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NATURAL PRECIOUS METALS ACHIEVES DUAL CERTIFICATION WITH RJC

LONDON - RJC announced today that Natural Precious Metals has achieved Certification against the new 2013 Code of Practices (COP) and also achieved Certification against the new RJC Chain-of-Custody (CoC) Standard at its gold refining facility in Durban, South Africa.

"It is a pleasure to announce Natural Precious Metals has achieved dual certification with RJC. The new provisions under the 2013 COP address important issues for our Members and their supply chain. CoC Certification provides a mechanism for refiners to demonstrate how they are implementing the OECD Due Diligence Guidance for Responsible Supply Chains. We are pleased see Members undertaking the effort to achieve COP and COC certifications "says Ashish Deo, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

The successful verification assessment was led by Thembani M. Ncube from Resource Consulting Services Limited, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited by the RJC.

"We are very proud, yet again, to announce our total transparency, which has created the utmost client satisfaction. Natural Precious Metals now being a certified member of the Responsible Jewellery Council amplifies our commitments to the industry in every aspect." says Justin White, Owner, Nikki Pavlakis Compliance Officer and Megan White, Assistant Complance Officer, Natural Precious Metals

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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>

About Natural Precious Metals

Natural Precious Metals was established eleven years ago in 2004 and has grown substantially according to the South African Mining Charter mandate.

Initially our services were concentrated on the extraction, purification and recycling of silver which ultimately led to the refining of gold. After intense research, development and in house training, NPM was acknowledged by the South African Diamond and Precious Metals regulator as a gold refinery and are now able to offer the service of recycling and refining of jewellery as well as the supply of fine precious metals to the industry.

NPM would like to thank the RJC for a pleasant certification process and most importantly, to all our existing clients, Thank you for your invaluable loyalty and support throughout the years.

RJC Certification Information – Natural Precious Metals

RJC Certified Members