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CLOGAU GOLD OF WALES LTD— RE-CERTIFIED BY THE RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd, the Wales - based jewellery manufacturer, has achieved re-certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification System.

"RJC congratulates Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd on achieving re-certification. After a Member has become RJC Certified for the first time, independent verification is required at the end of each certification period to ensure continued conformance and to maintain Certified Member status. The successful verification assessment was conducted by Roshini Wickramasinghe from SGS, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Clogau is a second generation family run business, built on strong values of reliability, excellence and innovation. These values are applied to every area of our business; internal KPIs, customer support, plans for future growth and product development. The RJC certification endorses our commitment to these values and our practices to safeguard every step of our supply chain," says Ben Roberts, Managing Director of Clogau Gold of Wales 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 Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd

Clogau has become known for creating unique handcrafted jewellery of the highest quality and originality, using the natural beauty of Wales and an esteemed Royal association, as design inspiration.

With an unparalleled provenance, Clogau has stayed true to its Welsh heritage since 1989 and successfully translated its product into one that is internationally appealing and highly commercial. Clogau were voted the Brand of the Year at the 2012 UK Jewellery Awards.

Within every piece of Clogau jewellery is a touch of rare Welsh gold, the same gold that has been used by British Royalty for over 100 years. The brand are the official jewellery sponsor of the Wales Rugby Union and the official of sponsor of the

Wales Polo Team.

Storytelling through beautiful jewellery is at the very heart of Clogau. Popular collections include Tree of Life, Eternal Love and Am Byth which feature stunning precious metal and diamond combinations that are quintessentially Clogau.

Kensington and Swan Royal are just two of a number of collections created in association with Historic Royal Palaces Enterprises, the independent charity that that looks after five Royal London palaces.

RJC Certification Information - Clogau Gold of Wales Ltd

RJC Certified Members