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RJC RE-CERTIFIES UK JEWELLERY MANUFACTURER, COOKSONGOLD

LONDON - RJC announced today that Cooksongold has achieve Re-Certification against the 2013 Code of Practices (COP) at its jewellery manufacturing facility in London and headquarters in Birmingham, UK. The 2013 COP was released in November 2013.

"It is a pleasure to announce Cooksongold 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 these Certifications against the standard and warmly congratulate Cooksongold," says Catherine Sproule, RJC's Chief Operations Officer.

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.

"As the largest supplier of bullion & jewellery making supplies to the UK trade we feel it is our responsibility to ensure all elements of our business are ethical, and are as transparent as possible. We are therefore very proud to have once again achieved RJC Certification. This Re-Certification goes to underline our continued commitment to ethical practises, quality and continuous improvement," said Richard Oldroyd, UK Managing Director at Cooksongold.

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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 Cooksongold

Cooksongold is the UK's largest one-stop shop for the jewellery maker with over 16,000 products including a huge stock of silver, gold, palladium and platinum bullion cut to customers' requirements (sheet, wire, tube, solder, grain), as well as huge ranges of findings, loose and finished chain, gemstones, ring blanks, silver clay, jewellery making tools, consumables and machinery.

With over 20 years' experience in the industry, Cooksongold can offer the full range of products and services to the trade; including bespoke manufacturing capabilities, stampings, precious metal scrap refining, a mint & coin blank service plus the ground breaking Direct Metal 3D Printing for the Jewellery and Watchmaking industry.

Cooksongold offers an unparalleled service with its 24 hour transactional website, a industry leading contact centre supported by stores in the UK's two key jewellery centres- Birmingham's Jewellery Quarter and in London's Hatton Garden. Cooksongold despatch thousands of parcels every week for next day delivery to designer jewellers, retailers, manufacturers, independent craftsmen, goldsmiths and silversmiths, jewellery students, artisans and craft enthusiasts all over the world.

Cooksongold is part of the Heimerle & Meule Group one of Europe's largest refiners and processors of precious metals. The Heimerle + Meule Group employs over 750 people at locations in seven countries and provides high quality materials and semi-finished products for jewellery, wedding rings, dentistry, and the electrical and electronics industries.

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