera S.A. de C.V.

Eurocantera is a young company founded in 2003 with the aim to act as an example of a transformed mining industry through a comprehensive and fully integrated approach to CSR. The company has created a new paradigm for ethical positive-impact mining based on a socially and economically inclusive business model and a commitment to net-positive environmental impact. The company's approach has resulted in creating dignified livings for hundreds of traditionally marginalized people at the bottom of the pyramid, the prospect for an increase in forest cover in a biologically rich and important ecological area, professional opportunities for its employees that would normally be out of reach, and a benchmark for the highest ethical business standards.

Eurocantera is fully owned by Goldlake Italia, the company of the Franco Colaiacovo family. The Colaiacovo's philosophy is unique as it has built a series of strong investment holdings over many years through hard work, innovative thinking and courage. The purpose of Goldlake is to establish an investment strategy that builds on the foundation built over three generations and combines this with opportunities in emerging sectors and territories. In addition to its commercial focus, the parallel ambition is to maintain a strong focus on the interests of communities neighbouring investments and to operate to the highest ethical standards in all activities.

RJC Certification Information - Eurocantera S.A. de C.V.

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