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# RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES CRIPPLE CREEK & VICTOR GOLD MINING COMPANY

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company, the US gold metals producer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company on its certification. The successful verification assessment was conducted by UL Responsible Sourcing, one of the independent third-party auditing firms accredited to the RJC's Member Certification system," says Michael Rae, RJC's Chief Executive Officer.

"Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) operates in the historic Cripple Creek Mining District where gold mining began in 1891. CC&V takes seriously its responsibility for mining in this historical area. Being assessed by a third party auditor resulting in certification by the Responsible Jewellery Council is yet another significant achievement by the committed people working at CC&V and recognition of all their accomplishments," says Ron Largent, Executive Vice President, AngloGold Ashanti.

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## About RJC

The Responsible Jewellery Council is an international not-for-profit organisation bringing together more than 420 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 Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company

Cripple Creek & Victor Gold Mining Company (CC&V) is principally owned and managed by AngloGold Ashanti (Colorado) Corp., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of AngloGold Ashanti Ltd., one of the world's largest gold mining companies. CC&V has been mining and exploring for gold in the Cripple Creek Mining District since ~1976.

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