



## NEWS RELEASE

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### RESPONSIBLE JEWELLERY COUNCIL CERTIFIES EUROCANTERA S.A. DE C.V.

LONDON - The Responsible Jewellery Council (RJC) announced today that Eurocantera S.A. de C.V., the Honduras - based gold producer, has achieved certification by meeting the highest ethical, social and environmental standards established by the RJC's Member Certification system.

"RJC warmly congratulates Eurocantera S.A. de C.V. 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.

"My family founded and developed our Honduran gold mine, Eurocantera, to provide gold to ethical jewellers. For a decade we have produced alluvial gold in partnership with local communities and artisanal mining co-operatives with no harmful chemicals and we have always striven to meet the highest environmental, social and governance standards. We are thrilled to be recognized by the RJC. We have a shared goal to build the confidence of jewellery consumers so that their purchases can make a real and positive difference to people neighbouring and involved with gold mining. Our activities are governed by our values to tread lightly on our Earth and conserve the natural environment. This achievement is one small step to winning that public support for an industry we are proud to be a part of," says Giuseppe Colaiacovo, CEO of Eurocantera S.A.

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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 [Full Member of the ISEAL Alliance](#) – the global association for sustainability standards. For more information on RJC Members, Certification, and Standards please visit [www.responsiblejewellery.com](http://www.responsiblejewellery.com)

#### 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

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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.

More information on Eurocantera and Goldlake Italia can be found at [http://www.goldlake.co.uk/The\\_projects/Eurocantera.aspx](http://www.goldlake.co.uk/The_projects/Eurocantera.aspx).

### **[RJC Certification Information Eurocantera S.A. de C.V.](#)**

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